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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LIFTS IN-GROUND IRRIGATION BAN

WAKE FOREST, NC – May 16, 2012 – The Wake Forest Board of Commissioners voted during its regular May 15 meeting to overturn the Town’s ordinance prohibiting the issuance of in-ground irrigation reduced pressure principle backflow preventer (RPZ) permits. The board’s decision goes into effect immediately and effectively allows for the connection of all manual or automatic in-ground irrigation systems to the City of Raleigh’s public potable water system.

Wake Forest’s in-ground irrigation ban was implemented in 2008 as a means of reducing the total peak water use impact on a given day, and to raise general awareness of outdoor water conservation practices. Despite its decision to resume the issuance of RPZ permits, the Board of Commissioners urges residents to continue to use water efficiently and wisely.

The lifting of the ban comes two weeks after the Raleigh City Council voted to eliminate the alternate-day outdoor watering requirement which had been part of the City’s permanent conservation measures. The action applies to all City of Raleigh water customers, as well as those in nearby towns that merged their water and sewer systems with Raleigh, including Wake Forest.

For information concerning RPZ permits, contact the Inspections Department at (919) 435-9531.

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