

ORDINANCE NO. 1036-08-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, TO AMEND ARTICLE 13.09 "WATER CONSERVATION PLAN" BY ADDING SOAKER HOSE TO DEFINITION SEC. 13.09.001; CLARIFYING STAGE LEVELS AND ADDING STAGE 5 IN SEC. 13.09.011 (a) (1) (B) "DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY STAGES"; AMENDING SEC. 13.09.011 (a) (2) TO CHANGE FROM STAGE 4 TO STAGE 5; AND AMENDING SEC. 13.09.012 "WATER USE REDUCTION MEASURES" TO INCLUDE STAGE 4 WATER RESTRICTIONS.

**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 City recognizes the need for efficient use of existing water supplies;

**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 include Stage 4 water restrictions and 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. 13.09.001            Definitions**

Soaker hose. A perforated or permeable garden-type hose or pipe that is laid above ground that provides irrigation at a slow and constant rate.

## **Section 2:**

### **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 3:**

### **Sec. 13.09. 012 Water use reduction measures.**

#### **(a) Irrigation restrictions.**

- (8) For stage 4 the landscape irrigation days for residential and commercial properties will be permitted on a monthly basis according to the street address and according to the following schedule:

(A) Even street address (last number ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8):

Watering is permitted on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

(B) Odd street address (last number ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9):

Watering is permitted on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> day of the month.

If there is no street address associated with the property such as a parkway or if there is more than one street address associated with a single contiguous property, the irrigation day is the 14th and 28th day of the month.

- (9) For stage 4 the following times and associated irrigation methods apply:

(A) Daylight savings and Non-daylight period. Irrigation with a hose-end sprinkler or in-ground irrigation system is allowed on the day specified in subsection (8) every month beginning three (3) days after stage 4 has been declared, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Irrigation with a soaker hose; handheld hose equipped with a pistol grip nozzle or other device that automatically shuts off water flow when the hose is not being used; drip irrigation system or

five (5) gallon bucket is allowed every Tuesday, and Thursday between 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- (10) For stage 4, landscape watering shall be permitted to maintain adequate growth until established for new landscaping plants for a duration of two (2) weeks. Property owners are encouraged to submit by mail, facsimile or e-mail, to the Director of Public Works, their name, address where the new landscape is to be installed and the date of installation in order to receive a confirmation letter from the Director of Public Works. Current water restrictions will apply at the conclusion of the two (2) week period.

(b) Vehicle washing.

- (2) During stage 4, vehicle washing at home is limited to designated landscape sprinkling water days and times with one (1) wash per designated day. Vehicle washing with hand-held hoses must be equipped with a positive pistol grip nozzle or other device that automatically shuts off water flow when the hose is not being used.
- (3) Vehicle washing at a commercial facility is permitted any day.

(c) Swimming pools.

- (3) During stage 4, all stage 3 requirements remain in effect, except that filling or replenishing a pool is limited to the designated landscape sprinkling water days and times.

(d) General restrictions.

- (2) Agricultural. Reduction of water use by any means available is encouraged during stage 1. During stages 2, 3 and 4, the escape of irrigation tailwater and water loss through percolation in transmission canals is prohibited. The city council may impose additional reductions if conditions warrant during stages 3 and 4.
- (3) Livestock. Reduction of water use by any means available is encouraged during stages 1–4.
- (4) Ornamental outdoor devices. No person may use groundwater for an ornamental outdoor fountain or similar feature in stages 1–4, unless the water is recycled and the only additional groundwater used for the feature is compensate for evaporative losses.

**Section 4:** 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.

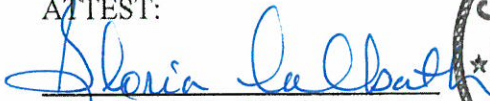
**Section 5:** This ordinance shall incorporate the City's adopted Stage 4 water restriction rules in effect as permitted by law. The remainder of this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage as permitted by law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.**



JAMES W. DANNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Gloria Colbath, City Secretary