

AN ORDINANCE 2014 - 01 - 30 - 0065

SURRENDERING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S ORIGINAL EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OVER THE RATES, OPERATIONS, AND SERVICES OF PRIVATELY OWNED WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13.042 of the Texas Water Code, the San Antonio City Council has exclusive original jurisdiction over rates, operations, and services of privately owned water and wastewater utilities providing service within the City limits, but may elect to surrender such jurisdiction to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2013, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 2013-09-12-0639 surrendering to the TCEQ the City's exclusive original jurisdiction over the rates, operations, and services of Leon Springs Utility Company ("Leon Springs"), a privately owned wastewater utility serving the Dominion development; and

WHEREAS, prior to accepting exclusive jurisdiction over the rates, operations, and services of Leon Springs, the TCEQ has requested that the City pass an ordinance that surrenders original exclusive jurisdiction over all privately owned water and wastewater utilities in the City; and

WHEREAS, according to TCEQ records, there are five small private water utilities in San Antonio serving a total of 1,102 customers, and three wastewater utilities serving a total of 970 customers; and

WHEREAS, the City has sent advance notice to the affected private utilities of this pending ordinance (Exhibit A contains the notice letters); **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 13.042 of the Texas Water Code, the City of San Antonio surrenders its exclusive original jurisdiction to the TCEQ over privately owned water and wastewater utilities. This Ordinance is not intended to surrender the City's original exclusive jurisdiction over City owned utilities.

SECTION 2. Consistent with Section 13.042(c) of the Texas Water Code, the City reserves the right to reinstate its exclusive original jurisdiction over privately owned water and wastewater utilities at a future date should the San Antonio City Council choose to exercise such jurisdiction for any reason.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the unanimous vote of the City Council or within ten days following approval by majority vote.

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01/30/14
Item No. 26

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 30th day of January 2014.

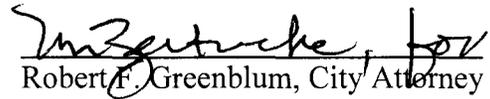

M A Y O R
Julián Castro

ATTEST:



Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Robert F. Greenblum, City Attorney

Agenda Item:	26 (in consent vote: 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 27A, 27B)
Date:	01/30/2014
Time:	11:49:00 AM
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve
Description:	An Ordinance authorizing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over the Leon Springs Utility Company's rates, operations, and services within the City of San Antonio. [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Director, Finance]
Result:	Passed

Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Julián Castro	Mayor		x				
Diego Bernal	District 1		x				
Ivy R. Taylor	District 2		x				
Rebecca Viagran	District 3		x				
Rey Saldaña	District 4		x				
Shirley Gonzales	District 5		x				
Ray Lopez	District 6		x				
Cris Medina	District 7		x				
Ron Nirenberg	District 8		x				x
Joe Krier	District 9		x			x	
Michael Gallagher	District 10		x				

EXHIBIT A

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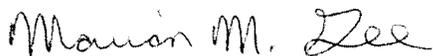
January 21, 2014

Cadillac Water Corporation
15285 Cadillac Drive
San Antonio, TX 78248

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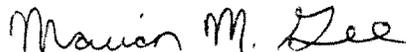
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Forest Glen Utility Company
15303 Huebner Road, Suite 15
San Antonio, TX 78248

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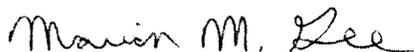
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South Central Water Company
P.O. Box 570177
Houston, TX 77257

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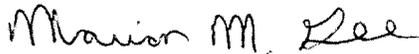
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Joseph Krier
Cadillac Water Corporation
14203 Fairway Basin
San Antonio, TX 78217

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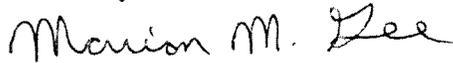
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Louis L. Voelcker
Enchanted Oaks
2912 Enchanted Gln
Boerne, TX 78015

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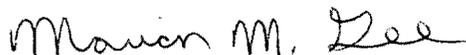
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Christopher Hill
Gallagher Utility Joint Ventures
5111 Broadway Street
San Antonio, TX 78209

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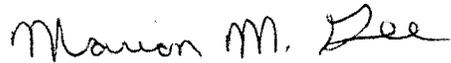
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Bill Willeford
Nico Tyme Water Co-Op
4851 Hardy Road
Elmendorf, TX 78112

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Water Service Inc.
12535 Reed Road
Sugar Land, TX 77478

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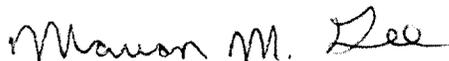
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Larry Slayter
Leon Springs Utility Company
14855 Blanco Road, Suite 305
San Antonio, TX 78216

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