

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, ADDING SECTIONS 10-701, 10-702, AND 10-703 TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN TO DEFINE GRAY WATER AND ALLOW FOR ITS USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFIC PROVISIONS WHILE PROVIDING A PENALTY SHOULD IT BE USED NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 1. That Section 10-701 of Chapter 10 of the Code of the City of Norman shall be added to read as follows:

Sec. 10-701 General Provisions.

- (a) Use of Gray Water Permitted. Private residential gray water may be discharged in accordance with the provisions herein.
- (b) Definition of Gray Water: untreated household wastewater that has not come in contact with toilet waste and includes wastewater from bathtubs, showers, washbasins, clothes washing machines and laundry tubs and untreated municipal wastewater limited to wastewater captured from municipal splash pads and water used by fire departments for cleaning equipment and vehicles. Gray water shall not include wastewater from kitchen sinks, kitchen dishwashers or laundry water from the washing of material soiled with human excreta, such as diapers.

§ 2. That Section 10-702 of Chapter 10 of the Code of the City of Norman shall be added to read as follows:

Sec. 10-702 Requirements.

A maximum of 250 gallons per day of private residential gray water originating from a residence may be discharged for the household gardening, composting or landscape irrigation of the resident if:

- (a) A constructed gray water distribution system provides for overflow into the sewer system or on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system;
- (b) A gray water storage tank is covered to restrict access and to eliminate habitat for mosquitoes or other vectors;
- (c) A gray water system is sited outside of a floodway;
- (d) Gray water is vertically separated at least five (5) feet above the groundwater table;
- (e) Gray water pressure piping is clearly identified as a nonpotable water conduit;

- (f) Gray water is used on the site at a location that does not allow for any runoff from the property;
- (g) Gray water is applied in a manner that minimizes the potential for contact with people or domestic pets;
- (h) Ponding is prohibited, application of gray water is managed to minimize standing water on the surface and to ensure that the hydraulic capacity of the soil is not exceeded;
- (i) Gray water is not sprayed;
- (j) Gray water is not discharged to a waterway; and
- (k) The system does not allow for rainwater to be introduced into the sewer system.

§ 3. That Section 10-703 of Chapter 10 of the Code of the City of Norman shall be added to read as follows:

Section 10-703 Penalty for Violation.

- (a) Any person convicted of violating the provisions pertaining to gray water discharge shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each violation or failure to comply.
- (b) Each day that a violation or failure to comply exists shall constitute a separate and distinct offense, and any one (1) or more of such offenses may be set out in any citation or complaint or information filed.

§ 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, except that the effective date provision shall not be severable from the operative provisions of the ordinance.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2012.

NOT ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Cindy Rosenthal, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Brenda Hall, City Clerk