

CHAPTER 93

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93.01 WHEN WATER CONSERVATION IS REQUIRED. The following water conservation stages shall be in effect at the following times. (Total water consumption per day shall be determined by totaling all the treated water pumped by the entire City waterworks system.) When either Stage 2, Stage 3 or State 4 water rationing is in effect, no person shall use any water in violation of any provision of this chapter.

1. Stage 1 Voluntary Water Conservation. Voluntary water conservation shall be in effect whenever the Mayor declares that the water supply or the capacity of the waterworks system to deliver water is approaching levels at which water rationing will be required to preserve the ability of the City to deliver a necessary amount of water to each water user. Procedure for Stage 1 is as follows:

A. The Mayor will make public announcements in the news media that Stage 1 voluntary water conservation is in effect. The announcements will include a description of the provisions in effect.

B. Persons will be urged to conserve water in every way possible in their homes and in their businesses.

C. People will be urged to avoid sprinkling their lawns and avoid watering gardens, shrubs or trees with a hose, unless the lawn, garden, shrubs or plants need the water to avoid damage, and at any rate not more often than every second day for not more than four hours a day.

2. Stage 2, Stage 3 and Stage 4 Water Conservation. Upon resolution duly adopted by the Council, the City may invoke emergency water conservation practices upon a determination by the Council that the water supply or water system facilities are found to be inadequate or whenever there appears to be a substantial and imminent danger of such inadequacy. The resolution shall restrict the use of water supplied by the City to users purchasing water from the City. The resolution shall

further provide that either Stage 2, Stage 3 or Stage 4 water rationing is in effect.

A. Stage 2 Water Rationing. Stage 2 water rationing will be in effect whenever total consumption for the preceding seventy-two (72) hours was 3,600,000 gallons or more. The following requirements will be in effect:

(1) The Mayor will make public announcements through the news media concerning Stage 2 water rationing, whenever Stage 2 water rationing is in effect. The announcement will include a description of the restrictions.

(2) No person shall use water to sprinkle a lawn, or use water through a hose to water any garden, tree or shrub, except between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and midnight or between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. of any day on which sprinkling is permitted. Sprinkling shall be permitted on even-numbered calendar days at locations with even-numbered addresses and on odd-numbered calendar days at locations with odd-numbered addresses. These restrictions shall apply to all residences and to all businesses and institutions having lawns, gardens, trees or shrubs, and shall be followed at all parks and public buildings owned by the City. These restrictions shall not apply to any person engaged in the business of growing or selling plants of any kind.

(3) No water shall be used from a hose to wash automobiles, except at places of business where autos are washed on every business day either with attendants, with automatic equipment or by self-service. Any person may wash an automobile with water from a bucket.

(4) No swimming pools shall be filled. Swimming pools that were filled before Stage 2 water conservation went into effect may have water added to make up losses through evaporation or splashing. Water lost through draining or through leaks in the pool may not be made up during Stage 2 water rationing.

B. Stage 3 Water Rationing. Stage 3 water rationing will be in effect whenever total consumption for the preceding seventy-

two (72) hours was 4,200,000 gallons or more. The following requirements will be in effect:

(1) The Mayor will make public announcements through the news media that Stage 3 water rationing is in effect. The announcement will include a description of the provisions in effect.

(2) No person shall use any water to sprinkle any lawn, or use water through a hose to water any garden, tree or shrub, except between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and midnight or between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. of any day on which sprinkling is permitted. Sprinkling will be permitted on Mondays at all locations having even-numbered addresses and on Thursdays at all locations having odd-numbered addresses. These restrictions shall apply to all residences and to all businesses and institutions having lawns, gardens, trees or shrubs, and shall be followed at all parks and public buildings owned by the City. These restrictions shall not apply to any person engaged in the business of growing or selling plants of any kind.

(3) No water shall be used from a hose to wash automobiles, except at places of business where autos are washed on every business day either with attendants, with automatic equipment or by self-service. Any person may wash an automobile with water from a bucket.

(4) No swimming pools will be filled and no water shall be added to any swimming pool.

C. Stage 4 Water Rationing. Stage 4 water rationing shall be in effect whenever restrictions beyond Stage 3 water rationing are necessary so that no water customer inside the City limits will be without water. The Mayor shall impose Stage 4 water rationing when such restrictions are required under the resolution adopted by the Council under the terms of this chapter, and the Council may continue the Stage 4 in effect, continue it in effect with changes, or discontinue Stage 4 water rationing. The following restrictions will be in effect:

(1) The Mayor will make public announcements through the news media that Stage 4 water rationing is in

effect. The announcement will include a description of the provisions in effect.

(2) No water shall be used for sprinkling lawns, and no water will be used from a hose to water any garden, trees or shrubs. These restrictions do not apply to any person engaged in the business of growing or selling plants of any kind.

(3) No water shall be used from a hose to wash automobiles, except at places of business where autos are washed on every business day either with attendants, with automatic equipment or by self-service. Any person may wash an automobile with water from a bucket.

(4) No swimming pools will be filled and no water shall be added to any swimming pool.

(5) The use of water-consuming air conditioning equipment which consumes in excess of five percent (5%) of the water circulating in such equipment is prohibited.

(6) The cleaning of outdoor surfaces, including buildings, sidewalks, driveways and porches, is prohibited.

(7) The nonessential cleaning of commercial and industrial equipment, machinery and interior space is prohibited.

(8) Permitting the loss of water through defective plumbing or fixtures, except where the customer can provide proof of prompt repair of the defect, is prohibited.

It is the policy of the City to keep Stage 4 in effect for no longer than absolutely necessary. The Mayor and Council shall take steps to lift the Stage 4 restrictions as soon as lifting the restrictions will not result in any water user inside the City limits being unable to get water.

93.02 RESPONSIBILITY. No person shall be convicted of violating this chapter unless such person in fact turned on water, directed the turning on of water, or kept water turned on after learning it was turned on in violation of this chapter, or failed to turn off automatic devices capable of turning on water in violation of this chapter. It will not be necessary, however, to present a witness who saw the accused turning on the water if the circumstances indicated the accused did turn on the water.

93.03 REPORTS AND REVIEW OF RATIONING. The Water Superintendent will make reports to the Council at least once a week while water rationing is in effect. The Council will review the reports and consider any changes that may be desirable in the regulations set out in this chapter.

93.04 EXPLANATIONS. The Water Superintendent will from time to time send, along with monthly water bills, an explanation of the regulations set out in this chapter.

93.05 APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all persons using water both in and outside the City, and regardless of whether any person using water has a contract for water service with the City.

93.06 RATE FOR WATER USED IN VIOLATION OF CONSERVATION EMERGENCY. Any person found to be using City water in violation of this chapter shall be charged twice the rate which would otherwise apply. This rate shall apply to all metered service through the service connection used in the violation during any month that a water conservation emergency is declared by the Council to exist and during which the violation occurred or continued.

93.07 VIOLATION A MUNICIPAL INFRACTION. A violation of Chapter 93, Water Conservation, Code of Ordinances, or the omission or failure to perform any act or duty required by the same, is a municipal infraction punishable by civil penalty as provided in Chapter 4, Municipal Infractions, Code of Ordinances.

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