

**A BILL FOR  
ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES OF 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAÑON CITY AMENDING SECTIONS  
13.04.050 AND 13.04.120 OF THE CAÑON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE  
CONCERNING USE OF PRIVATE WELLS UPON CONNECTION TO THE  
CITY'S WATER SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the City's water system, the City desires to ensure that private water wells may not be used for potable water purposes, with certain exceptions, upon connection to the City's water systems.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF CAÑON CITY:**

Section 1. Section 13.04.050 of the Cañon City Municipal Code is amended by the addition of a new subsection F to read as follows:

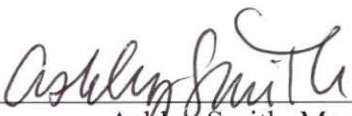
F. When a property is connected to the City's water system, the property owner is required to disconnect from any existing private water well subject to the exceptions herein. However, the owner may continue to utilize a new or existing well for non-potable use so long as such use is authorized by a valid well permit and there is no cross-connection between the well system and the City's water system. If a new or existing well is to be used as a potable water source on the property, it may not be used in connection with any building or structure that is connected to the City's water system.

Section 2. Section 13.04.120 of the Cañon City Municipal Code is amended by the addition of a new subsection J to read as follows:

J. When a property is connected to the City's water system, the property owner is required to disconnect from any existing private water well subject to the exceptions herein. However, the owner may continue to utilize a new or existing well for non-potable use so long as such use is authorized by a valid well permit and there is no cross-connection between the well system and the City's water system. If a new or existing well is to be used as a potable water source on the property, it may not be used in connection with any building or structure that is connected to the City's water system.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause or other provision of this Ordinance for any reason is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, subsection, paragraph, clause or other provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, the intent being that the same are severable.

Section 4. Effective Date. Pursuant to Article XII, Section 3 and Section 5 of the Charter, this Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after final publication if it is published after adoption or if not so published, five (5) days after its adoption.

  
Ashley Smith, Mayor

ATTESTATION & CERTIFICATION//

11-06-23 – Introduced, Read by title & Passed on first reading

11-13-23 – Published

12-04-23 – Passed and Adopted on second reading

12-07-23 – Published

12-12-23 – Effective



Cindy Foster Owens, CMC, City Clerk  
City of Cañon City (Attest)