

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS
IN SUPPORT OF AN EMERGENCY DROUGHT ORDER
REQUEST BY THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Pflugerville invested more than \$50 million to secure a reliable source of water for its citizens through an agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) as a firm water customer; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the City of Pflugerville began using and/or reserving 12,000 acre feet of water from the LCRA; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Pflugerville recognizes that maintaining Lakes Travis and Buchanan at the highest possible water levels is critical to maintaining municipal water supplies and the health, safety, and economic interests of the City's customers; and

WHEREAS, last year the LCRA requested and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) passed an emergency drought order that allowed LCRA to divert from the existing Water Management Plan so that no water was released for interruptible customers downstream; and

WHEREAS, a possible date of expiration of this emergency drought order is December 31, 2012 which would allow the currently approved Water Management Plan to be in effect and allow 183,000 acre feet of water to be diverted to interruptible customers; and

WHEREAS, LCRA staff specified that with this release there is a 25% chance in 2013 of reaching 600,000 acre feet of combined storage which, depending on Highland Lake inflow conditions, could meet the criteria for an LCRA Board declaration of a drought worse than the drought of record, which moves firm customers into a mandatory pro rata curtailment of at least 20%, and

WHEREAS, an emergency drought order would allow the curtailment of interruptible water supplies to a larger extent than the current Water Management Plan.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS:

That the City of Pflugerville respectfully requests the LCRA Board to take action seeking an emergency drought order from TCEQ for 2013 to cautiously protect the public health and safety of the firm water customers during the ongoing drought.

APPROVED this 13th day of November, 2012.

CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS

By: _____
JEFF COLEMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

KAREN THOMPSON, City Secretary