

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-2018**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 20-36 OF THE *CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ALAMOSA* PROHIBITING WASTING OF WATER**

**WHEREAS**, Alamosa, and the entire San Luis Valley, is situated in a high desert, where water resources are scarce; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Luis Valley has experienced a prolonged period of drought over the past twenty years; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 20-36 of the *Code of Ordinances of Alamosa, Colorado*, prohibits wasting water, but does not give any guidance as to what constitutes wasting of water; and

**WHEREAS**, Council deems it essential that the citizens of the City of Alamosa be encouraged to conserve water both through progressive water rates and through explicit prohibitions on wasting water;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of Alamosa as follows:

**Section 1.** Repeal and Replacement of Section 20-36. Section 20-36 of the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa* is repealed and replaced, to read in its entirety as follows:

**Sec. 20-36** Wasting of Water Prohibited. Water shall be used only for beneficial purposes and shall not be wasted. Prohibited water waste includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Applying more water than is reasonably necessary to establish and maintain a healthy landscape. Routine watering of turf shall be limited to three days per week, except for watering for up to 21 days to establish new turf from sod or seed; and except for syringing golf course greens when necessitated by weather conditions.
- b) Watering with spray irrigation between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. during the period from May 1 to October 1, except for the following uses:
  1. Watering for up to 21 days to establish turf from seed to sod.
  2. Watering new plant material such as flowers, trees and shrubs on the day of planting.
  3. Watering essential to preserve turf subject to heavy public use.

4. Operating an irrigation system for installation, repair or reasonable maintenance, so long as the system is attended throughout the period of operation.
- c) Watering landscaped areas during rain or high wind.
- d) Applying water intended for irrigation to an impervious surface, such as a street, parking lot, alley, sidewalk or driveway.
- e) Using water instead of a broom or mop to clean outdoor impervious surfaces such as sidewalks, driveways and patios, except when cleaning with water is necessary for public health or safety reasons or when other cleaning methods are impractical.
- f) Allowing water to pool or flow across the ground or into any drainage way, such as gutters, streets, alleys or storm drains.
- g) Failing to repair, for a period of more than ten business days after notice, leaking or damaged irrigation components, service lines or other plumbing fixtures.
- h) Washing vehicles with a hose that lacks an automatic shut-off valve.

**Section 2.** Severability: Should any section, clause, sentence, or part of this Ordinance be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect, impair or invalidate the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

**Section 3.** General Repealer. All other acts, orders, ordinances, resolutions, or portions thereof in conflict with the sections adopted in this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

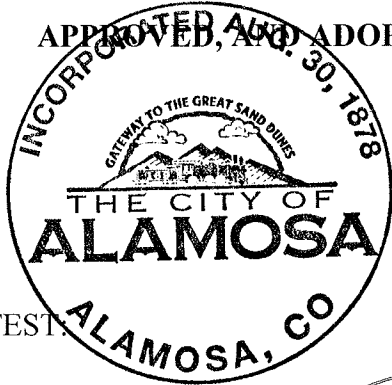
**Section 4.** Recording and Authentication. This ordinance, immediately upon its passage, shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk, recorded in the City book of Ordinances kept for that purposes, and published according to law.

**Section 5.** Publication and Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication following final passage. Publication both before and after final passage shall be by the title of this ordinance, which Council determines constitutes a sufficient summary of the ordinance, together with the statement that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk.

**Section 6.** Declaration of Public Interest. This ordinance is necessary to preserve the peace, health, safety, welfare, and to serve the best interest of the citizens of the City of Alamosa, Colorado.


**INTRODUCED, READ AND APPROVED** on first reading the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018, and ordered published by title and reference as provided by law with notice of a public hearing to be held for consideration of the adoption of said ordinance on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or on such subsequent date to which the public hearing or Council consideration may be continued.

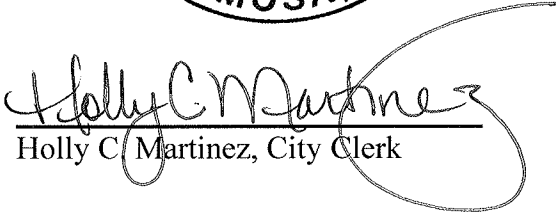
**APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** after public hearing the 6th day of June, 2018.



ATTEST:

CITY OF ALAMOSA

By   
Ty Coleman, Mayor

  
Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk