

This instrument prepared by:
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ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 06

Entitled

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, REPEALING AND RESCINDING ORDINANCE No. 62-6, WHICH REQUIRED AND DIRECTED THE CITY WATER DEPARTMENT TO INJECT SODIUM FLOURIDE INTO THE CITY WATER SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE RENUMBERING OF CHAPTER 86, ARTICLE II ACCORDINGLY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, is authorized by Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, to adopt ordinances and resolutions necessary for the exercise of its powers to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens and to prescribe fines and penalties for the violations of ordinances in accordance with law, and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 1962, the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, passed and adopted Ordinance No. 62-6 adding section a to the Municipal Code requiring and directing the Water Treatment Plant to inject Sodium Fluoride into the City water system at such times and in such amounts as the State of Florida may approve and direct; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palatka began injecting sodium fluoride into the City water system in accordance with Ordinance No. 62-6 and has continued to do so at a cost of approximately \$12,000.00 per year for maintenance and operation of the System; and

WHEREAS, based upon recent studies it has been shown that the cost of fluoridating the water supply outweighs the potential benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently recommended utilities that fluoridate their drinking water decrease the level of fluoridation from 1.0 parts per million gallons of water (ppm) to .08 ppm; and

WHEREAS, the City's source water has a natural fluoride content of approximately .02 ppm, which is already one quarter of the EPA recommended dosage, and other sources of fluoride such as toothpaste, processed foods and beverages are available to the public; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida does not require the fluoridation of drinking water.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA:

Section I. That Ordinance No. 62-6, adopted by the City of Palatka City Commission on July 12, 1962, requiring and directing the Palatka Water Treatment Plant to inject Sodium Fluoride into the City Water System, is hereby rescinded, repealed and revoked in its entirety, along with all authorizations empowered by its adoption and enactment.

Section II. That Section 86-37 of the Palatka Municipal Code, entitled Fluoridation of Water Supply, be hereby deleted in its entirety, and all subsequent sections

of Chapter 86, Article II, Division I be renumbered accordingly to accommodate the removal of this section, if necessary.

Section III. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section IV. That if any section or portion of a section or subsection of this ordinance proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section or portion of a section, subsection, or part of this ordinance.

Section V. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage as provided by law.

Section VI. A copy of this Ordinance shall be furnished to the Municipal Code Corporation for insertion in the Code of Ordinances for the City of Palatka, Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Palatka on second reading this 14th day of April, 2011.

CITY OF PALATKA

By: *D. Veum Myers Jr.*
Its MAYOR

ATTEST:

Betany Duggan
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

[Signature]
City Attorney