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<b>Committee:</b> Board of Public Works	<b>Date:</b> 2/9/2017
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<b>Submitted By:</b> Fred Abadi, Director of Public Works	<b>City Administrator Approval:</b> Kevin Lahner, City Administrator <b>KL</b>
<b>Finance Department Review:</b> Rich Abbott, Finance Director <b>RA</b>	<b>City Attorney's Office Review:</b> Brian Running, City Attorney <b>BR</b>
<b>Subject:</b> <b>Discussion and Recommendation to Council: Amendment of Municipal Code Section 29.02(28), Definition of Non-Significant Industrial User (Clean Water Plant).</b>	

**Details:**  
 Under the Chapter 29 sewer use ordinance, industrial users (IU's) are classified according to their potential level of impact on the Plant or collection system. IU's are currently classified as either Significant (SIU) or Non-significant. Several different criteria are evaluated when making this determination. One of these criteria is the average daily process wastewater flow. A process flow of 25,000 gallons per day or greater would classify any user as an SIU. A flow of less than 10 gallons per day or 50 gallons per week is one of the Non-significant IU criteria. Therefore, an IU with a process flow of only 10 gallons per day when applied with other criteria could be required to have a permit. We submit that this low flow criterion no longer represents a reasonable threshold of potential impact on the Plant. We therefore recommend changing the definition of non-significant industrial user to include a process flow of less than 1,000 gallons per day or 5,000 gallons per week.

Attachments:

1. Proposed Section 29.02(28) Amendment
2. Industrial User References from Current Chapter 29
3. Section 29.02(28) from 1992 Sewer Use Ordinance

**Options & Alternatives:**  
 Options would include keeping the criteria for non-significant IU's as they are, or setting the flow threshold higher than 1,000 gallons per day. A survey of other cities in the area indicated that 1,000 gallons per day is a reasonable threshold. We support this threshold since it would regulate IU's in a reasonable manner, while still protecting the Plant from adverse impacts.

**Financial Remarks:**  
 At the recommended threshold, revenue would not be impacted. Setting a higher threshold could negatively impact revenue from high-strength IU's.

**Executive Recommendation:**  
 Approve the proposed amendment to Section 29.02(28).

