

**Town of Lyons, Colorado  
Board of Trustees  
BOT Agenda Cover Sheet  
Agenda Item No: IX. 1.  
Meeting Date: March 16th, 2020**

**TO:** Mayor Sullivan and Members of Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Aaron Caplan, Director of Utilities & Engineering

**DATE:** Mar 6th, 2020

**ITEM:** Ordinance 1079, An Ordinance of The Town Of Lyons, Colorado Amending the Lyons Municipal Code to Implement a Pretreatment Policy for Uses of the Town's Wastewater Services.

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**I. REQUEST OR ISSUE:**

This purpose of this ordinance is to require customers when deemed necessary to pretreat their wastewater as reflected.

**II. RECOMMENDED ACTION / NEXT STEP:**

Staff recommends hosting a public hearing and consider Approval of Ordinance 1079.

**III. FISCAL IMPACTS:**

If the town does not show it is working to get its BOD and TSS levels under control the Eastern Corridor Development will not be allowed to connect to the sanitary sewer system. If the town does not lower its levels of copper in the wastewater effluent, CDPHE has advised that fines can be up to \$10,000 per violation.

**IV. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The town is working to determine how it can reduce its levels of BOD and TSS going into the wastewater treatment plant. One of the reasons for this is because any new Eastern Corridor development will not be allowed to begin using the wastewater system until we can show we have our BOD and TSS levels under control. The town has also been given notice that the copper levels in the wastewater effluent have been too high and are in violation of our permit.

**IV. LEGAL ISSUES:**

None

**VI. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**

If the town does not get its levels of BOD, TSS and Copper below allowable limits CDPHE and the U.S. EPA may implement fines and step in to make their own requirements that they deem necessary to protect the environment.

**VII. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:**

This amendment to the town code will give staff the authority to require customers that may have high strength pollutants such as BOD, TSS and Copper to reduce their pollutant levels before putting their waste into the Lyons wastewater system.  
Town staff is recommending approval of the ordinance.

**VIII. PROPOSED MOTION:**

“I move to approve Ordinance 1079, An Ordinance of the Town of Lyons, Colorado Amending the Lyons Municipal Code to Authorize the Town to Implement a Pretreatment Policy for Uses of the Town’s Wastewater Services.”