

TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2026

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF GRAYWATER AND THE
INSTALLATION OF GRAYWATER TREATMENT WORKS WITHIN THE TOWN OF
PALMER LAKE**

WHEREAS, “graywater” is the portion of wastewater collected from bathroom and laundry room sinks, bathtubs, showers, and laundry machines (but excluding wastewater from toilets, urinals, kitchen sinks, dishwashers, or nonlaundry utility sinks) in residential, commercial or industrial buildings or institutional facilities before treatment or combination with other wastewater to be put to beneficial uses, as defined by Regulation 86 of the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (5 CCR 1002-86, June 30, 2015); and

WHEREAS, in 2013, House Bill 13-1044 authorized the use of graywater systems in municipalities only when authorized locally by ordinance, but pursuant to House Bill 24-1362 (C.R.S. § 25-8-205.4), effective January 1, 2026, the collection, treatment, and use of graywater is authorized in connection with new construction, except where prohibited locally; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Palmer Lake has determined that it is in the best interest of the health and welfare of its residents to prohibit the use of graywater systems with the potential of intermingling with the public water system within the Town of Palmer Lake.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Findings. This ordinance is found to be supported and authorized by law and in the best interests of and necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-15-601(1)(m)(I)(A). The town clerk will send notice of this ordinance to the Division of Administration, Department of Public Health and Environment pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-15-601(1)(m)(I)(B)
2. Prohibition. Except for any systems permitted before the effective date of this ordinance, the installation of graywater treatment works and/or the use of graywater, either of which have the potential for intermingling with the public water system of the Town of Palmer Lake, as determined by the Palmer Lake Public Works Director, are prohibited.
3. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions or portions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with this ordinance or any portion hereof, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective April 24th, 2026.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE ON THIS 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

Erica Romero
Town Clerk

BY: _____
Dennis Stern
Mayor