

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1036

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting certain uses of water from the City Water System not essential to the public well-being; prescribing penalties for violation of its provisions; declaring a state of emergency.

WHEREAS an emergency exists in the City of Slidell because of a present water shortage due to a prolonged drought; and

WHEREAS the water pressure in the City of Slidell is at a dangerously low level, and the water beneath the City has lowered seriously; and

WHEREAS it is imperative for the public well-being that certain usage of water not essential to the health, welfare and safety of the City be restricted;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council for the City of Slidell that:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this Ordinance the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, the words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

1. "City" - The City of Slidell;
2. "Person" - Any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind;
3. "Water" - Water from the City System;
4. "Emergency" - Emergency for this Ordinance will arise when the mean water pressure from the City water wells considering the well with the highest water pressure and the well with the lowest water pressure only, averages 40 PSI water pressure for a period in excess of 24 hours.

SECTION II. APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS. The provisions of this Article will apply to all persons using water both inside and outside the City regardless of whether any person using water shall have a contract for water service with the City.

SECTION III. CERTAIN USES PROHIBITED. The use and withdrawal of water by any person for the following purposes is hereby prohibited:

1. Cleaning of Outdoor Surfaces - washing of sidewalks, driveways and other outdoor surfaces;
2. Cleaning of Buildings - Washing of outside of dwellings, and outside of office buildings;
3. Ornamental Fountains - The operation of any ornamental fountains or structure making similar use of water shall be prohibited unless such fountain or structure has a self contained re-cycling water system;
4. Swimming Pools - Swimming pools and wading pools not employing a filter and recirculation system;
5. Escape Through Defective Plumbing - Escape through defective plumbing shall mean the knowing permission for defective plumbing to remain unrepaired.

SECTION IV. CERTAIN USES RESTRICTED. The use and withdrawal of water for any purpose by any person for the following purposes is hereby prohibited except in conformity with the following section:

1. Watering Yards - The sprinkling, watering or irrigating of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, ground covers, plants, vines, gardens, vegetables, flowers or any other vegetation by any person, except said sprinkling, et cetera, shall be allowed on Monday, Thursday and Saturday of any calendar week by persons on their property when the municipal number of the property ends in an even digit and further on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday of any calendar week by persons on their property when the municipal number of the property ends in an odd digit. In no event shall any use of water under this section be allowed or lawful on any Wednesday.
2. Building not bearing municipal numbers at the effective date of this Ordinance shall immediately apply to the Slidell Permit Office for a designation of a number in order to conform with this Ordinance and in default thereof, it shall be unlawful to use water from the City System as set forth in this section unless and until a municipal number is given.

SECTION V. EXCEPTION TO MAINTAIN SANITATION. The Mayor shall have the authority to permit the reasonable use of water in any case necessary to maintain adequate health and sanitation standards; however, the Mayor's action must be ratified by the majority vote of the City Council at the next regular meeting of the City Council after the Mayor's action.

SECTION VI. ENFORCEMENT.

1. Police Officers Enforce. Every police officer of the City shall in connection with his duties proposed by law, diligently enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. PENALTIES. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined an amount not exceeding \$250.00 nor less than \$25.00 nor be imprisoned in the City Jail not exceeding three (3) days or both so fined and imprisoned. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such here and under.

SECTION VIII. SEPARABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed as separate, distinct and independent and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION IX. ORDINANCES REPEALED. All Ordinances, and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.

SECTION X. FINDING OF AN EMERGENCY. This Ordinance is passed as an emergency measure and the Council does by the vote by which this Ordinance is passed hereby declare that the Mayor shall have the authority to declare that an emergency exists, and the Mayor shall declare that the emergency provisions enumerated in this Ordinance shall go into effect when the Mayor is notified by the Department of Engineering that an emergency condition exists and has given public notice of this fact published at least once in the Official Journal.

SECTION XI. ENDING THE EMERGENCY ENACTMENT. To end the emergency enactment of this Ordinance once an emergency has been called and the provisions of this Ordinance have been enacted, the Mayor shall call an end to the emergency conditions and the cessation of the provisions of this Ordinance after the mean water pressure as determined by the City Department of Engineering, has once again reached 41 PSI and maintained that pressure in excess of 24 hours.

SECTION XII. EFFECTIVE DATE. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the 19th day of August, 1977 at 12:01 A.M.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:	4
NAYS:	0
ABSENT:	1 (Hinton)

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 9th day of August, 1977.


JOHN SWENSON, CMC
CITY CLERK


FRANK N. CUSIMANO
MAYOR