



## Legislation Text

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### Grounds Maintenance for Lift Stations (NB)

Staff recommends extending the contract for grounds maintenance for lift stations through FY 2007. Grounds maintenance is required to maintain GRU's lift stations which are located throughout GRU's service area. Many of the lift stations are located in commercial and residential areas that are highly visible to the public, making it imperative that the property surrounding these sites is well maintained. The Contractor is required to perform routine landscape maintenance which includes mowing, trimming, pruning, weeding, maintaining flower beds and other related services.

A three year contract with Lawn Enforcement Agency, Inc. for grounds maintenance for GRU lift stations was approved by the City Commission on September 23, 2002. The term of the contract was extended through FY 2006 but did not require City Commission approval based on the annual expenditures. There is one remaining extension available under the contract. Lawn Enforcement Agency, Inc., a local business, has agreed to an extension of the contract with an overall increase of approximately 14%. The increase is estimated due to the variance in the number of lift stations serviced as new units are added and some are taken out of service from year to year. The requested increase is comparable to the CPI increase for the time period covered. In addition, the cost for performing this work is impacted by the cost of fuel for the equipment as well as travel expenses in transporting staff and equipment to the nearly 200 lift station sites.

The City Commission: 1) authorize the Interim General Manager, or her designee, to execute an amendment to the contract with Lawn Enforcement Agency, Inc. for ground maintenance of lift stations extending the term through FY 2007, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, and 2) approve the issuance of a purchase order to Lawn Enforcement Agency, Inc. in amount not to exceed \$46,000 for FY 2007 for these services.

Funds are available in the FY 2007 Water Reclamation Facilities and Lift Stations budget.

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