

RESOLUTION 93-144
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
ADOPTING A DRINKING WATER QUALITY POLICY
FOR THE CITY

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously adopted an Environmental Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan calls for the creation of a formal policy regarding City standards for drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Fort Collins want and expect high quality drinking water; and

WHEREAS, a Water Board/City Council committee established by the Council has drafted a drinking water quality policy; and

WHEREAS, the draft drinking water quality policy has been reviewed by the City's Water Board, Natural Resources Advisory Board, and Planning and Zoning Board, and recommended by each for adoption by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Fort Collins-Loveland Water District, East Larimer County Water District and the North Weld County Water District have also reviewed the draft policy and are supportive of its adoption by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the Council hereby establishes and adopts the following drinking water quality policy for the City of Fort Collins:

Preamble: The people of Fort Collins established the City's water system to assure the effective delivery of services vital to the health and well being of the community.

Goals: The City will provide water services that meet or exceed customer expectations for quality, quantity and reliability. The City will protect and maintain high water quality in the development of all codes, policies, plans and specifications related to the acquisition, production and delivery of water services to its customers. The City's water supply, treatment, storage, delivery and laboratory facilities will be planned, designed, constructed, maintained, staffed and operated to assure safe, reliable and cost-effective service to the residents of Fort Collins and all those served by the City's water utility. The City will achieve these goals through:

- Effective Management
- Pro-active Monitoring and Testing
- Protecting, Developing, and Preserving Water Resources
- Advancing Treatment Technology and Operations
- Operating and Maintaining the Water Distribution System
- Assuring the Quality of Water Service

- Coordinating Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment Management
- Cooperating with Other Water Providers and Users
- Annual Reporting

Effective Management: The City will regularly collect information to understand its customers' valid requirements, realize their expectations, and to evaluate customer satisfaction regarding the quality of water services. The City will use the knowledge and experience of its personnel in decision making processes for the planning, capital improvement, and operation and maintenance of water treatment and distribution systems.

Pro-active Monitoring and Testing: Timely and accurate information regarding the safety and quality of our community's drinking water is critical for future planning as well as to safeguard the health and well being of the people. The City will provide water quality monitoring, testing and information services to protect the drinking water and wastewater treatment systems, to respond to customer concerns and requirements related to water quality, to meet current operational needs, to anticipate planning and design needs, and to meet or exceed the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and its amendments.

Protecting, Developing, and Preserving Water Resources: The City will protect raw water sources from contamination or any other activities that would diminish the quality of water provided to customers, or that would result in increased treatment costs. The acquisition and development of future water supplies and the improvement of existing water supplies will be consistent with the goals of the City's water quality policy.

Advancing Treatment Technology and Operations: The City will develop and adhere to water quality standards, treatment practices and procedures that provide the highest level of health protection that can be realistically achieved. The City will actively pursue opportunities for process and system improvements that protect and enhance the quality and reliability of water service and water quality, while reducing long term costs to its customers.

Operating and Maintaining the Water Distribution System: The water distribution system will be planned, designed, constructed, operated and maintained to protect water quality, to safeguard the long term health of the community, to protect present and future customers from excessive financial burden, and to provide continuous supply and sufficient pressure to meet fire protection requirements while maintaining service to individual customers.

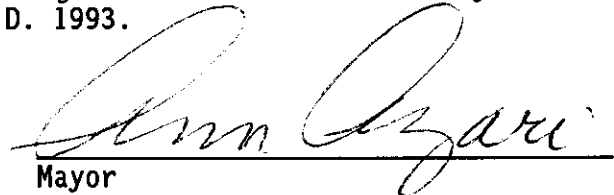
Assuring the Quality of Water Service: The City will ensure that water system materials, components, processes and operations are sufficiently safe and dependable to avoid foreseeable situations that might jeopardize water quality, and will respond quickly and effectively to unforeseen problems. The City will take reasonable and prudent measures to protect against the accidental or willful contamination of the water or destruction of any part of the water system.

Coordinating Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment Management: The City will optimize drinking water systems and processes in order to reduce negative impacts on wastewater treatment systems and processes, and thus promote the efficiency and environmental protection provided by both systems.

Cooperating with Other Water Providers and Users: The City will pursue cooperative efforts with other water providers and users that are consistent with these water quality policies, enhance water quality in the basin, and produce desirable long term benefits for the community.

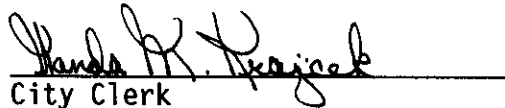
Annual Reporting: The Water and Wastewater Utility Director will provide the City Manager, Water Board and City Council with an annual water quality report for the purpose of providing an update on the goals and strategies included in the City's water quality policy.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins held this 5th day of October, A.D. 1993.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk