

CITY OF SEGUIN

ORDINANCE NO.:

STATE OF TEXAS

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS, PROHIBITING THE USE OF DESIGNATED GROUNDWATER FROM BENEATH CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN AND AROUND THE INTERSECTION OF SCHRIEWER AND CROSSROADS BOULEVARD; SUPPORTING CERTIFICATION OF A MUNICIPAL SETTING DESIGNATION BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AS REQUESTED BY JIM'S FORMAL WEAR; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Subchapter W, "Municipal Setting Designations," of Chapter 361, "Solid Waste Disposal Act," of the Texas Health and Safety Code authorizes the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to create municipal setting designations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 551.005(a) of the Texas Local Government Code, for the purpose of establishing and enforcing a municipal setting designation, the governing body of a municipality may regulate the pumping, extraction, or use of groundwater by persons other than retail public utilities, as defined by Section 13.002, Water Code, to prevent the use of or contact with groundwater that presents an actual or potential threat to human health; and

WHEREAS, the city council finds that:

(1) The eligibility criteria of Section 361.803 of the Texas Health and Safety Code have met; been

(2) This municipal setting designation ordinance will not have an adverse effect on the current or future water resource needs or obligations of the City of Seguin;

(3) There is a public drinking water supply system that satisfies the requirements of Chapter 341 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and that supplies or is capable of supplying drinking water to the designated property and property within one-half mile of the designated property; and

(4) This municipal setting designation ordinance is necessary because the concentration of chemicals of concern in the groundwater beneath the designated property exceed concentrations considered safe for human ingestion; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of Seguin, Texas:

**SECTION 1.** For the purposes of this municipal setting designation ordinance, the “designated property” means the property described in Exhibit A that is attached to this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this municipal setting designation ordinance, “designated groundwater” means water below the surface of the designated property to a depth of 250 feet.

**SECTION 3.** That use of the designated groundwater from beneath the designated property as potable water, as defined in Section 361.801(2) of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and the following uses of or contacts with the designated groundwater are prohibited:

- (1) Human consumption or drinking.
- (2) Showering or bathing.
- (3) Cooking.
- (4) Irrigation of crops for human consumption.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Council supports the application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certification of a municipal setting designation for the designated property.

**SECTION 5.** That any person owning, operating, or controlling the designated property remains responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations relating to environmental protection, and that this municipal setting designation ordinance in itself does not change any environmental assessment or cleanup requirements applicable to the designated property.

**SECTION 6.** Notice that the City Council was to consider this Ordinance was published more than 24 hours before the February 5, 2019, meeting of the Seguin City Council inviting the public to comment on this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7.** A public hearing was conducted, prior to a vote on first reading, wherein the public was invited to comment on the Ordinance.

**SECTION 8.** That approval of this municipal setting designation ordinance shall not be construed to subject the City of Seguin to any responsibility or liability for any injury to persons or damages to property caused by any chemical of concern.

**SECTION 9.** That within 60 days after adoption of this municipal setting designation ordinance, the City Secretary shall file a certified copy of this municipal setting designation ordinance in the deed records of the county where the designated property is located.

**SECTION 10.** That the City Manager shall notify the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 60 days prior to any amendment or repeal of this municipal setting designation ordinance.

**SECTION 11.** That a person violating Section 3 of this municipal setting designation ordinance, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,000, and that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall be notified of any violations.

**SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the City Council that this municipal setting designation ordinance, and every provision hereof, shall be considered severable, and the invalidity or unconstitutionality of any section, clause, provision or portion of this ordinance shall not affect the validity or unconstitutionality of any other portion of this ordinance.

**SECTION 13.** That this municipal setting designation ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Seguin and it is accordingly so ordained.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on first reading this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on second and final reading this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

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**DON KEIL, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Naomi Manski, City Secretary**