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TO: Residents in Project Area 22-01

FROM: Dan Holzemer, Senior Engineering Technician

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SUBJECT: **Installation of Sod**
City Project No. 22-01

Starting today, Lino Lakes Landscaping will be placing sod on the boulevards in the construction area. Please follow the instructions below to care for your newly installed sod. *Not following these instructions may result in a voided 30-day sod warranty.* After the initial 30-day warranty, the sod becomes the responsibility of the homeowner.

INSTRUCTIONS

Mowing

- Do NOT mow the new sod for at least two weeks, and then not until the roots are established. Test for established roots by attempting to pull up an edge of sod. If the sod edge does not come up, the roots have taken hold.
- After the roots are established, cut your new sod at the HIGHEST setting on your mower for the rest of this growing season. **The contractor will not replace the sod that is damaged by residents mowing too soon or excessively short.** If you question whether or not to mow, please err on the side of caution and wait.
- The grass can gradually be cut to the desired length, but not until next spring. Mowing grass to a height of 3+ inches and not removing more than 1/3 of the grass blade at a time results in a healthier lawn with a more robust root system.

Watering

- New sod requires 1 to 2 inches of water a week. The contractor will water the sod for **30 days after installation**. However, if you notice your sod drying out, we ask that you please take the time to water it. Remember to comply with the City's irrigation ban (irrigation using the City's water supply is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. through September 30th).
- Once the roots are established, one inch of water per week (including rainfall) should be enough to keep your lawn healthy.

Note: Fertilizing your new sod should not be necessary until next spring.

The City appreciates your cooperation during the reconstruction. We thank you for your patience and understanding throughout the process.