

BERRYVILLE ORDINANCE 3-18-94  
SEPTIC & GRAYWATER ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BERRYVILLE, TEXAS REQUIRING THE MAINTENANCE OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND CONTROLLING THE EXPULSION OF GRAYWATER; IMPOSING A PENALTY OF DISCONTINUED WATER SERVICE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

DEFINITION:

SEPTIC SYSTEM: A covered water tight tank designed for sewage treatment.

GRAYWATER: Wastewater from clothes-washing machine, showers, bathtubs, hand washing lavatories and sinks that are not used for disposal of hazardous or toxic ingredients.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERRYVILLE, TEXAS;

SECTION I.

It shall be unlawful for any septic system within the boundaries of the City of Berryville, to overflow onto any top surface of ground. This overflow will be considered a health hazard and detrimental to the welfare of the citizens of Berryville.

SECTION II.

A notice of not less than thirty (30) days, stating the nature of the complaint will be sent by certified mail, with a five (5) day return receipt requested, to the owner of the property. If the defective septic system is not repaired or replaced within thirty (30) days, water service provided by the Berryville Municipal Water System will be discontinued until which time compliance of this ordinance is met.

SECTION III.

It shall be unlawful for gray water to flow onto public property, to flow onto another person's private property or to stand stagnant on top of the ground which will allow a place of breeding for mosquitoes. A notice of not less than thirty (30) days stating the nature of the complaint will be sent by certified mail, with a five (5) day return receipt requested, to the owner of the property. If the gray water expulsion is not rerouted to flow into the septic system within the thirty (30) day period, water service will be discontinued until which time compliance of this ordinance is met.

SECTION IV.

The fact that the City of Berryville now has no ordinance governing this matter creates an emergency, which is here and now declared, and the ordinance shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 1994.

JOHN MCELVANY  
MAYOR  
BERRYVILLE, TEXAS

ATTEST:

Sharyn Harrison  
City Manager/Secretary

This ordinance was amended 5/8/00

This ordinance was amended 2-8-2010 Section II.