

**CITY OF PRINCETON, MINNESOTA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 695**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON AMENDING CHAPTER 940 OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD NEW SECTION 940.01 PROHIBITING PRIVATE WELLS FOR DOMESTIC USE ON PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY SERVED BY THE PRINCETON PUBLIC UTILITIES WATER SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS** The City Council of the City of Princeton 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 Princeton Public Utilities (PUC) Water system and ensure adequate clean water supplies to meet the health, safety and welfare needs of the City and its residents,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Princeton does hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION I.** Chapter 940 of the Princeton City Code of Ordinances shall be amended to add a new Section 940.01 as follows:

**940.01 Private Wells – Limitations**

**(A) 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, groundwater 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 Princeton Public Utilities (PUC) 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..

**(B) Private Wells for Domestic Use**

- (1) Proximity to PUC Water Utility Service Lines.** The drilling of new private wells for domestic use on any property to which PUC Water Utility Service is available within 500 feet is prohibited.
- (2) Use of Existing Wells for Irrigation.** Wells already existing on the date this ordinance was passed may continue to be used for irrigation purposes only pursuant to the PUC's policy regarding such use.


**SECTION 2. Effective Date.**

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

*Ordinance #695 amends the Princeton Code of Ordinances by adding a section that generally prohibits the drilling of private wells within the City of Princeton 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 Princeton this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2013.

  
Paul Whitcomb, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Shawna Jenkins, City Clerk