

ORDINANCE NO. O2019-013

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PRIVATE WELLS FOR DOMESTIC USE ON PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF SHAKOPEE SERVED BY SHAKOPEE PUBLIC UTILITIES OR A CITY-OWNED OR OPERATED WATER SYSTEM.

The City Council of the City of Shakopee finds that it is necessary to protect the integrity of the City Water Utility and its system to ensure adequate water supplies to meet the health, safety and welfare needs of the City and its residents, that it shall prohibit the use of private wells for domestic use on properties served by the City water system unless grandfathered by a previous written agreement with the water purveyor.

The City Council of Shakopee, Minnesota ordains:

That Chapter 130 of the Shakopee City Code of Ordinances shall be amended to add new Section 130.21 as follows:

Section 1. Definitions:

Domestic use means water that is used for drinking or potable water, non-potable water or irrigation purposes, but shall not include water from wells drilled for such purposes as dewatering, groundwater monitoring, heating or cooling, elevator borings or environmental bore holes.

Irrigate means to supply land with water by any artificial means, as by diverting streams, flooding, or spraying, to moisten or wet.

Private Wells for Domestic Use means any well not owned by the City Water Utility that are drilled for potable water, non-potable water or irrigation purposes including sand point or drive point wells. "Private Wells for Domestic Use" shall not include wells drilled for such purposes as dewatering, groundwater monitoring, heating or cooling, elevator borings or environmental bore holes.

Sand point or drive point well means a shallow well that is a 1-1/4 to 2-inch steel casing constructed by driving or pounding the casing down into the ground until an aquifer is encountered.

Section 2: Private Wells for Domestic Use.

The drilling of new private wells for domestic use on any property to which City Water Utility Service is available within 1,000 feet is prohibited.

Section 3: That this Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

Passed by the City Council of Shakopee, Minnesota this 6th day of November 2019.

Mayor

Attested:

City Clerk