

ORDINANCE NO. 634

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REQUIRING ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR  
MANDATORY CONSERVATION OF WATER

WHEREAS, the City of Las Animas receives its water supply through wells and other means of diversion; and

WHEREAS, the winter of 2001 - 2002 has been extremely dry, and regional moisture levels are substantially below normal averages; and

WHEREAS, precipitation forecasts for the summer and fall 2002 indicate substantially inadequate amounts of precipitation for the remainder of the year 2002; and

WHEREAS, the City is of the belief that there may be a continued serious water shortage during the summer and fall, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously passed Ordinance No. 632 which addressed corrective measures to limit water consumption but those measures have not proved adequate to lower City water usage; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Board has recommended that the City undertake more stringent water conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, the City determines that an emergency situation exists within the City and the emergency will affect the health and welfare of its citizens;

WHEREAS, the following action is taken to ensure that the municipality has sufficient water surpluses to meet the demands of all of its customers, and to ensure there is sufficient drinking water for all persons being serviced by the City of Las Animas water system;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** That a mandatory water conservation program for the City of Las Animas is herein enacted.

**SECTION 2.** That Ordinance No. 632 shall be repealed effective midnight on August 31, 2002.

**SECTION 3.** That the water conservation program shall commence on September 1, 2002 and shall continue until further action of Council.

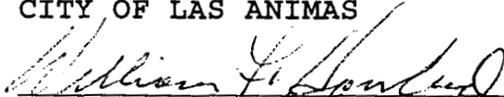
**SECTION 4.** That residential users and commercial users with odd numbered homes (postal addresses) shall be entitled to water their lawns and outdoor trees and shrubs on Tuesday and Saturday of each calendar week. Residents and commercial users with even numbered homes (postal addresses) shall be entitled to water their lawns and outdoor trees and shrubs on Wednesday and Sunday of each calendar week.

**SECTION 5.** That residents may water their respective lawns and outdoor trees and shrubs beginning on the date of their respective water rotation days commencing at 7:00 a.m. and continuing through 10:00 a.m., and from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. only. Watering of lawns outside of that time period is strictly prohibited.

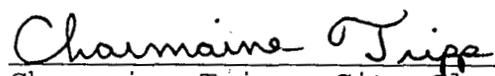
**SECTION 6.** Violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punishable as a misdemeanor, under the terms of fine and imprisonment as provided by other ordinances within the City of Las Animas, and as more specifically set out in Section 1.6 of the Municipal Code.

**PASSED AND ENACTED** as an emergency Ordinance this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.

CITY OF LAS ANIMAS

  
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William F. Howland, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Charmaine Tripp, City Clerk