

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S PROHIBITIONS UPON
THE USE OF GROUNDWATER AS A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY
TO APPLY THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Rolling Meadows, as a home rule unit of local government as provided by Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, has the authority to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, certain properties within the City have been used over a period of time for commercial and industrial purposes; and

WHEREAS, because of said use, concentrations of certain chemical constituents in the groundwater beneath the City may exceed Class I groundwater quality standards for potable resource groundwater as set forth in 35 Illinois Administrative Code 620 or Tier 1 remediation objectives as set forth in 35 Illinois Administrative Code 742; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to limit potential threats to human health from groundwater contamination while facilitating the redevelopment and productive use of properties that are the source of said chemical constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Rolling Meadows City Council previously passed Ordinances 01-52, 12-11, 12-38, 13-15, and 13-22 to prohibit the use of groundwater as a potable water supply within various specific areas of the City as codified at Section 110-205 of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, as the City's municipal water utility is now generally available as a source of safe potable water throughout the City, the City now desires to amend Section 110-205 to prohibit groundwater use generally within the entire corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Rolling Meadows have therefore determined that will protect the public health and serve the best interest of the City and its residents to amend the Municipal Code as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Illinois:

Section 1: The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference as the findings of the Corporate Authorities.

Section 2: Article I, entitled "In General," of Chapter 110, entitled "Utilities," of the Rolling Meadows Municipal Code is hereby amended to create a new Section 110-1 as follows [additions are **bold and double-underlined**; deletions are ~~struck through~~]:

"Sec. 110-205. Installation of new wells for use of groundwater as a potable water supply prohibited.

(a) Except for such uses or methods in existence before the effective date of the respective ordinances from which this section is derived, the use or attempted use of groundwater as a potable water supply well within the corporate limits of the city is hereby prohibited, whether by installation or drilling of wells, ~~by use of existing wells as potable water supply wells,~~ or by any other method ~~is hereby prohibited,~~ expressly including points of withdrawal by the city, ~~within the area described in Exhibit A* and depicted in Exhibit B*, both of which are incorporated herein and made part hereof.~~ **This prohibition expressly includes and applies to the city.**

(b) *Penalties.* Any person violating the provision of this section shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 for each violation. **the general penalty provided in Appendix B, I. – General Penalty.**

(c) *Definitions.*

Person is any individual, partnership, co-partnership, firm, company, limited liability company, corporation, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, political subdivision, or any other legal entity, or their legal representatives, agents or assigns.

Potable water is any water used for human or domestic consumption, including, but not limited to, water used for drinking, bathing, swimming, washing dishes, or preparing foods."

Section 3: If any provision of this Ordinance or part thereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, and shall be interpreted, applied, and enforced so as to achieve, as near as may be, the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

Section 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois this 14th day of October, 2025.

AYES: Reyetz, Koehler, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien

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ABSENT: Vinezeano, Boucher



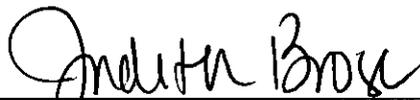
Lara Sanoica, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judith Brose, Deputy City Clerk

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