



IS COUNCIL APPROVAL REQUIRED?: Yes

MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER: James Clinch, City Manager **E-SIGN:**
FROM: Jeff Sweater, PE, Utilities Project Manager and R. David Jackson, Assistant City Attorney
DEPARTMENT: Utilities

DATE: June 10, 2026 **MEETING DATE:** June 23, 2026

SUBJECT / TOPIC: Acceptance of a permanent LIFT STATION EASEMENT from Sarasota County

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Construction of the Intracoastal Waterway Second Force Main project requires the City obtain an easement from Sarasota County for the following purposes:

- To allow the City to accept ownership of an existing Sarasota County lift station that currently serves the Venice Train Depot (VTD) and Legacy Park;
- To allow the City to modify VTD lift station to extend gravity sewer service to three (3) nearby commercial properties (401, 405, and 415 E. Venice Avenue), which currently rely on four (4) septic systems for sewage disposal;
- To provide a cost-effective solution by repurposing existing County infrastructure for City use, thereby eliminating the cost of the City needing to construct a new lift station to connect the subject properties to public sewer.
- Upon conveyance of the lift station, the City will assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the lift station and further, reserve sufficient hydraulic capacity in the lift station to allow the County to double its current annual average daily flow to accommodate the County's future restroom improvements at Legacy Park.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal One: Keep Venice Beautiful and Eco-Friendly

Goal Two: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize the Mayor to Accept the permanent LIFT STATION EASEMENT from Sarasota County.

Original(s) attached: Provided to City Clerk's Office

Cc: Roger Omenhiser, Assistant City Manager
Javier Vargas, MPA, Utilities Director