

ORDINANCE NO. 637

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CHANGING 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 future indicate substantially inadequate amounts of precipitation for the remainder of the year 2002 and 2003; and

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

WHEREAS, the City has previously passed Ordinance No. 632, Ordinance No. 634 and Ordinance No. 635 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 Power Board has recommended that the City undertake additional 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**SECTION 2.** That Ordinance No. 635 shall be repealed effective midnight on December 31, 2002.

**SECTION 3.** That the water conservation program shall commence on January 1, 2003 and shall continue until further action of Council.

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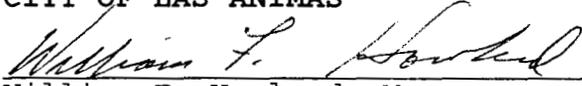
SECTION 4. That at all times, all outside watering of lawns is strictly prohibited.

SECTION 5. That residents and commercial users may water outdoor shrubs and outdoor trees on the first Saturday and third Saturday of each month beginning at 7:00 a.m. and continuing through 9:00 a.m., and from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. only. Watering of outdoor shrubs and trees at any other time is strictly prohibited.

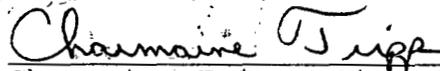
SECTION 6. Violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punishable as a misdemeanor, under the terms of fine and imprisonment as provided by other ordinances within the City of Las Animas, and as more specifically set out in Section 1.6 of the Municipal Code.

PASSED AND ENACTED as an emergency Ordinance this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002.

CITY OF LAS ANIMAS

  
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William F. Howland, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Charmaine Tripp, City Clerk

