Department Source: City Utilities - Sewer/Stormwater

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 3, 2017

Re: Amending Ordinance 23001, authorizing permit holder and certifier registration designations relating to the electronic filing of discharge monitoring reports, in compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Electronic Reporting Rule, with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Executive Summary

The purpose of amending this ordinance is to expand the permit holder and certifier designations for the electronic filing of discharge monitoring reports to allow electronic reporting for all of the National Pollutant Discharge Monitoring Permits issued to the City by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Discussion

In October 2105, the United States Environmental Protection Agency published the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Electronic Reporting (eReporting) Rule [80 FR 64063]. This rule requires any facility with a NPDES permit that requires monitoring and reporting to begin submitting the discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) electronically. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) notified the City in October 2016 that MDNR would start requiring the DMRs to be submitted using the Electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (eDMR) system for the Columbia Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

On November 21, 2016, Council authorized the passage of Council Bill B296-16, an ordinance which authorized permit holder and certifier registration designations relating to the electronic filing of discharge monitoring reports, in compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Electronic Reporting Rule, with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. This ordinance authorized electronic reporting for only the Columbia Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. Since the approval of this ordinance, the City has been notified during permit renewal processes that electronic reporting will be required for the multiple NPDES permits issued to the City. This amendment to the ordinance will expand the permit holder and certifier designations to allow for electronic reporting for all NPDES permits issued to the City. The ordinance designates the City Manager and appropriate Department Directors as the permit holder and certifier for execution of the application agreements required to with the eDMR requirements. A sample of the application agreement is attached.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: No fiscal impact anticipated

Long-Term Impact: No fiscal impact anticipated

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

[Vision Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/CMS/vision/reports/visiongoals.php)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/city-manager/)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/community_development/comprehensive_plan/documents/ColumbiaImagined-FINAL.pdf)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

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| Date | Action |
| 11/21/2016 | Ordinance 23001: Authorizing permit holder and certifier registration designations relating to the electronic filing of discharge monitoring reports, in compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Electronic Reporting Rule, with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources |

Suggested Council Action

Passage of the ordinance.