

**ORDINANCE NO. 1045-08-14**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, TO AMEND ARTICLE 13.09 "WATER CONSERVATION PLAN" BY CLARIFYING STAGE LEVELS AND ADDING STAGE 5 IN SEC. 13.09.011 (a) (1) (B) "DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY STAGES"; AND AMENDING SEC. 13.09.011 (a) (2) TO CHANGE FROM STAGE 4 TO STAGE 5 AS THE CRITICAL WATER LEVEL DECLARATION FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONVENE AN EMERGENCY SESSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hondo, ("City") recognizes that the amount of water available to its water utility customers is limited;

**WHEREAS**, the City understands that conserving water is essential for the long-term stability of the community and for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens;

**WHEREAS**, the declaration of the City's emergency stages in Section 13.09.011 (a)(1)(B) need to be clarified from equal to ("=") to less than ("<") and to include the Stage 5 level in order to coincide with the EAA's critical period designations;

**WHEREAS**, given the potential for severe and frequent drought conditions it is essential that the existing water use reduction measures incorporated in the City's Code of Ordinances provide that the Council to take action in the event of a Stage 5 declaration;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 54 of the Local Government Code, the City is authorized to adopt such ordinances necessary to preserve and conserve its water resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Hondo believes that it is in the best interest of the City to amend its current water conservation plan to include the amendments set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS,**

The City of Hondo Code of Ordinances, Article 13.09 "Water Conservation Plan", is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1:**

**Sec. 13.09.11 Emergency water use reduction**

**(a) Declaration of emergency stages.**

**(1) (B)**

- (i) Stage 1 < 660 feet**
- (ii) Stage 2 < 650 feet**
- (iii) Stage 3 < 640 feet**

(iv) Stage 4 < 630 feet  
(v) Stage 5 < 625 feet

(2) When the level for stage 5 is reached, the City Council shall convene an emergency session within 48 hours of reaching the stage 5 level to consider emergency rules to further restrict uses of water or other appropriate action.

**Section 2:** Should any paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional.

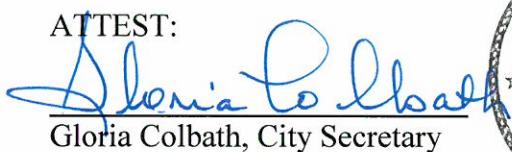
**Section 3:** This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage as permitted by law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014.**



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JAMES W. DANNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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Gloria Colbath, City Secretary

