CITY OF WOODCREEK, TEXAS DECLARATION OF TEMPORARY WATER RESTRICTIONS RESOLUTION 2023-08-23-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODCREEK, TEXAS, IMPLEMENTING TEMPORARY MANDATORY RESTRICTIONS ON THE PERMITTING OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES CONSISTENT WITH THE HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER STAGE FOUR DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS; IMPLEMENTING TEMPORARY DEMAND REDUCTION MEASURES; PROVIDING FOR A VARIANCE PROCEDURE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Woodcreek, upon the advice of the Hays Trinity Groundwater District and water provider Aqua Texas, has determined that certain restrictive measures are required to delay potentially serious water shortage problems from impacting the health, safety, and welfare of the Woodcreek community; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Local Government Code authorizes the Mayor of the City of Woodcreek to order by means of a Proclamation the implementation of temporary water demand reduction measures; and

WHEREAS, the Hays Trinity Groundwater District is a regional authority managing water pumped out of local aquifers by providers serving the City of Woodcreek, and has established drought mitigation standards in response to the current conditions; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Woodcreek finds that the proposed temporary restrictions on permitting activities consistent with the current mandatory Stage Four drought restrictions to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the City and its inhabitants;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODCREEK HEREBY TEMPORARILY SUSPENDS THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMITS IN A MANNER INCONSISTENT WITH THE STAGE FOUR RESTRICTIONS CURRENTLY IN PLACE; SUBJECT TO VARIANCE PROCEDURES WHERE NEEDED; WITH SUCH RESTRICTIONS TO REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THERE IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CITY OF WOODCREEK THAT STAGE FOUR HAS BEEN CANCELLED OR THAT STAGE TWO IS IN EFFECT:

<u>Section 1</u>: The City Council authorizes City staff, administration and management to take all necessary measures to restrict the permitting of prohibited activities consistent with Aqua Texas and Hays Trinity Groundwater District mandatory restrictions. Such prohibited activities includes:

- The installation or repair of automatic irrigation system;
- The permitting of new or re-filled pools, hot tubs, or similar aesthetic water features;
- The use of fountains, waterfalls, or other aesthetic features; and
- Car washing or power washing.

<u>Section 2</u>: This Resolution shall be made available on the City's website, and available for review at City Hall, as soon as possible upon its passage. This Resolution will be revisited no less than every two meetings, or thirty-five days, by the City Council.

Section 3: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this, the 23rd day of August, 2023, on a roll call vote of the City Council of Woodcreek, Texas.

City of Woodcreek, Texas:

Jeff Rasco, Mayo

Attest:

Suzanne MacKenzie, City Secretary