

CHAPTER 91

WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

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91.01 WATER SHORTAGES. A water shortage exists whenever, for reasons of drought conditions, consumer demand or treatment plant or distribution systems operation or maintenance, water quantity and quality cannot be maintained at a level sufficient to meet the demands of the customers using the system. Whenever, in the opinion of the Water Department, conditions exist which create a water shortage, the Utility Director or designee shall have the authority to declare a public Water Watch, Water Warning I or II, during which time the following measures and provisions shall be in effect to produce an orderly and equitable reduction of water consumption. Whenever the Utility Director finds that the conditions which gave rise to the Water Emergency no longer exist, said officer is authorized to either declare the termination of the Water Emergency or reduce the type of emergency conditions as set forth in Section 91.02 hereof. The Director shall, at the next meeting of the Board following the declaration of Water Emergency, present a resolution to the Board for its affirmation of such declaration and the conditions thereunder.

91.02 CONDITIONS.

1. Water Watch. A Water Watch may be declared when a water shortage or equipment failure poses a potential threat to the ability of the water system to meet the needs of its customers currently or in the foreseeable future. Indicators of the need to impose a Water Watch include:

- A. System operating at 75 percent of pumping capacity;
- B. Moderate decrease in the pumping water level of wells or moderate decrease in recovery rate of water level in wells.

2. Water Warning. A Tier I or Tier II Water Warning may be declared when a water shortage or equipment failure poses a serious threat to the ability of the water system to meet the needs of its customers currently and in the foreseeable future. Indicators of the need to impose a Tier I Water Warning include:

- A. System operating at 85 percent of pumping capacity;
- B. Significant decrease in the pumping water level of wells or significant decrease in recovery rate of water level in wells.

Indicators of the need to impose a Tier II Water Warning include severe system emergencies such as a chemical spill or major system failure in feeder mains or treatment plant.

3. Water Warning II. A Water Emergency may be declared when a water shortage or equipment failure poses a severe and immediate threat to the ability of the water system to meet the needs of its customers. Indicators of the need to impose a Water Emergency include:

- A. System operating at 95 percent of pumping capacity;
- B. Serious decrease in the recovery rate of water level in wells.

91.03 WATER WATCH. Under a Water Watch, all customers of the municipal water service are encouraged to limit or curtail all nonessential uses of water in order to conserve precious water resources during the time of shortage. Customers may be encouraged to comply with the following voluntary standards:

- 1. No watering of lawns, shrubs or gardens between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- 2. No water should be used to fill private swimming pools, children's wading pools, reflecting pools or any other outdoor pool or pond.
- 3. No water should be used to wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks or building exteriors.
- 4. No water should be used for nonessential cleaning of commercial and industrial equipment, machinery and interior spaces.
- 5. Water should be served at restaurants only upon the request of the customer.

91.04 WATER WARNING — TIER I. Under a Tier I Water Warning, no person shall use potable processed water of the municipal water service in any manner contrary to the following:

- 1. Outdoor watering or irrigation of lawn is prohibited.
- 2. Outdoor watering of any kind is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily.
- 3. Watering or irrigation of flower and vegetable gardens, trees and shrubs less than four years old and new seeding or sod is permitted once per week with an application not to exceed one inch.
- 4. Car washing is prohibited except in commercial establishments that provide that service.
- 5. No water shall be used to fill private swimming pools, children's wading pools, reflecting pools or any other outdoor pool or pond.
- 6. No water shall be used to wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks or building exteriors.
- 7. No water shall be used for nonessential cleaning of commercial and industrial equipment, machinery and interior spaces.
- 8. Water shall be served in restaurants only upon the request of the customer.
- 9. Use of water-consuming comfort air conditioning equipment which consumes in excess of five percent of the water circulating in such equipment is prohibited.
- 10. Tank load water sales may be curtailed or eliminated.

Water reclaimed or recycled after some other primary use, such as water that has been used for washing or cooling, may be used without restriction. Additionally, water derived from sources other than the City water utility, such as water condensed from the atmosphere by air conditioners or collected from rain or snow, may be used without restriction.

91.05 WATER WARNING — TIER II. Under a Tier II Water Warning, no person shall use potable processed water of the municipal water service in any manner contrary to the following:

1. All outside water use, except for domestic, sanitation and fire, is prohibited.
2. All commercial and industrial uses of water not essential in providing products or services is prohibited.
3. Irrigation of agricultural crops is prohibited.
4. Recreational and leisure water use, including lawn and golf course watering and other incidental or recreational uses, is prohibited.
5. Water use not necessary for the preservation of life or the general welfare of the community is prohibited.

91.06 PENALTIES. The following penalties shall apply for violation of Water Warning I or Water Warning II use restrictions imposed under this chapter.

1. First Violation. For a first violation, the utility shall issue a written notice of violation to the water user violating the water use restrictions imposed during a Water Warning I or Water Warning II.
2. Second Violation. For a second violation within a 1-month period, a fine shall be imposed in an amount of \$25.00.
3. Subsequent Violations. For any subsequent violations within a one-month period, a fine shall be imposed in an amount of \$50.00.

Any customer charged with a violation of the Water Warning I or Water Warning II use restrictions may request a hearing before the Utility Board. The Utility Board may conclude that a violation did not occur or that the circumstances under which the violation occurred warrant a complete or partial mitigation of the penalty.

91.07 REDUCTION IN FLOW OF WATER TO ANY PERSON. The utility is authorized, after giving notice and opportunity for hearing, to reduce the flow of water to any person determined to be using water in any manner not in accordance with this chapter.

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