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WATER SYSTEMS ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-O 1,

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CREATING THE ZAPATA COUNTY WATERWORKS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR OPERATING; CREATING LIENS FOR NON-PAYMENT FOR SERVICES; RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE ZAPATA COUNTY WATERWORKS; AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

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ZAPATA COUNTY TEXAS
BY Pat DEPUTY

WHEREAS, the County of Zapata Waterworks continues to respond to the growing water needs of the residents, and business enterprises of the County of Zapata and especially in the service area of the Zapata County Waterworks; and

WHEREAS, the County of Zapata Waterworks seeks to conserve and prudently use its current water resources consistent with good planning and the growing needs of the County of Zapata; and;

WHEREAS, the County of Zapata Waterworks seeks to prevent water waste, illegal water tapping, and the proliferation of substandard housing and substandard developments throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, Section 51.012 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes the adoption by a "Type A" general law municipality of any ordinance or regulation not inconsistent with state law, that is necessary for the government, interest, welfare, or good order of the municipality;

WHEREAS, the County of Zapata is authorized to exercise "Type A" general law ordinance making powers pursuant to Section 81.033 of the Texas Local Government Code and by virtue of the approval at an election for that purpose;

WHEREAS, the enforcement of this ordinance and the assessment of fines will encourage respect for the conservation of water and will manage the growth and development of the County of Zapata in ways which promote the general health, welfare, and safety of our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY OF ZAPATA, TEXAS, COMMISSIONERS COURT that Ordinance No. 2007-O 1 is adopted as follows:

ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL

SECTION 1. Short Title

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "REGULATION OF WATER SYSTEMS" of the County of Zapata.

SECTION 2. Purpose and Findings

The regulations herein established have been made in accordance with a comprehensive plan for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the County of Zapata, and for the efficient use and preservation of the area's natural water systems. Furthermore, this ordinance sets forth the most appropriate procedure for application and associated fees for connection to the water systems; and outlines the management,

maintenance, care, and operation of the water works system by the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant.

They have been designed to:

- protect the citizens of Zapata and secure their safety, by preventing contamination of the water works systems;
- promote safety of the people by regulation and enforcement of the uses of the county's natural waters, and manage and control the process of handling sewer waters;
- set forth appropriate water rates and bills for service, fees for delinquent accounts, and procedure for considering liens and collection of unpaid monies

SECTION 3. General Provisions on Water System and Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

1. *Water Department*--There is hereby established a water department, which shall be under the supervision of the Plant Manager of the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant. The department shall be responsible for the management, maintenance, care, and operation of the water works system of the Zapata County water and sewer plant system.

2. *Use of Water System Restricted*--No person shall make or use any water service installation connected to the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant or its systems except pursuant to application and permit as provided in this ordinance. No person shall make or use any such installation contrary to the regulatory provisions of this ordinance.

3. *Control and supervision of water department.*

The water department furnishing water supply to customers shall be under the control and supervision of the plant manager of the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant. The plant manager of the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant reports directly to the commissioners court.

4. *Provisions made part of contract for services.*

The rules and regulations as set forth in this article are hereby made a part of the contract between the Zapata County Water Department and every consumer of or applicant for water supply from such department.

5. *Applications for Water/Sewer Services*

A. *Procedure*--Applications for water/sewer services must be made to the appropriate water and sewer departments on forms furnished for that purpose. By his/her signature, the applicant shall agree to conform to this ordinance and to rules and regulations that may be established by the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system as conditions for the use of water.

B. *Fees or Deposit*--Application for a service installation shall be made by the owner of the property to be served or by her/his agent. The applicant shall, at the time of making application, pay to the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system the amount of the fees or deposit required for the installation of the service connection as provided in this ordinance. When a water service connection has been installed, application for water

service may be made either by the owner or his agent or by the tenant or occupant of the premises.

- a. The service fee for a consumer requesting water service connection or disconnection shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00). The service fee for the reconnection or disconnection of water service for accounts which are delinquent shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).
- b. The charge for reestablishment of water service requiring the water meter to be reinstalled shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).

4. Charges for Service Connections

A. Permit and Fee--No connection shall be made to the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system without a permit received from the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system clerk. The fee for each water main connection permit shall be set by resolution of the Commissioners Court. These fees shall be in addition to any fees required under any other previously enacted ordinance, resolution or order.

B. Connection Fees--When a connection requires installation of a service line from the main to the property line, the applicant for a permit shall pay to the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system an amount not less than the cost of making the necessary connections, taps, and installation of pipe and appurtenances to provide service to the property and the necessary street repairs. Where Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system employees, agents, or engineers inspect the connections, taps, and installation of pipe and appurtenances, the applicant for a permit shall pay to the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system an amount not less than the cost of making the necessary inspections.

C. Certification--No permit shall be issued to connect with any water main unless the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system clerk certifies to the truth of one of the following or the payment required under this ordinance is made:

- 1.) That the lot or tract to be served has been assessed for the cost of construction of the main with which the connection is made or that proceedings for levying such assessment have been or will be commenced in due course; or
- 2.) That the cost of construction of the main has been paid by the developer or builder platting the lot or tract; or
3. That, if neither of the foregoing is true, a sum equal to the portion of the cost of constructing the main which would be assessable against the lot or parcel has been paid to the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system.
4. That the property being served has being platted prior to any permit being issued.

D. Additional Connection Fee--If no such certificate can be issued, the applicant shall pay an additional connection fee equal to the portion of the cost of construction of the main upon the same basis as any assessment previously levied against other property for the main. The determination shall be made by the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system director. If no such assessment has been levied, the assessable cost shall be determined upon the basis of the uniform charge which may have been or will be charged for similar connection with the main. The uniform charge shall be based on the number of equivalent residential units of water service the benefited premises will accommodate.

5. Accounting and Billing

A. Accounts in name of owner--All accounts shall be carried in the name of the owner. The owner shall be liable for water supplied to her/his property, whether he/she is occupying the property or not.

B. Bills for service--Water and sewer service charges shall be billed together. Bills shall be mailed to the customers monthly and shall specify the water consumed and the water/sewer charges in accordance with the rates set out in this ordinance and any other Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant System Ordinances.

C. When bills due and payable; disconnection of service; liens for unpaid fees and service charges—

1. All accounts shall be due and payable on the date statements are submitted to the consumers and, in the event of the failure of any consumer of water supplied by the Zapata county water/sewer plant to pay the account within thirty (30) days after the same shall become due and payable, the Zapata county water/sewer manager or his designee is hereby authorized to disconnect such consumer's water supply.
2. In the event that a water consumer whose water service has been cut off by reason of non-payment of his water or sewer bill desires to have his water service re-established, he shall pay the entire amount of such delinquent water or sewer bill and a thirty-five dollar fee for a service call to re-establish such water service.
3. Water service shall not be established or re-established at the request of a consumer whose service has been terminated for non-payment of his water or sewer bill until all amounts due for water or sewer service, together with any charges for disconnection or re-establishment of such consumer's water supply, have been paid in full.
4. The Zapata County water/sewer plant shall have a lien on all lands or premises served by its water or sewer system for all fees and service charges for such facilities until paid, which liens shall be prior to all other liens on such lands or premises, except the lien of state, county and municipal taxes, and shall be on a parity with the lien of such state, county and municipal taxes. Such liens, when delinquent for more than thirty (30) days, may be foreclosed by the Zapata County water/sewer plant in the manner provided by state law for the foreclosure of mortgages on real property.

6. Liens, Collection - The Commissioners Court may, by its resolution, provide that any connection charges stated herein and any delinquent water service charges stated herein be certified to the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system clerk who shall prepare an assessment roll each year providing for assessment of the delinquent amounts against the respective properties served. The assessment roll shall be delivered to the Commissioners Court for adoption of each year for certification to the county auditor for collection along with taxes. Such action is optional and may be subsequent to any legal action to collect delinquent accounts.

7. Entry of Premises - The Plant Manager of the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant or other designated official or employee of the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system may, at all reasonable hours, enter any private premises for the purpose of inspecting water and sewer system connections, meters, plumbing, and appurtenances to assure compliance with this or other applicable laws, regulations and ordinances.

SECTION 4. WATER SYSTEM REGULATIONS

1. The activities defined and regulated by this ordinance are those upon or along any public ways, public or private property within the County of Zapata defined herein.

A. Discontinuance of Service--The Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system may discontinue service to any water consumer without notice for necessary repairs or, upon notice as provided herein for nonpayment of charges, or for violation of rules and regulations affecting utility service.

B. Supply From One Service-- No more than one house or building shall be supplied from one service connection except by special permission of the Commissioners Court. Whenever two or more parties are supplied from one pipe connecting with a service main, each building or part of building separately supplied shall have a separate stop box and a separate meter.

C. Turning On Water, Tapping Mains--No person except an authorized Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system employee shall turn on any water supply at the stop box, or tap any distributing main or pipe of the water supply system or insert a stop cock or other appurtenance therein without a Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system permit.

D. Repair of Leaks--The consumer or owner shall be responsible for maintaining the service pipe from the curb box into the building served. If he fails to repair any leak in such service pipe within 24 hours after notice by the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system, the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system may turn the water off. When the waste of water is great, or damage is likely to result from the leak, the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system shall turn the water off immediately upon the giving of notice if repair is not commenced immediately. All repairs to water service lines or appurtenances located on county property, rights-of-way or up to the customer's property line shall be the responsibility of the county.

E. Use of Fire Hydrants--No person other than an authorized Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system employee shall operate a fire hydrant or interfere in any way with the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system water system without first obtaining authority to do so from the Plant Manager of the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant.

F. Private Water Supply--No water pipe of the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system water supply system shall be connected with any pump, well, or tank that is connected with any other source of water supply. When any such connection is found, the Plant Manager of the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant shall notify the owner to sever the connection and if this is not done immediately, the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system shall turn off the water supply forthwith. Before any new connection to the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system is permitted, the department shall ascertain that no cross connection will exist when the new connection is made.

G. Restricted Hours--Whenever the Commissioners Court determines that a shortage of water supply threatens the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system, it may, by resolution, limit the times and hours during which Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system water may be used for sprinkling, irrigation, car washing, air conditioning, or other specified uses. After publication of the resolution, no person shall use, or permit water to be used, in violation of the resolution, and any customer who does so shall be charged a fee set by resolution of the Commissioners Court for each day of violation and the charge shall be added to his next water bill. If the emergency requires immediate compliance with terms of the resolution, the Commissioners Court may provide for the delivery of a copy of the resolution to the premises of each customer, and any customer who has received such notice and thereafter uses or permits water to be used in violation of the resolution shall be subject to the charge provided above. Continued violation shall be cause for discontinuance of water service.

H. Permitting Use By Others--No person shall permit Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system water to be used for any purpose except upon his own premises except in an emergency and then only if written permission is first obtained from the Plant Manager of the

Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant. Anyone wishing to obtain water from a hydrant for construction purposes shall make application to the Plant Manager of the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant for such services.

2. Meters

A. Meters Required--Except for the extinguishment of fire, no person other than an authorized Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system employee shall use water from the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system water supply system or permit water to be drawn there from unless the water passes through a meter supplied or approved by the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system. No person not authorized by the Plant Manager of the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant shall connect, disconnect, take apart, or in any manner change or interfere with any such meter or its use.

B. Deposit--Meters shall be provided by the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system at its expense, but each customer shall pay a deposit on each water meter in an amount set by this ordinance.

C. Maintenance--The Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system shall maintain and repair at its expense any meter that has become unserviceable through ordinary wear and tear and shall replace it if necessary. Where repair or replacement is made necessary by act or neglect of the owner or occupant of the premises it serves, any Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system expense caused thereby shall be a charge against and collected from the water consumer, and water service may be discontinued until the cause is corrected and the amount charged is paid. It shall be responsibility of the owner or occupant of the premises that a meter services, to keep the meter free and clear of and clean of any obstructions that may prevent the Department Personnel from properly reading the meter including but not limited to, automobiles, construction debris, overgrowth, and piles of branches.

D. Complaints, Meter Testing—

(1) All meters shall be carefully tested before being installed, and after installation should any customer question the accuracy of a meter through which service is provided, the Zapata County Water/Sewer Department shall, upon the customer's written application, in which the customer agrees to a charge of sixteen dollars (\$16.00) for first test in a twelve-month period and seventy dollars (\$70.00) for additional tests in a twelve-month period for each meter in question to cover cost of the test, remove the meter and test it. The date and time of the test will be coordinated with the customer where practicable. If the test shows that the meter has been over registering more than five (5) percent, there will be no charge for the test, and the bill rendered, based on the last reading of such meter, shall be corrected accordingly. If the test shows that the meter is not over-registering more than five (5) percent, the charge shall be applied to the utility bill by the County and, in addition thereto, if the test shows that the meter has been under-registering more than five (5) percent, the bill rendered shall be adjusted accordingly. Such adjustment shall not extend back more than one service period from the date of the written request.

(2) When a consumer complains that the bill for any past service period is excessive, the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system shall have the meter reread on request. If the consumer remains dissatisfied, he/she may, on written request and the deposit set by resolution of the Commissioners Court, have the meter tested. If the test shows an error in the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system's favor exceeding five percent of the water consumed, the deposit shall be refunded, an accurate meter shall be installed, and the bill shall be adjusted accordingly. Such adjustment shall not extend back more than one service period from the date of the written request.

E. Meters Property of Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant System--Water meters shall be the property of the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant System and may be removed or replaced as to size and type when deemed necessary.

F. Meter Reading and Inspection--Authorized meter readers shall have free access at reasonable hours of the day to all parts of every building and premises connected with the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system water supply system in order to read meters and make inspections.

3. Plumbing Regulations

A. Location of Stop Boxes-- Curb stop boxes shall be installed generally where desired by the owners of occupied properties, but they shall be placed as near as possible to the curb if on a Street or within one foot of the alley line if the main is located in the alley. They shall be installed so that the top of the stop box is level with the established grade and shall be left in an accurate vertical position when back-filling is completed.

B. Repairs--All repairs or replacements of service pipes between the curb stop and the building plumbing shall be made at the expense of the consumer. Any repairs or replacements between the main and the curb stop, including the curb stop shall be made at the expense of the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system.

C. Freezing--A stop and waste cock will be required on every water service extension within the premises below the frost line in such location as to permit the pipe to be emptied to prevent freezing. All service pipes which become frozen between the curb stop and the premises served shall be thawed at the expense of the consumer. Any frozen pipes from the water main to the curb stop shall be thawed at the expense of the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant system.

4. Water Rates - Each water user shall pay a service charge monthly during which water service is furnished as herein provided or as provided by resolution, ordinance or order of the Commissioners Court.

5. FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES - Fees and service charges are established for the Department as follows:

A. Reconnect fees:

- (DFNP) Disconnect for nonpayment
- Reconnect fee (DFNP) during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and business days (M--F) on a 5-hour turnaround time frame. \$35.00
- Reconnect fee (DFNP) after business hours or same day \$55.00
- Reconnect fee (DFNP) for weekends and holidays \$75.00

B. Insufficient fund checks fees:

- N.S.F. check service charge before 5:00 p.m. . . . \$25.00
- N.S.F. check service charge after 5:00 p.m. \$25.00

C. Late fee:

A late fee of \$5.00 shall be charged by the Department to the balance owed on the account at the beginning of the second business day after the bill due date of each month. After office

hours, no cash shall be accepted for payment by the Department and it may only accept checks or money orders..

E. Deposits Required, Guarantee of payment of charges; refund; review of deposit amounts:

Deposits made under this subsection shall be and constitute a guarantee to the Zapata County Water and Sewer Plant System that all sums of money due by virtue of the furnishing of water or sewer services to the person making such deposit guarantee are paid. Refunds of deposits made shall be made under the following circumstances:

- a. Upon the payment of all sums for service provided, the water and sewer plant shall, upon discontinuation of services, refund and return to the person making a deposit the amount of the deposit or the net amount thereof after deducting such sums as may be due to the Zapata water/ sewer plant.
- b. For all accounts, the deposit shall be retained until the account is finalized and closed out.
- c. Deposit Amounts:

1) Size of meter inside service area, residential:

3/4"	\$100.00
1"	\$150.00
1 1/2"	\$150.00
2"	\$300.00
3"	\$600.00
4"	\$800.00

2) Size of meter inside service area, commercial:

3/4"	\$150.00
1"	\$225.00
1 1/2"	\$225.00
2"	\$300.00
3"	\$600.00
4"	\$800.00

F. Water taps rates, water tap fees and various other fees, including but not limited to, water rights, water availability, deposits, labor, and special equipment:

1. Water Tap rates:

3/4"	\$475.00
1"	\$560.00
1 1/2 "	\$740.00
2"	\$ 880.00
3"	and above at current market price at time of request.
4"	current market value
6" & up	current market value

(2) Tapping installation fees:

(a) Tapping charges for installation of sprinkling meters (two-inch or small

shall be seventy-five (75) percent of the normal water service tapping charges listed above. All tapping and service charges shall be collected by the Department in full before the sprinkling meter is installed.

(b) Sprinkling meters over two-inch shall be estimated and billed upon a basis of actual cost, including materials, labor, equipment and a percentage allowance for administrative and overhead costs. All tapping and service charges shall be collected by the Department in full before the sprinkling meter is installed.

- b. For over two-inch tap and service, such charges shall be estimated by the Department and billed upon a basis of actual cost, including materials, labor, equipment and a percentage allowance for administrative and overhead costs. All tapping and service charges shall be collected in full by the Department before the water meter is installed.
- c. When a larger meter is replaced with a smaller size meter, the Department shall charge fifty (50) percent of normal water service tapping charges listed above for the new size meter. All tapping and service charges shall be paid in full before the water meter is replaced.
- d. When a water meter is replaced with a larger meter, the Department shall allow the owner or consumer a credit on his tapping charge in an amount equal to the value of the meter replaced.

(4) Meter installation fees:

5/8" x 3/4", 3/4" x 3/4" and 1" . . .	\$35.00
1 1/2"	\$100.00
2"	\$150.00
3"	\$200.00
4"	\$250.00
6"	\$300.00

(5) COUNTY OF ZAPATA WATERWORKS COST OF WATER LINE
EXTENSIONS, MATERIAL AND LABOR INSIDE SERVICE AREA

On polyvinyl chloride (P.V.C.) pipe C-900 or DR-14 class 200:

- 2" P.V.C, per linear foot \$12.00
- 6" P.V.C, per linear foot \$20.00
- 8" P.V.C, per linear foot \$25.00
- 10" P.V.C, per linear foot \$27.00
- 12" P.V.C, per linear foot \$35.00
- 16" P.V.C, per linear foot \$50.00

Ductile iron pipe (D.I.):

- 6" D.I., per linear foot . . . \$27.00
- 8" D.I., per linear foot . . . \$32.00
- 10" D.I., per linear foot . . . \$35.00
- 12" D.I., per linear foot . . . \$43.00
- 16" D.I., per linear foot . . . \$54.00

(6) COST OF METER CHARGE INSIDE SERVICE AREA
(DOES NOT INCLUDE WATER AVAILABILITY FEES)

- 5/8" x 3/4" \$35.00
- 3/4" x 3/4" \$35.00
- 1" \$95.00
- 1 1/2" \$265.00
- 2" \$375.00
- 3" \$485.00
- 4" and above at available market price

(7) SIX-INCH WATER TAP FOR FIRE PROTECTION

6" water taps \$3,800.00

(8) CONNECT FEES FOR FIRE HYDRANT METERS

Deposit \$225.00

Installation fee \$200.00

No. 909 reduced pressure principle backflow preventer for fire protection system, install one fire hydrant \$2,500.00

Fire hydrant meters, per 1,000 gallons after minimum charge \$3.50

Industrial mining meters, per 1,000 gallons after minimum charge . . . \$3.50

(9) The department shall collect a water availability charges applicable to all platted property.

(a) Lot charges. In addition to all other charges provided for herein and in addition to all requirements of the subdivision ordinance or other ordinances regulating the subdivision or platting of land, the department shall collect an additional charge for the creation of every new lot as set forth below:

1. Residential lots:

a. For each lot that is less than 6,000 square feet \$ 377.50

b. For each lot that is 6,000 to 7,999 square feet . . . \$500.00

c. For each lot that is 8,000 to 9,999 square feet . . . \$750.00

d. For each lot that is 10,000 square feet and over . . \$1,000.00

2. Nonresidential lots (commercial lots):

a. For each and every lot created which is less than one (1) acre, the equivalent of one-half acre-feet of municipal use water right, per lot . . . \$ 500.00

b. For every lot which is greater than one (1) acre (any fractional acreage within such lot shall incur a proportionate charge), the equivalent of one-half acre-feet of municipal use water right, per acre . . . \$500.00

c. For every lot regardless of size created by a re-plat that has been previously paid under subsection 1. or 2. above, the equivalent of one-half acre-feet of municipal use water right, per lot . . . \$500.00

(b) The Department is prohibited from accepting water rights or their use in payment of capital improvement contribution fees is prohibited.

(c) Funds collected for water availability shall be allocated to a "water availability fund" in the County's annual budget and shall be used to purchase water, groundwater, or water rights and/or finance studies and pilot programs which tend to diversify and augment the water supply.

The water availability fund shall at no time be depleted more than twenty (20) percent of the opening balance per budget year.

(10) Outside Zapata County Waterworks Service Area.

The rates for water outside the service area shall be one and one-half (1 ½) times the rates for water furnished within the service area.

(11) Rates for water used for mining or mineral recovery, inside and outside the service area.

The minimum monthly rates for water used for fire hydrant, mining or mineral recovery, whether supplied inside the service area or supplied outside the service area, shall be as follows:

TABLE INSET:

Meter Connection (inches)	Minimum Monthly Rate
1 ½	\$310.00
2	\$430.00
3	\$690.00
4	\$1,430.00
6	\$2,100.00

SECTION 5. CHANGES OR ADJUSTMENTS

Rates and charges are set by action of the Commissioners Court of the County of Zapata. Any changes or adjustments to rates are prohibited unless approved by the Commissioners Court of the County of Zapata, except in the event that there is a clear error in calculation or meter reading. In no event shall any such adjustment be made for error of calculation or meter reading which has occurred more than two (2) years prior to the date the matter is brought to the attention of the director of the water system or the County Judge.

SECTION 6. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.

A violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense punishable by a fine of \$ 500.00.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY

If any word or phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall remain in effect as if the unconstitutional or invalid portion had not been adopted.

SECTION 8. CONFLICTING LAW(S) REPEALED

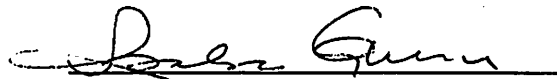
All ordinances, orders and resolutions, or parts of ordinances, orders or resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after its passage or adoption.

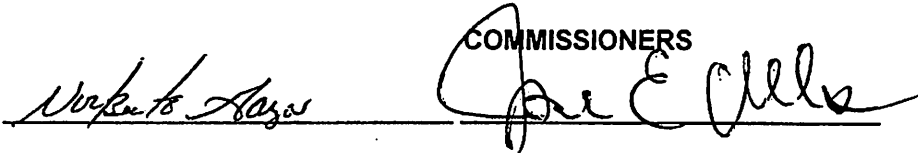
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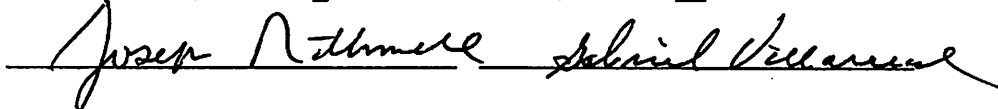


Rosalva Guerra, Judge of Zapata County

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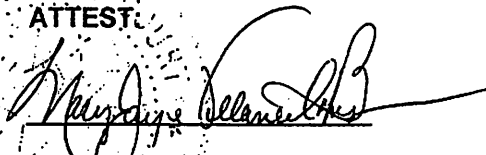
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