



# CITY OF LA CROSSE UTILITIES

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## MEMORANDUM

**To: City Council**  
**From: Bernard Lenz, Utility Manager**  
**Date: 05/22/2020**  
**Subject: Ordinance Change: Parcel Splits Notification**

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Current City Ordinance mandates a meter by-pass piping system be installed on every large water service. This by-pass is locked and tagged and used strictly by the Utility when the meter is replaced, as it allows for uninterrupted water service to the property during said meter exchange. Since irrigation systems do not require uninterrupted service, this is an expense to the users that is unnecessary and the Utility has been asked to change the ordinance to allow exemptions for irrigation systems.

The Utility supports this change as it provides a benefit to the customer without any ill impacts to the Utility.

Note: The written approval ensures documentation for the plumbing permit and notification of the Utility of the use as irrigation for billing purposes.