

## REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

**DATE:** August 25, 2025

**FROM:** John Fox, Public Utilities Director

**SUBJECT:** Carrier Access Agreement for Water Treatment Plant No. 2

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of this agenda item is to seek Mayor and Board of Aldermen approval of an access agreement granting Carrier Corporation temporary access to the Town's Water Treatment Plant No. 2 for a pilot study related to trichloroethylene (TCE) groundwater remediation.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On February 21, 2025, Ensafe, representing Carrier Corporation, submitted a memorandum requesting permission to modify the air strippers at Water Treatment Plant No. 2 and stage equipment on-site as part of a pilot program to expand Carrier's TCE remediation efforts.

The pilot study is necessary because new wells on Carrier's property will extract water with higher TCE concentrations, improving remediation efficiency. Due to the higher contaminant levels, the study will ensure air quality is not adversely affected and the air strippers can effectively treat the increased flow.

The six-month study will include installation of temporary emission controls on the air strippers, piping added to the top of the towers, connected to vapor-phase granular activated carbon (GAC) vessels located outside the air stripper building. Carrier will coordinate with the EPA, TDEC, and Town staff throughout the project and will cover all the costs, including any permanent upgrades recommended as a result of the study.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On July 17, 2025, Carrier submitted a draft access agreement for the proposed study. This agreement includes:

- Grants Carrier and its contractors access during normal working hours
- Requires compliance with all applicable laws and regulations
- Mandates restoration of any disturbed areas
- Requires proof of insurance naming the Town as an additional insured
- Sets the agreement term to expire upon project completion or nine months from initial access, whichever occurs first

The Town Attorney and staff have reviewed the agreement and found no issues. Staff recommends approval to allow Carrier to perform the pilot study in support of ongoing remediation efforts. The Carrier Access Agreement has been included in this report for reference.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

None – all costs will be covered by Carrier.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Carrier Access Agreement.pdf](#)

[Carrier Access Agreement - Carrier Signature.pdf](#)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

To approve the Carrier Access Agreement for Water Treatment Plant No. 2.

**Board Action:** Motion By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

Vote Total	Hall	Jordan	Robbins	Marshall	Stamps	Fraser
Yes						
No						
Abstain						