



City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: January 20, 2025 **LEGISTAR ITEM #:** Ord 2733

SUBMITTED BY: Mike Sutherland **DEPARTMENT:** Community Development

☒ Ordinance	☐ Resolution	☐ Presentation
☐ Admin Business	☐ Public Hearing	☐ Other

REQUEST

In 2003, City Council adopted a Water Rights Acquisition Fee. City Council desires to further review and study the water acquisition fee. Staff prepared an ordinance to repeal the water acquisition fee to allow additional study. Staff now requests that the ordinance be adopted.

BACKGROUND

Commerce City first developed the Water Rights Acquisition Fee in 2003 to have developers pay a fee upon issuance of a building permit to fund water rights acquisitions by Commerce City. In 2016 and 2017, Commerce City revisited and readopted the water acquisition fee. Earlier this year, Council expressed a desire to review and study the water acquisition fee.

JUSTIFICATION

☐ Council Goal	☐ Strategic Plan	☐ Work Plan	☒ Legal
Citation	As a home-rule municipality, Council has the discretion and authority to enact, revise, or repeal fees as they are adopted within the municipal code		

AVAILABLE ACTIONS

- Available Action #1. Adopt Ordinance 2733 to repeal the water acquisition fee for additional study and review.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION CONTINUED

- Available Action #2. Do not adopt Ordinance 2733 and keep the water acquisition fee in the land development code.