

CITY OF CENTERVILLE
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

Ordinance No. 2010- 13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF "CENTERVILLE" GEORGIA AMENDING THE CENTERVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REVISING THE STANDARDS FOR OUTDOOR WATERING OF LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Centerville (hereinafter "City") recognizes an imminent need to create a culture of water conservation and to plan for water supply enhancement during future extreme drought conditions and other water emergencies; and

WHEREAS, reasonable restrictions on the outdoor watering of landscape are necessary to address this in furtherance of addressing this need; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Georgia has required all counties and cities in Georgia to adopt an ordinance to be in effect no later than January 1, 2011 to allow outdoor watering of landscape to between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. (with certain exceptions); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 12-5-7, the Centerville Mayor and Council have prepared an ordinance to address outdoor watering of landscape; then

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED that the Centerville Code of Ordinances shall be amended to include the following:

"Sec. 1. Restriction on Outdoor Water of Landscape. Outdoor watering for purposes of planting, growing, managing, or maintaining ground cover, trees, shrubs, or other plants may occur only between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.; provided, however, that this limitation shall not create any limitation upon the following outdoor water uses:

(A) Commercial raising, harvesting, or storing of crops; feeding, breeding, or managing livestock or poultry; the commercial production or storing of feed for use in the production of livestock, including, but not limited to, cattle, calves, swine, hogs, goats, sheep, and rabbits, or for use in the production of poultry, including, but not limited to, chickens, hens, ratites, and turkeys; producing plants, trees, fowl, or animals; or the commercial production of aqua cultural, horticultural, dairy, livestock, poultry, eggs, and apiarian products or as otherwise defined in O.C.G.A. § 1-3-3;

(B) Capture and reuse of cooling system condensate or storm water in compliance with applicable City ordinances and state guidelines;

(C) Reuse of gray water in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 31-3-5.2 and applicable local board of health regulations;

(D) Use of reclaimed waste water by a designated user from a system permitted by the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to provide reclaimed waste water;

(E) Watering personal food gardens;

(F) Watering new and replanted plant, seed, or turf in landscapes, golf courses, or sports turf fields during installation and for a period of 30 days immediately following the date of installation;

(G) Drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses;

(H) Hand watering with a hose with automatic cutoff or handheld container;

(I) Use of water withdrawn from private water wells or surface water by an owner or operator of property if such well or surface water is on said property;

(J) Watering horticultural crops held for sale, resale, or installation;

(K) Watering athletic fields, golf courses, or public turf grass recreational areas;

(L) Installation, maintenance, or calibration of irrigation systems; or

(M) Hydro-seeding.

Sec. 2. Enforcement.

(a) No person shall use or allow the use of water in violation of the restrictions on outdoor water use contained in ordinance.

(b) The City Marshall shall be the enforcement authority for this ordinance. The city administrator may also authorize other departments as may be deemed necessary to support enforcement.

(g) Criminal and alternative penalties. Any violation of this section may also be enforced by a citation or accusation returnable to the municipal court or by any other legal means as set forth in this Code.

Sec. 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall go into effect on January 1, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained that Centerville Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as noted above.

CONFLICTING ORDINANCES: In the event that any ordinance, or any part thereof, of the City of "Centerville", Georgia is in conflict herewith, this ordinance shall have preference.

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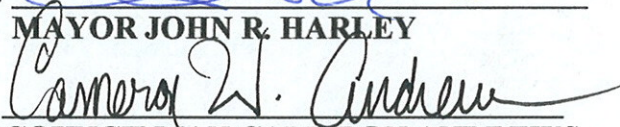
SEVERABILITY: If any provisions of this ordinance be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SO ORDAINED, this 17th day of December, 2010, by majority vote of the Governing Authority at a Regular Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of Centerville with a quorum being present at the meeting.

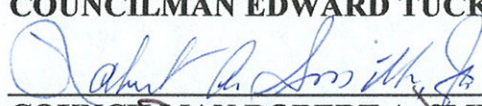
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By: 

MAYOR JOHN R. HARLEY

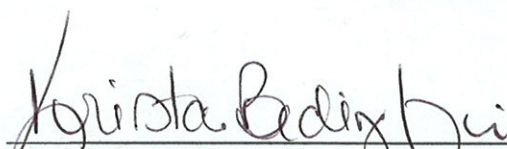

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