

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS, AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13.15, SECTION 13.15.040 TITLED “WATER USE REQUIREMENTS” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Georgetown values and supports water conservation as an effective resource to manage, sustain, and protect the City’s potable water supply; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Georgetown wishes to modify the current irrigation schedule to more effectively manage the city’s water resources; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Georgetown wishes to identify water conservation and efficiency activities and integrate them into the water services provided to the City’s water customers; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Georgetown wishes to maintains compliance with the Texas Administrative Code, Title 30, Chapter 288.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. The meeting at which this Ordinance was approved was in all things conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

Section 2. The facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found and declared to be true and correct and are incorporated by reference herein and expressly made a part hereof, as if copied verbatim. The City Council hereby finds that this Ordinance complies with the Vision Statement 4.0(G) of the City of Georgetown 2030 Comprehensive Plan relating to the conservation of water resources.

Section 3. Section 13.15.040 of the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and adopted as shown on Exhibit A.

Section 4. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts of ordinances and resolutions, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and are no longer of any force and effect.

Section 5. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, or application thereof, of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 6. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign this Ordinance and the City Secretary to attest. This Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of state law and the Charter of the City of Georgetown.

PASSED AND APPROVED on First Reading on the __ day of April, 2019.

PASSED AND APPROVED on Second Reading on the __ day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN:

Robyn Densmore, City Secretary

Dale Ross, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Charlie McNabb, City Attorney

Exhibit A

Sec. 13.15.040. - Water use requirements.

- A. It is unlawful for any customer to waste water through use that serves no practical purpose. Such water waste includes the failure to repair a leak, either inside or outside a home, building, or facility, within a reasonable time, not to exceed 60 days from the date notice of the leak that resulted in water runoff or accumulation in a street, gutter, or parking lot, was provided.
- B. The use of an automatic irrigation system and hose-end sprinklers is restricted to the following schedule:
 - 1. Property with an address ending in 1, 5, 9, may be irrigated on Tuesday and/or Friday, but no other day of the week without an approved variance from the City.
 - 2. Property with an address ending in 2, 4, 6, 8 may be irrigated on Wednesday and/or Saturday, but no other day of the week without an approved variance from the City.
 - 3. Property with an address ending in 0, 3, 7, may be irrigated on Thursday and/or Sunday, but no other day of the week without an approved variance from the City.
 - 4. There shall be no irrigation, except by means of a handheld hose, drip irrigation, or soaker hoses on Monday.
- C. Landscape irrigation is allowed anytime, if it meets one or more of the following criteria:
 - 1. Watering occurs by means of a hand-held hose, soaker hoses, or drip irrigation;
 - 2. Watering occurs within the first 14 days after installation of new landscaping, with a qualifying variance;
 - 3. Watering occurs at a commercial plant nursery; or
 - 4. Watering occurs during testing of new irrigation system installation or existing irrigation repair.
- D. Irrigation Variance.
 - 1. Applications for a variance from the standard irrigation schedule shall be filed with the General Manager and shall be in effect for two weeks from the date of approval.
 - 2. A customer may file an application for an irrigation variance, which may include, but is not limited to vacation absence, installation of new landscaping, and installation of new turf.

3. The General Manager may grant an irrigation variance upon his/her determination that special circumstances exist, which upon strict enforcement, will adversely affect the health, sanitation, or fire protection for the public or the applicant.
4. Irrigation variances granted under this Section will expire upon implementation of any phase of the Drought Contingency Plan.