

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-334

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEVERS,
TEXAS, APPROVING A DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Devers (the “City”) is a Type B, general law municipality that provides water utility services to its residents and citizens outside the city but within the city’s service area; and

WHEREAS, Texas law requires water utility providers to prepare a drought contingency plan; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the plan is to set forth triggers, rules, and regulations to protect the water supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEVERS, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. The statements provided in the caption and the recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Devers, Texas hereby adopts the Drought Contingency Plan attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the laws governing ordinances. The City Secretary is authorized to publish a summary of the Ordinance along with the penalty in accordance with the City of Devers’ Code of Ordinances and State law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Devers, Texas this the 16th day of August, 2022.


STEVEN HORELICA, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Kristi Ayers, City Secretary

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EXHIBIT

The City of Devers, Texas

Drought Contingency Plan

2022

Adopted by City Council through Ordinance on August 9, 2022:

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE CITY OF DEVERS, TEXAS

Section I. Introduction

The City of Devers recognizes its fundamental responsibility to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water for residents and businesses within its city limits. Because drinking water is a precious natural resource, careful planning is needed to ensure that water supplies are protected from contamination, are distributed effectively and efficiently to end users, and that procedures are in place to monitor consumption and to avoid waste.

Water conservation and consumption planning are integral elements for ensuring that the water supplies are not exhausted. To further this goal, the City Council has adopted this plan, via the passage of an Ordinance. This ordinance establishes the City's policies for promoting water conservation and emergency planning, and provides the vision, resource and overall methodologies for establishing an effective program.

This plan addresses the following elements:

- The City of Devers' water conservation
- Methods to reduce water consumption
- Methods to reduce loss or waste of water
- Methods to improve efficient water use
- Methods to increase recycling and reuse of water

Section II. Background

The City of Devers is located in Southeast Liberty County. It is a Texas Type B General Law Municipality with a population of 361 according to the 2020 census. The City's water service area includes areas outside the city's limits. The total service area includes approximately 786 users.

The City currently operates and maintains two water wells, one water plant, one booster station and a standalone elevated tank. All of the City's potable water is drawn from the Gulf Coast Aquifer in Liberty County at depths of 510 and 520 feet respectively at the two wells. Water is pumped at the rates of 285 gpm (Well No. 1) and 150 gpm (Well No. 2). Water treatment consists of simple chlorination, using chlorine gas. The City maintains storage capacity of approximately 114,000 gallons.

The City has approximately 275 equivalent metered connections. Average daily water usage is approximately 97,000 gallons, and the highest peak usage rate for any 24-hour period was recorded at 215,000 gallons.

According to regulations and minimum guidelines published by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), which is now Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in Title 30 TAC Chapter 290;

- At least 200 gallons of storage capacity should be provided per connection. Based upon 275 connections, this computes to a total of 55,000 gallons. Since the available capacity is 114,000 gallons