

Memorandum

DATE: January 3, 2012

TO: City Council

THROUGH: City Manager Judie Zimomra

FROM: Public Works Director Gates Castle

RE: Charity Car Washes

RECOMMENDATION: Approve acceptance of the charity car wash runoff into the City's sanitary sewer system.

Public Works has investigated the possibility of accepting charity car wash runoff into the City's sanitary sewer system for treatment. The Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, which issues the City's wastewater plant operating permits and monitors compliance to the permit conditions, was contacted by City staff. The DEP's response was that as long as the plant can handle the additional flow without causing any permit violations, DEP would not object. In fact, they believe that this was a preferred alternative to discharging to surface waters. Staff is confident that the small amount of flow generated by the car washes will not have a negative affect on the plant's permit compliance. If Council approves the acceptance of the car wash runoff into the sanitary sewer system, Public Works will develop the necessary procedures.

Staff recommends that Council approve the acceptance of charity car wash runoff into the City's sanitary sewer system.

Cc: City Attorney Ken Cuyler
Natural Resources Director Rob Loflin