

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-04
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRIMONT AMENDING CHAPTER 3,
MUNICIPAL SEWAGE SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF TRIMONT CODE TO CHANGE
THE TITLE OF CHAPTER 3 TO MUNICIPAL SEWAGE SYSTEM AND WATER
SYSTEM AND TO ADD SECTION 3.03 PROHIBITING PRIVATE WELLS FOR
DOMESTIC USE ON PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY SERVED BY THE TRIMONT
PUBLIC UTILITIES WATER SYSTEM.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Trimont deems it necessary to prohibit the use of private wells for domestic use on properties served by the City water system in order to protect the integrity of the Trimont water system and to insure adequate clean water supplies to meet health, safety, and welfare needs of the City and its residents.

The City Council of the City of Trimont hereby ordains:

Section 1. Chapter 3.03 of the Trimont City Code shall be amended to change its title to Municipal Sewage System and Water System and to add Section 3.03 as follows:

Section 3.03 Private Wells – Limitations.

Subd. 1. Definitions:

1. **Domestic use** means water used for drinking or potable water, nonpotable water or irrigation purposes, but shall not include water from wells drilled for such purposes as dewatering, ground-water monitoring, heating or cooling, elevator borings or environmental bore holes.
2. **Irrigate** means to land apply water by any artificial means, including, but not limited to the diversion of surface waters, the pumping of ground water from wells, etc.
3. **Private Wells for Domestic Use** means any well not owned by City of Trimont which is drilled for potable water, nonpotable water or irrigation purposes including sand point or drive point wells. “Private Wells for Domestic Use” shall not include wells drilled for such purposes as dewatering, groundwater monitoring, heating or cooling, elevator borings or environmental bore holes.
4. **Sand point or drive point well** means a well created by driving or pounding a casing into the ground until an aquifer is encountered.

Subd. 2. Private Wells for Domestic Use.

The drilling of new private wells for domestic use on any property to which City Water Service is available within 500 feet is prohibited.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and summary publication which shall read as follows:

Ordinance No. 2013- 04 amends the Trimont City Code of Ordinances by adding a section that generally prohibits the drilling of private wells within the City of Trimont except in certain circumstances.

A copy of the full ordinance is available for review at City Hall

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Trimont this 25th day of February, 2013.

Thomas Eckmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Flohrs, City Clerk

Introduced: January 28, 2013

Adopted: February 25, 2013

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