

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 114 OF THE MANSFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, “GAS WELL DRILLING AND PRODUCTION,” PERTAINING TO DEFINITIONS, REQUIREMENTS FOR SEISMIC SURVEYS, SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GAS WELL PERMITS, EXPIRATION OF GAS WELL PERMITS, HOURS OF OPERATION, NOTIFICATION, REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN REPORTS, VARIANCES, AND OTHER DRILLING, OPERATION, AND PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Mansfield, Texas (“City”) is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the regulation of the development of gas and other hydrocarbon substances within and under the City is necessary in order to protect the surface property rights, to protect the owners of mineral rights and to provide for the orderly exploration, development, and production of gas and hydrocarbons; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2008, the City Council adopted Ordinance Number 1704-08, regulating gas drilling within the city limits of Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it advisable to amend the current regulations for the drilling, production and re-drilling of gas so that these activities may be conducted in a manner that protects the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Mansfield, conforms with established codes and regulations while minimizing the potential impact of surface property and mineral rights owners; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and declares that the regulations contained herein are in the best interest of the public health, safety and general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

That Chapter 114 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Mansfield, Texas is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as shown in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes:

SECTION 2.

That all ordinances of the City in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed and all other ordinances of the City not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.

Should any paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Zoning Ordinance as a whole.

SECTION 4.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or the Zoning Ordinance, as amended hereby, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction in the Municipal Court of the City of Mansfield, Texas, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense, and each and every day any such violation shall continue shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage on third and final reading and the publication of the caption, as the law and charter in such cases provide.

First reading approved on the _____ day of _____, 2015.

Second reading approved on the _____ day of _____, 2015.

DULY PASSED on the third and final reading by the City Council of the City of Mansfield, Texas, this _____ day of _____, 2015.

David L. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki Collins, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Allen Taylor, City Attorney