

**ORDINANCE NO. 016-19**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DE LEON, TEXAS, ADOPTING A DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN; ESTABLISHING CREITERIA FOR THE INITIATION AND TERMINATION OF DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES; ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN WATER USES; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF AND PROVISIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RESTRICTIONS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING VARIANCES; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFEVTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of De Leon, Texas recognizes that the amount of water available to the City and its water utility customers is limited and subject to depletion during periods of extended drought;

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that natural limitations due to drought conditions and other acts of God cannot guarantee an uninterrupted water supply for all purposes;

**WHEREAS**, Section 12.1272 of the Texas Water Code and applicable rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission require all public water supply systems in Texas to prepare a drought contingency plan; and

**WHEREAS**, as authorized under law, and in the best interest of the citizens of De Leon, Texas, the City Council deems it expedient and necessary to establish certain rules and policies for the orderly and efficient management of limited water supplies during drought and other water supply emergencies;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF DE LEON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.**

That the City of De Leon, Texas Drought Contingency Plan attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made part here of for all purposes be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the official policy of the City.

**SECTION 2.**

That all ordinances that conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, replaced and all other ordinances of the City not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3.**

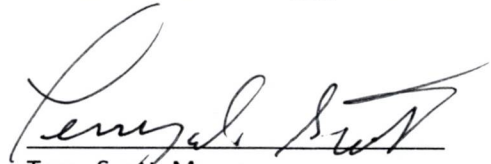
Should any paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional.

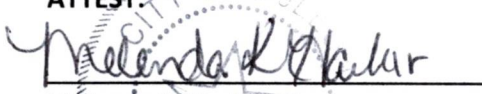
**SECTION 4.**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication of the caption, as the law in such cases provides.

**APPROVAL OF FIRST READING ON** April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THE SECOND READING ON THE** 13<sup>th</sup> **DAY OF**  
May 2019.

  
Terry Scott, Mayor

**ATTEST:**  
  
Melenda K. Harbour  
City Secretary

