

**Date:**

11/2/22

Applicant:

Mapleton City

Location:

N/A

Prepared By:

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Public Hearing:

Yes

Attachments:

1. Draft ordinance.

REQUEST

Consideration of an ordinance amending Mapleton City Code (MCC) section 13.30.070 regarding the use of pressurized irrigation on agricultural property.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

MCC Section 13.30.070 states that use of pressurized irrigation water is for landscaping only and is not for agricultural use. When the pressurized irrigation system was first developed and this code was adopted, there many many more open fields that could have used pressurized irrigation then there are today. Presumably, the ordinance was intended to ensure sufficient water in the system for landscaping.

Staff is now proposing to eliminate the restriction on the use of pressurized irrigation on agricultural property for the following reasons:

- The City is looking at options for farming the 12 acre open space parcel it acquired on 800 North and 800 West with the Withing Farms subdivision and allowing the use of pressurized irrigation at this location may offer better options for its use and maintenance.
- When land is developed, property owns are required to dedicate water to the City. If an owner wants to use their water for agricultural uses rather than landscaping, the City is not opposed to that.
- In most cases it will not be economically feasible to use pressurized irrigation on large agricultural parcels for agricultural use as it would be significantly more expensive than irrigation water through the Mapleton Irrigation Company. Therefore, it is not anticipated that the proposed change will significantly impact how pressurized irrigation water is currently being used.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MAPLETON CITY CODE (MCC) SECTION 13.30.070
REGARDING THE USE OF PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION ON AGRICULTURAL
PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, MCC Title 13 contains provisions regarding the use of
pressurized irrigation in the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision would allow pressurized irrigation to be
used on agricultural properties; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Mapleton,
Utah, to adopt the proposed amendments as described in Exhibit "A".

PASSED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MAPLETON, UTAH,

This 2nd Day of November, 2022.

Dallas Hakes
Mayor

ATTEST:

Camille Brown
City Recorder
Publication Date:
Effective Date:

Exhibit "A"
Changes shown in strikeout and underline

13.30.070: PROHIBITIONS:

~~A. Use of pressurized irrigation water shall be limited to providing water to the landscaping only and not for commercial production or agricultural use.~~

A. B. It shall be unlawful for any person, after the pressurized irrigation has been turned off from the premises for either nonpayment of utility charges as provided for herein or for a violation of the rules and regulations pertaining to the Mapleton City water, sewer, and pressurized irrigation systems, to turn on or allow the water to be turned on or used without authorization from the Mapleton City water superintendent.

B. C. It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy, deface, injure, or interfere with the operation of any part, pipe, fixture, appliance, or appurtenance of the pressurized irrigation system.

C. D. It shall be unlawful for any person to place or introduce into the pressurized irrigation system or any source of water supplying the system any matter, substance, chemical, or compound without authorization from the Mapleton City water superintendent.

D. E. It shall be unlawful for any person to connect any part of the pressurized irrigation system to any part of any culinary water system to create a potential cross connection whereby irrigation water could be introduced to any system that provides culinary water.

E. F. It shall be unlawful for any person to use substantial quantities of water from the pressurized irrigation system for the purpose of flood irrigating any property. Except for incidental watering of shrubs, flowers, trees, and other limited use applications, water from the pressurized irrigation system used for irrigation of lawns, gardens, and other irrigation applications must be applied through either a sprinkler or drip irrigation system, including sprinklers attached to garden hoses.