

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2007 DRAFT

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AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH STAGE 2 MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION RULES AND THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE RULES.

Whereas, current conditions are causing excessive demand and emergency shortages in the City's water supply reservoirs; and

Whereas, Every Day Water Conservation Rules and Stage 1 Mandatory Water Conservation Rules have not resulted in sufficient reduction of the average day customer water demand at the water plant; and

Whereas, it is necessary to implement additional mandatory water use controls in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare through the provision of adequate water for drinking, sanitation, and fire protection services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL THAT:

Section 1. In addition to the rules of Every Day water conservation and Stage 1 mandatory water conservation, the following Stage 2 mandatory rules are in effect to regulate the specified uses of water from the City of Raleigh water distribution system:

OUTDOOR WATER USES:

1. Irrigation uses of the public water supply are prohibited as follows:

Watering by automatic spray or non-automatic irrigation is prohibited.

Watering by hose-end sprinklers is prohibited.

Watering by low volume drip irrigation systems is prohibited. Except, the watering restrictions shall not apply to low volume drip irrigation for watering of commercial containerized plants and commercial plant stock in trade.

Watering by hand held hose is prohibited.

New Landscape Establishment Permits will not be issued.

2. Filling new swimming or wading pools is prohibited. Filling of pools drained for repair after the effective date of Stage 2 rules is prohibited. Potable water may be added to pools to maintain sanitary operating conditions.

3. Washing vehicles at any location is strictly prohibited, except as specifically approved by the Public Utilities Director for the purpose of maintaining public health and sanitary conditions of the vehicles. EXCEPTION: Car wash facilities certified by the City Public Utility Director for water conservation may continue to operate. A placard issued by the City's Public Utilities Department must be displayed on site in a manner visible to code enforcement officers.

Any vehicle wash facility that is not certified by the Public Utilities Director shall be closed during Stage 2 Mandatory Water Rules until it is in compliance with the requirements of the conservation certification program or until the Stage 2 rules are repealed.

4. Washing of areas such as sidewalks, patios, decks, driveways, parking lots, streets and exterior building surfaces is strictly prohibited. This restriction shall not apply to the washing of soiled areas for maintenance of public health and sanitary conditions

Leaking water services or plumbing must be repaired within 24 hours of written notification by the Public Utilities Director or water service will be interrupted.

The application of reuse water on the landscape is encouraged and not regulated by the City's water conservation ordinances.

INDOOR WATER USES:

1. Drinking water shall not be served in a public restaurant, except upon request
2. All non-essential use of water for commercial or public use is prohibited.
3. Do not operate water-cooled air conditioners or other equipment that does not recycle cooling water, except when health and safety are adversely affected.
4. Hotels/motels/bed and breakfast inns will ask guests spending more than one night to use their towels and bed linens more than once between laundering.
5. Commercial and industrial customers shall review their water uses and implement industry specific best management water conservation practices.

Section 2. Violation of this ordinance may be punished by any of the means available to the City through the provisions of N.C.G.S 160A-175. The civil penalty amount for the first violation of this ordinance is \$1,000.00 and a reoccurring violation may result in interruption of water service to the offending customer. The City will issue written notification to the customer and occupant of intent to interrupt water service and twenty-four (24) hours later will interrupt water service unless the violation has ceased. Each day shall constitute a separate violation. If water service has been interrupted due to repeat violation of this ordinance, service will not be re-instated until the Public Utilities Director has determined that the risk to the City water supply has been alleviated or the Public Utilities Director is otherwise assured of compliance.

Section 3. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. This ordinance is effective upon adoption.

Adopted:

Effective: