



VILLAGE OF CORRALES

ORDINANCE NO. 13-011

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF WATER APPLIED TO LAWNS AND LANDSCAPING IN THE VILLAGE OF CORRALES; LIMITING THE HOURS FOR AERIAL SPRINKLING OF LAWNS AND LANDSCAPING.

WHEREAS, the Village of Corrales (the “Village”) and the State of New Mexico are in a period of extended drought, and the drought conditions are presently extreme or exceptional; and

WHEREAS, low levels of precipitation and drought conditions are likely to continue indefinitely into the future; and

WHEREAS, the population of the Village relies almost entirely on ground water from domestic wells for drinking, household and other uses; and

WHEREAS, water waste and inefficient use of water derived from wells may have a negative impact on the water level of domestic and other wells in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the aerial sprinkling of lawns and landscaping is not efficient during the heat of the day due to greater evaporative loss; and

WHEREAS, excessive watering of lawns and landscaping when not needed for plant growth is not an efficient use of water at any time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Village of Corrales that:

1. Aerial sprinkling of lawns and landscaping is prohibited between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily.
2. This ordinance shall be review^{ed} in one (1) year.
3. This ordinance shall not be construed to limit flood irrigation from the irrigation canals and laterals operated, maintained, controlled and regulated by the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District.
4. For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

“Aerial sprinkling” means the distribution of water onto land through the atmosphere from a fixed mechanical or spray device, and includes but is not limited to the use of fixed lawn sprinkler heads, and fixed rotating sprinklers, but does not include hand-held or portable sprinkling devices.


SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: Should any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. The Governing Body of the Village of Corrales hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, words or phrases being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

COMPILING CLAUSE: This Ordinance shall be incorporated in and compiled as a part of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Corrales.


EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION: This Ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect from and after its passage, publication and posting, according to law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the Village of Corrales, New Mexico, this 13th day of August, 2013.

APPROVED:


The Honorable Philip Gasteyer
Mayor, Village of Corrales

ATTEST:


Juan Reyes
Village Clerk