

ORDINANCE NO. 25-_____

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW ARTICLE 15 (PROHIBITION AGAINST USE OF GRAYWATER WITHIN THE CITY) OF CHAPTER 6 (NEIGHBORHOOD VITALITY/COMMUNITY HEALTH) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS 2001, AS AMENDED, PROHIBITING THE USE OF GRAYWATER WITHIN THE CITY

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. Article 15 (Prohibition Against Use of Graywater Within the City) of Chapter 6 (Neighborhood Vitality/Community Health) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is created to read as follows:

6.15.101: PURPOSE:

Pursuant to C.R.S. 25-8-205.4, effective January 1, 2026, the collection, treatment, and use of graywater is authorized within the boundaries of a municipality, except where prohibited by the governing body of a municipality. City Council has determined that for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Colorado Springs, the use of graywater and the installation of graywater treatment works should be prohibited within the City of Colorado Springs.

6.15.102: DEFINITIONS:

GRAYWATER: That portion of wastewater that, before being treated or combined with other wastewater, is collected from fixtures within residential, commercial, or industrial buildings or institutional facilities for the purpose of being put to beneficial uses. Sources of graywater are limited to discharges from bathroom and laundry room sinks, bathtubs, showers, and laundry machines. Graywater does not include the wastewater from toilets, urinals, kitchen sinks, dishwashers, or nonlaundry utility sinks.

GRAYWATER TREATMENT WORKS: Devices and structures used to: (a) collect graywater from within a building or a facility; and (b) treat, neutralize, or stabilize graywater within the same building or facility to the level necessary for its authorized uses.

WASTEWATER: As defined in section 12.5.201 of chapter 12.

6.15.103: PROHIBITION ON USE:

The use of graywater and the installation of graywater treatment works are both prohibited within the boundaries of the City of Colorado Springs, as those boundaries now exist and as they may be modified in the future.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall send notice of this Ordinance to the Division of Administration, Department of Public Health and Environment, pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-15-601(1)(m)(l)(B).

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final adoption and publication as provided by Charter.

Section 4. Council deems it appropriate that this Ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this Ordinance be available for inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading and ordered published this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Finally passed: _____

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

Mayor's Action:

- ☐ Approved on _____.
- ☐ Disapproved on _____, based on the following objections:

Blessing A. Mobolade, Mayor

Council Action After Disapproval:

- ☐ Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.
- ☐ Finally adopted on a vote of _____, on _____.
- ☐ Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk