ORDINANCE NO. 86-32

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST AMENDING THE RIDGECREST MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT RELATES TO DOMESTIC WATER SERVICE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST as follows:

Section 1. Section 12-1 of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

"Section 12-1 Water Wells and Water Supply Systems"

Section 2. Section 12-1.1 of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

"12-1.1 Purpose and Scope

The provisions of this Chapter are adopted to preserve, protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of the public with respect to water supply."

Section 3. Section 12-1.2 of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

"12-1.2 Definitions

Unless otherwise apparent from context, the following terms are defined for the purposes of this Chapter:

(a) 'Domestic service' refers to water which is delivered to be used primarily for human consumption and sanitation.

(b) 'Municipal and industrial service' refers to water which is delivered to be used primarily for commercial and manufacturing purposes.

(c) 'Agricultural service' refers to water which is delivered to be used primarily for irrigation purposes.

(d) 'Public water purveyor' refers to a public agency or regulated public utility which delivers water to others."

Section 4. Section 12-1.3 is hereby added to the Ridgecrest Municipal Code to read as follows:

"12-1-3 Water Well Permit Required.

No person, other than a public water purveyor, shall dig, drill, bore or drive a water well without first applying for and securing a permit from the City."

Section 5. Section 12-1.4 is hereby added to the Ridgecrest Municipal Code to read as follows:

"12-1.4 Application

Each application for a water well permit shall include:

(a) Evidence that a well site plan has been approved by the Kern County Health Officer and Planning Commission.

(b) Evidence that the water well will be constructed by a person holding a valid water well drillers contractors license.

(c) Evidence that the water well will be constructed in accordance with standards from time to time established by the City Engineer.

(d) Such further information as the City Engineer shall from time to time require."

Section 6. Section 12-1.5 is hereby added to the Ridgecrest Municipal Code to read as follows:

"12-1.5 Review of Application

The City Engineer shall issue a water well permit when the completed application has been filed with the necessary fees."

Section 7. Section 12-1.6 is hereby added to the Ridgecrest Municipal Code to read as follows:

"12-1.6 Expiration of Water Well Permit

Each water well permit shall expire on the 90th day after issuance if work has not been started and reasonable progress towards completion has not been maintained. The City Engineer may extend the expiration date of the permit."

Section 8. Section 12-1.7 is hereby added to the Ridgecrest Municipal Code to read as follows:

"12-1.7 Water Distribution

Water purveyors shall comply with all applicable state and federal lows and regulations governing the production, storage, transmission and sale of water. Water purveyors shall also comply with the provisions of Chapter 17 (Uniform Fire Code) respecting the location and construction of fire hydrants and other fire protection devices."

Section 9. Section 12-1.8 is hereby added to the Ridgecrest Municipal Code to read as follows:

"12-1.8 Use of City Right of Way

A water purveyor may install, operate and maintain water pipelines and underground appurtenances within city owned rights of way provided an encroachment permit is obtained from the City in accordance with Section 14-2."

Section 10. Section 12-1.9 is hereby added to the Ridgecrest Municipal Code to read as follows:

"12-1.9 New Water Systems

Under other parts of this Code, the City requires the proponent of land divisions or other developments to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the City that adequate arrangements have been made to secure the necessary and appropriate water supply. Except as provided hereinabove with respect to facilities for fire protection, the design and construction of such water facilities shall be the responsibility of the water purveyor."

Section 11. Sections 12-2 (including subsections 12-2.1 through and including 12-2.19) 12-3 (including subsections 12-3.1 through and including 12-3.14), and 12-4 (including subsections 12-4.1 through and including 12-4.11) of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code are hereby repealed.

Section 12. Except as provide herein the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is hereby reaffirmed and readopted.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of September 1986, by the following vote:

AYES Mayor Mower, Councilmember Pearson, Bergens, Corlett and Wiknich.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Michael R. Mower

Michael R. Mower, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce M. Taft, City Clerk