

**ORDINANCE NO. 08-2913**

**2000 International Residential Code Amendment**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "ARTICLE IIIa INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS", AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR INSTALLATION OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND PERMIT FEES THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR RECORDING OF SUCH CODE AS A PUBLIC RECORD; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS, the City of Bedford is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and,**

**WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas has determined that water conservation and environmental protection are important issues and concerns affecting the City; and,**

**WHEREAS, properly-installed irrigation systems will conserve water, help avoid wasteful use, and improve the overall quality of life for the citizens of Bedford, Texas; and,**

**WHEREAS, during the 2007 legislative session the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1656; and,**

**WHEREAS, House Bill 1656 amended Chapter 401 of the Texas Local Government Code to require a city with a population of 20,000 or more to regulate the installation of irrigation systems within the corporate limits of the city as well as the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction; and,**

**WHEREAS, the provisions herein are necessary to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by creating an urban environment that is protective of the City's water supply and provide an enhanced quality of life for the citizens of the City of Bedford.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1. That the International Plumbing Code, 2000 Edition, published by the International Code Council, is hereby amended by adding section 315 as follows:**

**P2609. Landscape Irrigation. Minimum Standards for Landscape Irrigation Systems.**

**The landscape irrigation rules promulgated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and contained in Chapter 344, Subchapters E and F, §§344.50-344.65 TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, as the same may be from time to time amended, are hereby adopted by reference as the landscape irrigation rules of the City.**

**SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Bedford, Texas, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.**

**SECTION 3. That it is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are, severable, and if any phrase, clause sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be**

declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**SECTION 4.** That any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each day that a violation is permitted to exist. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

**SECTION 5.** That all rights and remedies of the City of Bedford are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any ordinances affecting the regulation and control of the use, occupancy, maintenance, repair, design, construction and quality of materials for buildings and structures within the City which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

**SECTION 6.** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as required by law but not before January 1, 2009, and is so ordained.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 9th day of December 2008, by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas.

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Jim Story, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Shanae Jennings, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Stan Lowry, City Attorney