

ORDINANCE NO. 3232

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-1003 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO WATER EMERGENCIES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. That Section 7-1003 of the City Code of the City of Abilene, Kansas, be amended as follows:

7-1003 WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM. In the event that the City Manager determines that the City's water supply may be subject to a shortage in supply or that there is need for conservation of the public water supply for any reason, the City Manager may begin the progressive three-stage Water Conservation Program by declaring a Water Watch as described in Section 3(a) or, in times of need and/or duress, the Governing Body may choose to declare any section of the Program described in Section 3, in effect at any time:

- a. Stage 1: Declaration of a Water Watch. Whenever the City Manager finds that conditions indicate the probability of a drought or some other condition causing a major water supply shortage is rising, he shall be empowered to declare that a Water Watch exists and he shall take steps to inform the public and ask for voluntary water reductions in water use. The City Manager shall declare the existence and end of a Water Watch, which shall be effective upon publication of said notice in the official City newspaper. Such a Water Watch shall be deemed to continue until it is declared by notice in the official newspaper to have ended.
- b. Stage 2: Declaration of a Watch Warning. Whenever the Governing Body finds that drought conditions or some other condition causing a major water supply shortage are present and supplies are starting to decline, it shall be empowered to declare, by resolution, that a Water Warning exists and that it will recommend restrictions on non-essential uses during the period of the Water Warning. Such a Water Warning shall be deemed to continue until it is declared by resolution of the Governing Body to have ended. The resolutions declaring the existence and end of a Water Warning shall be effective upon their publication in the official City newspaper.
- c. Stage 3: Declaration of a Watch Emergency. Whenever the Governing Body finds that an emergency exists by reason of a shortage of water supply needed for essential uses, it shall be empowered to declare, by resolution, that a Water Emergency exists and that it will impose mandatory restrictions on water use during the period of the Water Emergency. Such a Water Emergency shall be deemed to continue until it is declared by resolution of the Governing Body to have ended. The resolutions declaring the existence and end of a Water Emergency shall be effective upon their publication in the official City newspaper. Pursuant to the approval of the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, the mandatory restrictions on water use may be extended to private wells within the City limits.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective and in full force from and after its passage, adoption and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Abilene, Kansas this 22nd day of April, 2013.



CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS

By: John Ray
John Ray, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penny Soukup, CMC
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City Clerk