

ORDINANCE NO. 00- 04

**AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS; REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Fort Gaines, Georgia, depend upon the availability and affordability of water; and

**WHEREAS**, during drought conditions it is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Fort Gaines to limit water usage; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the drought an emergency is declared requiring restrictions of water use for outside purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, under the authority given to the Director of the Department of Environmental Protection of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, a statewide ban has been imposed upon the use of water for outdoor purposes at certain times throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Gaines is obligated to enforce the rules promulgated by the Environmental Protection Division regarding water use;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Fort Gaines, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, as follows:

**Section 1.** Residential, commercial, and industrial outside water use shall be prohibited from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

**Section 2.** Residential, commercial, and industrial water users having an even number street address may use water for outdoor purposes on even-numbered calendar days except during the hours of 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**Section 3.** Residential, commercial, and industrial water users having an odd number street address may use water for outdoor purposes on odd-numbered calendar days except during the hours of 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**Section 4.** This restriction shall include all residential, commercial, government, institutional, outdoor irrigation and other non-essential water use. Water use that is essential in the daily conduct of business is not included.

**Section 5.** Penalties for violations of this ordinance shall be as follows:

(a) Any resident found to be violating the provisions of this ordinance for the first time shall be served written notice stating the nature of the violation and shall be issued a warning ticket for the violation.

(b) Upon a second violation by the resident, water service shall be terminated and a fine of \$~~250~~<sup>150</sup> shall be imposed.

(c) Upon a third violation and all subsequent violations, water service shall be terminated and a ~~\$200~~<sup>150</sup> fine imposed, together with the current tap-on water fee.

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective immediately and shall continue until the statewide ban is lifted by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

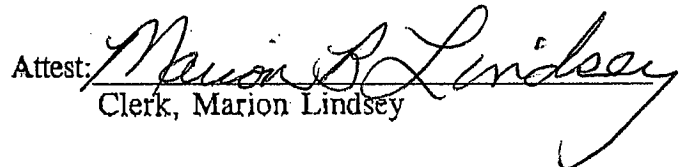
Section 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

SO ORDAINED, this 11 day of July, 2000.

CITY OF FORT GAINES

By:   
Mayor, David Wetherby

(SEAL)

Attest:   
Clerk, Marion Lindsey