

Resolution No. 229

A Resolution to Encourage Water Conservation and to
Notify Owners of Temporary Moratorium on Extension of Water Services

Whereas the Town of Stevensville for several years now has engaged in a comprehensive water study both as to new developments and overall growth of the town; and

Whereas the growth accompanied by the increased demands on the water system by increased consumer use and the aging of the system have been factors in the demands on the system and in the complexity of the water study; and

Whereas the water study now has revealed a combination of increased demands, needs to update the overall system and some deterioration as a result of aging; and

Whereas the water study also reveals a need to significantly increase the rates charged customers for water use to sustain both the financial needs of the present water system and expansion of the system; and

Whereas the Town has found in the water study a problem in Water Well No. 1 which is a significant component in the water supply and delivery system; and

Whereas the present demands, accompanied by the future need to service property presently annexed, creates a situation wherein the Town of Stevensville cannot commit to serve areas additional to the present users and the annexed properties which may go "on line" in the future; and

Whereas the Town has an obligation to extend water to the Middle Burnt Fork Subdivision once the infrastructure is completed and to extend water service to the remaining phases of the Creekside Meadows subdivisions once altered plans are completely submitted, approved with infrastructure completed; and

Whereas the Town must study further the condition and needs of Water Well No. 1 to determine why the well is not producing to anticipated capacity and what remedy is required; and

Whereas the Town cannot further reduce the delivery capability of Water Well no. 1 until the end of the summer demand season; and

Whereas the Town must shut down Water Well No. 1 to fully understand the needs of the well and the steps required to increase the production of the well pending further

expansion of the water system;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town encourages all its residents to conscientiously practice water conservation measures such as strict adherence to lawn watering conservation, reduced waste of water within the home, and increased attention to reducing unnecessary water use; and

2. The Town advises all owners and developers that the Town cannot at this time extend water services beyond the commitments to the newly annexed properties which have been approved in the subdivision review process for water delivery and to those annexed properties pending review and approval; and

3. This Resolution is not intended, nor does it, preclude the rights of citizens to petition the Town for Annexation and Subdivision Review; however, at this time and until the completed study of Water Well No. 1 in the fall of 2006, the Town does not have the capability to extend water services beyond present users and the properties presently annexed; and

4. By this Resolution the Town Council directs the engineer contracted to complete the study to coordinate with the Town's Water and Sewer supervisor to determine the appropriate date to shut down Water Well No. 1 and complete study on the needs, capacity and improvement of Water Well No. 1; and

*revisit upon completion +
to be held at this date - EVERY 120 DAYS.*

5. The Town Clerk, upon passage of this Resolution, shall send a press release to the newspapers of general circulation in Ravalli County and Missoula County advising of the passage of this resolution.

Passed by a vote of _____ for and _____ against on the _____ day of ~~August~~ *September*, 2006.

Mayor

Town Clerk's Attestation

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