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ORDINANCE NO. 477

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS AMENDING SEC. 8-24 OF ARTICLE IV OF ORDINANCE NO. 361 BY DELETING ALL ITEMS UNDER SEC. 8-24 AND ADDING ITEMS THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene passed Ordinance 361 on October 19, 1967,

which said ordinance amended the Abilene City Code of 1965 by adding Chapter 8

thereto a new article to be known as Article IV Oil and Gas Drilling Blocks, and

WHEREAS, the City Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended that the Items under Sec. 8-24 of Ordinance 361 be amended by deleting all the items of Sec. 8-24 and adding new items thereto; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE:

PART 1: That Ordinance 361 be and the same is hereby amended by deleting all items of Sec. 8-24 and adding thereto the following:

Sec. 8-24 DRILLING BLOCKS

The City of Abilene does hereby establish the following minimum area for Drilling Blocks:

- (a) From the surface of the soil to a depth not exceeding 2000 feet below the surface of the soil: ten (10) acres.
- (b) Below a depth of 2000 feet from the surface of the soil: forty (40) acres.

No permit shall be granted to any person to drill or operate more than one well per Drilling Block.

PART 2: That the City Council hereby finds that an emergency exists requiring suspension of the rule provided in Sec. 18 of the City Charter requiring Ordinances to be read on two separate days, and that the immediate passage of said ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, safety and welfare, because it is now still possible for an oil operator to apply for and receive a permit to drill on a five (5) acre block and said rule is hereby suspended and this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

PASSED this 11th day of June, A. D., 1970.

ATTEST:

  
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:

  
CITY ATTORNEY

  
MAYOR  
i Pro Tempore