

§ 53.09 PRIVATE WELLS FOR DOMESTIC USE

(A) Definitions. For the purposes of these sections, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

DOMESTIC USE. Water used for drinking or potable water, non-potable water or irrigation purposes, but does not include water from wells drilled for such purposes as dewatering, groundwater monitoring, heating or cooling, elevator bore holes, or environmental bore holes.

IRRIGATE. To Supply (land) with water by artificial means, as by diverting streams, flooding, or spraying; to moisten; wet.

PRIVATE WELLS FOR DOMESTIC USE. Any well not owned by the city which is drilled or installed for residential, commercial, or industrial potable water or irrigation purposes. **PRIVATE WELLS FOR DOMESTIC USE** shall not include wells drilled for such purposes as dewatering, ground water monitoring, heating or cooling, elevator bore holes, or environmental bore holes.

(B) The drilling or installation of new private wells for domestic use on any property to which city water utility service is available within 500 feet of property line is prohibited.

(C) Private wells for domestic use in existence on the date of adoption of this ordinance from which this chapter is derived, and private wells for domestic use installed subsequent to said date, on properties to which city water service is not available at the time of installation, may remain in use provided they comply with all applicable regulations, including, but not limited to, M.S. §§ 144.381 to 144.387, as they may be amended from time to time.

(D) In the event of a property with a private well for domestic use being sold that is within 500 feet of city water, said property must connect to city water before final sale of property.

(E) § 53.99 PENALTY.

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to criminal penalties as provided in § [10.99](#) of this code.