

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN,  
OKLAHOMA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED  
RULEMAKING RELATED TO INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE FOR  
SURFACE WATER AUGMENTATION IN TITLES 252 AND 785 OF  
THE OKLAHOMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Norman has long valued water conservation and has undertaken a number of efforts to conserve and protect water in Norman, including, but not limited to, adoption of a Conservation/Drought Mitigation Plan, fertilizer restrictions, ordinances allowing for the limited reuse of gray water, and implementation of an inverted rate structure and summer surcharge to reduce water use during peak times; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, in 2010, representatives from Norman and other Oklahoma municipalities expressed interest to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (“ODEQ”) and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (“OWRB”) in using reclaimed water as a way to help conserve water due to the extreme droughts Oklahoma has historically experienced; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the Water for 2060 Act was adopted by the Oklahoma Legislature in 2012 establishing water conservation and reuse as a statewide priority by setting the statewide goal of consuming no more fresh water in 2060 than was consumed in 2010; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, a working group that includes representatives from various municipalities, including Norman, staff members from the ODEQ, technical experts from engineering firms, and members of the general public was formed to study indirect water reuse and develop recommendations regarding implementation of reuse standards in Oklahoma; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the efforts of the working group resulted in water reuse standards being adopted in July 1, 2012, that established specific categories of reclaimed wastewater and standards to be applied to each category; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, since 2012, interested stakeholders have been working towards the development of standards for indirect potable reuse for surface water augmentation; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, in 2014, the City adopted its Strategic Water Supply Plan which evaluated a host of alternatives for Norman’s long term water supply and determined that Lake Thunderbird augmentation using reclaimed water was the most viable option presented to provide sustainable long term water supply; and



§ 8. WHEREAS, the efforts of the stakeholders and others within ODEQ and OWRB have resulted in proposed rulemaking that would allow and regulate indirect potable reuse for surface water augmentation.

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

§ 9. That the proposed rules for indirect potable reuse for surface water augmentation are a necessary step to ensure the stated goal of the Water for 2060 Act as set forth in Section 3 is met.

§ 10. That, the proposed rules for indirect potable reuse for surface water augmentation are the result of a collaborative effort of ODEQ, OWRB, municipalities and technical experts and should be adopted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk