

ORDINANCE No. 2024-O-006

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A WATER CONSERVATION PLAN AND A DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BLANCO, TO PROMOTE THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF WATER AND ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR THE INITIATION AND TERMINATION OF DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES, INCLUDING RESTRICTIONS, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Blanco, Texas, recognizes that the amount of water available to its citizens and customers is limited; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that drought, system failures, and other acts of God may occur, and that the City cannot guarantee uninterrupted water supply for all purposes at all times; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to conserve water resources and prepare for drought; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to comply with Section 11.1271 of the Texas Water Code and applicable rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality which require these plans for all public water supply systems; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 54 of the Local Government Code and in the best interest of its citizens, the City is authorized to adopt ordinances it deems are necessary and expedient to preserve and conserve its water resources and prepare for drought;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION I

The City Council does hereby find and declare that sufficient and timely written notice of the place and subject matter of this meeting adopting this ordinance was posted. The City Council further ratifies, approves, and confirms such written notice and the posting thereof.

SECTION II

The City Council adopts the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan attached to this ordinance. For all ordinances that are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, the conflicting passages are hereby superseded.

SECTION III

Any person, individual, company or corporation that violates the provisions of the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan shall be charged with a Class C misdemeanor, and, further, may be charged with violation of Chapter 8 of the Unified Development Code regarding Health and Safety, and may be fined up to \$2000 per offense.

SECTION IV

Should any sentence, paragraph, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION V

The City Secretary is hereby directed and authorized to publish the caption and penalty clause of this ordinance.

SECTION VI

The Mayor or their designee is hereby directed to file a copy of the Plans and Ordinance with the Texas Water Development Board in accordance with Title 31, Chapter 363 of the Texas Administrative Code.

SECTION VII

This ordinance shall take effect following passage and publication.

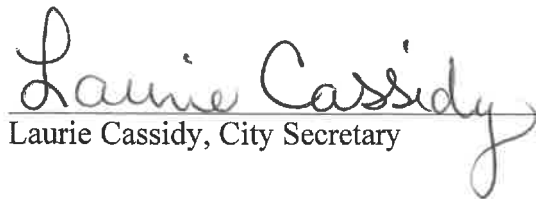
PASSED & APPROVED this, the 6 day of August 2024, by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions of the City Council of the City of Blanco, Texas.

CITY of BLANCO:



Mike Arnold, Mayor

Attest:



Laurie Cassidy, City Secretary

