

CITY OF MONTROSE  
WRIGHT COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO THE  
USE OF PRIVATE WELLS.

Section 32.10 of the Montrose City Code is hereby amended as follows:

32.10. PRIVATE WELLS & WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS PROHIBITED.

A) For the purpose of this section, the following definition shall apply unless context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

- 1) Private Water Supply System. A system owned and operated by a person for collection and delivery of piped water into commercial, industrial or residential buildings or structures.

B) No water pipe of the municipal water supply shall be connected with any pump, well, pipe, tank or any device that is connected with any other source of water supply and when such are found, the Public Works Director or City Engineer shall notify the owner or occupant to disconnect the same and, if not done immediately, the water supply shall be turned off.

C) The City of Montrose is required to comply with the State mandated wellhead protection program. The City must protect the aquifer from contamination from private as well as public sources within its jurisdiction. The City must also protect the public water system from contaminating cross-connections made from private wells. These connections are very hard to regulate. For that reason, the City of Montrose prohibits private water wells or any private water supply system where City water is available. Any property that contains a private water well or private water supply system must discontinue use of the well or system and connect to City water within 1 year of City water becoming available.

D) A licensed well contractor must properly seal any existing private well at the owner's expense that is within City Limits.

E) The City Council may allow the use of an existing private well if the following conditions exist;

- 1) the well is located on property within the Urban Reserve Zoning District; and,
- 2) the well is being utilized for agricultural purposes only.


Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Motion by Otto, seconded by Krotzer to adopt the above Ordinance 2013-07 and the members voted as follows:

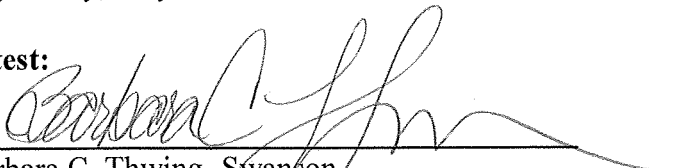
In Favor: Henry, Krotzer, Kuehl, Johnson, Otto  
Opposed: NONE  
Abstained: NONE  
Absent: NONE

ADOPTED by the Montrose City Council this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

**CITY OF MONTROSE**

  
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Roy Henry, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Barbara C. Thwing-Swanson  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer