

City Council Statement on PFAS

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To the Hastings Community:

Following the recent Council Workshop in February on PFAS, it was made a priority to reach out as a Council to our residents. Establishing trust and transparency on ensuring the City's drinking water supply is safe is a top priority of the City Council.

The City of Hastings drinking water is safe to drink under current guidelines—there have been no changes in the City's drinking water. PFAS levels have been monitored for several years and City wells have been within the current standards.

Last fall, we learned from the Minnesota Department of Health that drinking water levels for PFAS contaminants will become more stringent, and we took steps to learn about the levels of these contaminants in City wells and ways to filter them from our drinking water supply. In the recent Council Workshop, we learned that the fixes for these are expensive and will take time to implement, but rest assured they are a priority for the City.

We have begun outreach to our state and federal elected representatives, attorneys, area experts, and others to access funding and solutions for long-term mitigation of these contaminants. We will continue to keep our community informed about our efforts and will notify the community when the new regulatory standards come out. In the meantime, please contact any of us with questions, along with City Staff. You may visit the City website and Minnesota Department of Health website for more information on PFAS.