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00.00.010 Purpose.

It is the purpose and intent of this chapter to minimize outdoor water use and to control unnecessary consumption of the available potable water supplies in the city.

00.00.011 Application of provisions.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all persons, customers and property within the city limits and those receiving utility services within one of its extended service areas.

00.00.012 Water conservation stages.

No one within the city or its extended service area shall knowingly make, cause, use or permit the use of water for residential, commercial, industrial, governmental or any other purpose in a manner contrary to any provision of this chapter, or in amount in excess of that use permitted by the conservation stage in effect pursuant to action taken by the city council.

By resolution the City Council, will from time to time, put into effect the following stages applicable to water use within the city.

A. Stage I—Prohibition on water waste

1. Notification to customers by direct mailing, newsletters, press releases, public meetings, etc., that a drought condition exists and the city must reduce its water consumption;
2. Provide educational literature for conservation practices regarding waste, over watering, leaks, etc. Provide information and assistance to customers on reading their water meter and monitoring water usage;

3. The use of water which allows substantial amounts of water to run off to a gutter, ditch or drain. Overwatering of lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs or other plants must be avoided;
4. Encourage the use of native plants or other water conserving vegetation. Use of efficient landscaping systems (drip, timed sprinkler, etc). Encourage evening and early morning watering to reduce evaporation;
5. Discourage the emptying and refilling of swimming pools, ponds, etc. between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. (local time) from June 1st through August 31st;
6. Encourage water-reducing methods in household use (full loads for dishwasher and clothes washer, low-flow showerhead, patio sweeping, use shut-off valve on hose for car washing and watering, etc.

**B. Stage II— Volunteer conservation program- Water Alert:
Effective June 1st through August 31st.**

1. Irrigation utilizing individual sprinklers or sprinkler systems of lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs or other plants is permitted only on designated days before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m. (local time). No watering during the day between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. (local time). Excessive watering beyond beneficial use is prohibited.

Irrigation of lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs, or other plants is permitted at any time if:

- a. A hand-held hose with a shut-off nozzle is used; or
- b. A hand-held faucet-filled bucket of five gallons or less is used;
or
- c. A drip or moist irrigation system is used.

Exception: City parks, other city maintained properties, commercial nurseries, similar establishments, and new landscapes are exempt from Stage 2 irrigation restrictions, but will be requested to curtail all nonessential water use.

2. Designated days are:

- a. Even numbered addresses:

January: Wednesday and Sunday
February: Wednesday and Sunday

March: Wednesday and Sunday
April: Wednesday and Sunday
May: Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday
June: Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday
July: Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday
August: Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday
September: Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday
October: Wednesday and Sunday
November: Wednesday and Sunday
December: Wednesday and Sunday

b. Odd numbered addresses:

January: Tuesday and Saturday
February: Tuesday and Saturday
March: Tuesday and Saturday
April: Tuesday and Saturday
May: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
June: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
July: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
August: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
September: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
October: Tuesday and Saturday
November: Tuesday and Saturday
December: Tuesday and Saturday

3. The washing of automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, airplanes and other types of mobile equipment is permitted only on designated irrigation days. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket and/or a hand-held hose equipped with a shutoff nozzle for quick rinses. Vehicle/equipment washing may be exempt if the health, safety and/or welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent cleanings, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.

Exception: Washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash. Car washes by nonprofit community group(s) or organizations may be permitted subject to the following:

- a. Permit for car wash must be obtained from the city;
- b. Responsible person or persons shall sign the permit, assure compliance with regulations and remain at the site the entire time the car wash is taking place;

- c. Organization or group applying for a car wash permit shall provide written authorization from the property owner authorizing the car wash on their property;
 - d. No more than two car washes shall be allowed per month. Permits will be issued on a first come first serve basis except two consecutive permits shall not be issued to the same organization or group unless no other organization or group applies for a permit;
 - e. Hours of operation shall be from nine a.m. (9 A.M.) to six p.m. (6 P.M.)
 - f. Washing shall be done with a hand-held bucket and/or hand held hose equipped with a positive shut off nozzle for quick rinses;
 - g. All car wash activities shall stop immediately upon the direction of a Farmersville Police Officer, Code Enforcement Officer or Public Works employee.
- 4. The operation of any ornamental fountain, waterfall or other structure making similar use of water is prohibited unless it uses a recycling system, such as an electric pump.
 - 5. The washing of sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, courts, patios or other paved areas is prohibited, unless it is necessary for the health and/or safety of the public.
 - 6. All restaurants are to serve water only upon specific customer request.

C. Stage III—Mandatory Compliance- Water Warning

All Stage II requirements apply, plus the following:

- 1. All outdoor irrigation of vegetation, including irrigation of city parks, schools, houses, business and district lawns, shall occur only before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m. on designated days (local time). No watering during the day between 10 a.m. and seven p.m. (local time).
- 2. Designated days are:
 - a. Even numbered addresses:

January: Sunday

February: Sunday
March: Wednesday and Sunday
April: Wednesday and Sunday
May: Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday
June: Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday
July: Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday
August: Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday
September: Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday
October: Wednesday and Sunday
November: Wednesday and Sunday
December: Sunday

b. Odd numbered addresses:

January: Saturday
February: Saturday
March: Tuesday and Saturday
April: Tuesday and Saturday
May: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
June: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
July: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
August: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
September: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
October: Tuesday and Saturday
November: Tuesday and Saturday
December: Saturday

3. Water service for construction projects will be handled on a case-by-case basis. A written request detailing water needs, time of use, etc., will be required and reviewed by staff. Final approval for service in this category will be granted by the Public Works Director. Services in this category will be monitored on a project basis.

D. Stage IV—Mandatory Compliance- Water Emergency

All Stage III requirements apply, plus the following:

1. All outdoor irrigation of vegetation shall be allowed only before 6 a.m. and after 8 p.m. on designated days (local time). No watering during the day between 6 a.m. and eight p.m. (local time).
2. Designated days are:
 - a. Even numbered addresses:

January: No Watering
February: No Watering
March: Sunday
April: Sunday

May: Wednesday and Sunday
June: Wednesday and Sunday
July: Wednesday and Sunday
August: Wednesday and Sunday
September: Wednesday and Sunday
October: Wednesday and Sunday
November: Sunday
December: No Watering

b. Odd numbered addresses:

January: No Watering
February: No Watering
March: Saturday
April: Saturday
May: Tuesday and Saturday
June: Tuesday and Saturday
July: Tuesday and Saturday
August: Tuesday and Saturday
September: Tuesday and Saturday
October: Tuesday and Saturday
November: Saturday
December: No Watering

3. The use of water from fire hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting and/or other activities immediately necessary to maintaining the health, safety and/or welfare of the citizens of Farmersville.
4. The operation of any ornamental fountain, waterfall or similar structure is prohibited.
5. The draining and refilling of swimming pools is prohibited.

E. Stage V - Mandatory Compliance—Extreme Water Crisis.

Upon implementation by the city council and publication of notice, the following restrictions shall apply to all persons. All elements of Stage 4 shall remain in effect in Stage 5, except that:

1. All outdoor irrigation of vegetation is prohibited.
2. Washing of vehicles shall be done only by a commercial car wash using recycled or reclaimed water.
3. Designated days are:

a. Even numbered addresses:

January: No Watering
February: No Watering

March: No Watering
April: No Watering
May: No Watering
June: No Watering
July: No Watering
August: No Watering
September: No Watering
October: No Watering
November: No Watering
December: No Watering

b. Odd numbered addresses:

January: No Watering
February: No Watering
March: No Watering
April: No Watering
May: No Watering
June: No Watering
July: No Watering
August: No Watering
September: No Watering
October: No Watering
November: No Watering
December: No Watering

00.00.013 General water use- Water conservation measures

The city shall make sure that:

1. One-time mailing will provide written notice of the amended water conservation ordinance.
2. Each new applicant for water service will be provided a copy of the water conservation policy and the stage that is in effect.
3. Notice will be published in a local newspaper in English and Spanish to advise the effective date of the stage to be implemented each time there is a change.
4. Adequate projected reserve water capacity exists to support any new development prior to the approval by the city council. Adequate projected water supplies must exist before any additional demand is placed upon the city's water system to ensure sufficient water to all existing hookups.

00.00.014 Mandatory conservation phase implementation

The Public Works Director shall monitor the projected supply and demand for water within the city and shall recommend to the City Manager to the extent of the conservation required which will then be taken before city council for direction. Therefore the city council may order that the appropriate stage of water conservation be implemented or terminated in accordance with the applicable provisions of this chapter at a regularly scheduled meeting. The order shall be made by the adoption of an appropriate resolution which shall be published in English and Spanish a minimum of one time in a local newspaper.

00.00.015 Enforcement—Violation—Penalty

Enforcement Objectives: It is one of the objectives of the city council that the citizens of Farmersville are encouraged to voluntarily comply with the provisions of this chapter. In furtherance of said objectives, the enforcement of this chapter will permit the issuance of a first warning of violation of this chapter, by way of a written notice of violation to the water user, before the issuance of a citation for further violations.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of an infraction which shall be punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first infraction, two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the second infraction and five hundred dollars (\$500) for the third and subsequent infraction. Each day that a violation continues shall be regarded as a new and separate offense, except where the infraction cannot be immediately remedied by shutting off the source, in which case not more than forty-eight (48) hours will be allowed to correct the problem. Beyond that, each new day will constitute a new and separate offense.

00.00.016 Public nuisance—Definitions.

In addition to any other remedies which may otherwise be available to the city, the city council makes the following findings and declarations:

The waste of water, as that term is defined herein, on public or private property within the city, is found to contribute to and compound drought conditions which may, from time to time, exist in the city, to the detriment of one of our most precious and finite resources, water. Such conditions cause injury to the health, safety and/or general welfare of the citizens of Farmersville.

Therefore, the waste of water within the city or its extended service areas, on private or public property, except as expressly permitted hereinabove, is declared to constitute a public nuisance which may be abated in an action brought on behalf of the people of the State

of California, by the city attorney, in any court of competent jurisdiction.

00.00.017 Enforcement officers

All police officers and persons authorized by law to issue citations within the city shall, in conjunction with the duties imposed upon them by law, diligently enforce the provisions of this chapter.

All employees of the city are encouraged to notify the Public Works Department of any perceived violations of this chapter.

00.00.018 Application for exemption

For hardship cases only, exemptions may be granted for any of the above regulations upon application in writing stating, in detail, the circumstances warranting special consideration. Appeals of decisions made by the Public Works Director may be taken to the city council by written request to the City Clerk.