ORDINANCE No. 14-012

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF MARLIN WATER CONSERVATION PLAN AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN DATED MAY 2014. REGULATORY COMPLIANCE ISSUES AND THE NEED FOR A UPDATED CONSERVATION PLAN TO PROTECT THE CITY'S WATER RESOURCES CREATES THE EMERGENT NEED FOR THE IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE WITHOUT TWO (2) READINGS, AND THE VOTE ADOPTING THIS ORDINANCE IS A VOTE TO DECLARE SUCH EMERGENT NEED AND ALSO TO ADOPT THIS ORDINANCE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF A FURTHER READING.

- WHEREAS, the City of Marlin Texas has formulated an amended Water Conservation Plan; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Marlin has amended its Drought Contingency Plan; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Marlin believes that it is the best interest of the citizens of Marlin to conserve its water supply, and
- WHEREAS, the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan is required to be reviewed and updated every five years to include specific quantified five-year and ten-year targets for water savings to include goals for reduction of water loss.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARLIN TEXAS:

- **SECTION 1:** That the City Council hereby adopts the amended Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan attached hereto.
- SECTION 2. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.
- **SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and publication in accordance with laws of the State of Texas and the Charter of the City of Marlin.
- SECTION 4. The fact that the present ordinances and regulations of the City of Marlin, Texas, are inadequate to properly safeguard the health, safety, morals, peace and general welfare of the public creates an emergency which requires that this ordinance become effective from and after the date of its passage and publication, and it is accordingly so ordained.
- **SECTION 5.** The City Secretary is hereby directed to publish the caption of this Ordinance at least one time in the official City newspaper.

SECTION 6. It is found and declared that the City Council meeting at which this Ordinance has been adopted was open to the public and was noticed and held in accordance with Chapter 551 of the government code.

PASSED this 13th day of May, 2014 by a vote of <u>b</u> AYES to <u>NAYS</u> with <u>Absentions.</u>

Clyabeth Helson, Mayor

Sandra Herring, City Secretary