

**ORDINANCE NO. 2010-03-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HALLSVILLE, TEXAS,  
ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING SANITATION AND POLLUTION  
CONTROL OF THE AREAS IN PROXIMITY TO THE CITY'S PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY WELLS.**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Hallsville (the "City") owns and operates water supply facilities within the City, including water wells and related facilities (the "Wells"), which provide potable water to the residents of the City, and

**WHEREAS**, maintenance of sanitary condition around such Wells is vital to the protection of the Wells and to the protection of the health and safety of the residents of the City;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems it necessary and proper to establish rules and regulations governing the control of sanitary conditions around the Wells: now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HALLSVILLE, TEXAS:

Section 1.                      Purpose

A.            This Ordinance sets forth uniform requirements for the users and construction of facilities in or land within one hundred fifty feet (150') of the Wells in order to promote sanitary conditions in and around such Wells, to secure all such land from pollution hazards, and to enable the City to comply with all applicable state and local regulations.

B.            The objective of this Ordinance is to prevent certain uses and construction of facilities in or on land surrounding the Wells, which might create a danger of pollution to the water produced from such Wells.

Section 2.                      Definitions

Unless the context requires otherwise the following terms and phrases, as used in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings hereinafter designated:

A.            *City Council* shall mean the City Council of the City of Hallsville, Texas.

B.            *City* shall mean the City of Hallsville, Texas.

C.            *Ordinance* shall mean this Ordinance Establishing Rules and Regulations Regarding Sanitary and Pollution Control of the Area in Proximity to the City's Wells.

D.            *Person* shall mean any individual, partnership, co-partnership, firm, company, corporation, association, Joint Stock Company, trust, estate, governmental entity, or any other legal entity, or its legal representatives, agent, successors, or assigns.

E. *Wells* shall mean the water wells owned and operated by the City of Hallsville.

Section 3. Prohibited Activities.

The following activities are prohibited within the designated areas of land surrounding the Wells:

A. Construction and/or operation of any underground petroleum and/or chemical storage tank, liquid transmission pipeline, stock pen, feedlot, dump grounds, privy, cesspool, septic tank, sewage treatment plan, sewage wet well, sewage pumping station, drainage ditch which contains industrial waste discharges or the wastes from sewage treatment systems, solid waste disposal site, land on which sewage plant or septic tank sludge is applied, land irrigated by sewage plant effluent, septic tank perforated drain field, absorption bed, evapotranspiration bed, area irrigated by low dosage, low angle spray on-site sewage facility, military facility, industrial facility, wood treatment facility, liquid petroleum and petrochemical production, storage, and/or transmission facility, Class 1, 2, 3, and/or 4 injection well, pesticide storage and/or mixing facility, abandoned well, inoperative well, improperly constructed water well of any depth, and all other construction or operation that could create an unsanitary condition is prohibited within, upon, or across all areas of and within a **150 foot radius** of the Wells. For the purposes of this Ordinance, “improperly constructed water wells” are those wells that do not meet the surface and subsurface construction standards for a public water supply well.

B. Construction and/or operation of tile or concrete sanitary sewers, sewer appurtenances, septic tank, storm sewers, and cemeteries is specifically prohibited within, upon or across any area of land within a **50 foot radius** of the Wells.

C. Construction of homes or buildings upon any area of land within a **150 foot radius** of the Wells is permitted, provided the restrictions described in items A and B above are met.

D. Normal farming and ranching operations are not prohibited by this Ordinance, provided, however, livestock shall not be allowed within a **50 foot radius** of the Wells.

Section 4. Right of Entry

City of Hallsville employees, or authorized representatives of the City, bearing proper credentials and identification, shall be permitted to immediately enter upon any premises located within a 150 foot radius of any Well to conduct any inspection or observation necessary to enforce this Ordinance.

Section 5. Penalty

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 6. Required Removal

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be required to remove the prohibited construction or potential source of contamination **within 10 days** after notification that they are in violation of this Ordinance.

Section 7.                      Superseding Regulation or Statute

Whenever any applicable statute, regulation, or permit of any state, federal, or other agency, having jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Ordinance, is in conflict herewith, the stricter requirement shall apply, unless mandated otherwise.


Section 8                      Severability

In the event any clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be **adjudged invalid** or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or a part or provision hereof, other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Hallsville, Texas declares that it would have passed each and every part of the Ordinance, notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on the first reading this 16 March, 2010.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary