

CHAPTER III

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Section 300 – Water and Sewer

Section 300:00. Water Commissioner to Control. The water commissioner, under the direction of the council, shall have control over the water and sewer systems of this municipality and over all water mains, drains and sewers now or hereafter constructed or authorized by the municipality, and the construction, repair and maintenance thereof, and connections therewith.

It shall be unlawful for any person without authorization of the water commissioner to tap into or connect private water services or sewers to the municipal mains.

Section 300:05. Public Works Director. All existing references of the Code to “Water Commissioner” shall be replaced with the position “Public Works Director”.

Section 300:10. Public Works Director’s Authority to Ban Water Use. The Public Works Director may impose a ban on nonessential uses of water.

Subd. 1. The Public Works Director may impose a Watering Ban in the event of an emergency without prior approval of the City Council. In all other instances, the Public Works Director shall notify the City Administrator of the need for a ban and the proposed ban shall be reviewed by the City Council at its next regularly scheduled or special meeting.

Subd. 2. The Public Works Director shall notify users of the City water service of the ban by publishing notice in the official newspaper and posting notice on City and Community locations.

Subd. 3. No penalty shall be imposed for non-compliance of the ban until the proper owner or occupant is provided written notice either personally, or by leaving a copy at the property.

Subd. 4. When a Watering Ban is declared, the following limitations shall be imposed:

- (a) Residents with an odd house number shall water lawns and wash vehicles only when necessary and only on odd numbered calendar days, and those with even numbered addresses shall water lawns and wash vehicles only when necessary and only on even numbered days. Lawns shall not be watered between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

- (b) No water may be used to wash building exteriors, driveways, sidewalks, or other exterior items.
- (c) No bulk sale of water to users other than the City, or City contractors, with approval of the Director.

Subd. 5. The Director may grant the following exceptions to the Watering Ban, without prior City Council approval:

- (a) Upon request, provide for regular watering of recently established lawns. These lawns may be watered daily for up to one month after installation, but only between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- (b) Waive the ban on bulk sales of water to the extent such use does not impair the health or safety of users of the City water system.

Subd. 6. In extreme emergency cases, the Director may issue a total Watering Ban until such time that the emergency situation ceases to exist. Notice of an emergency ban shall be made as soon as possible, but ban shall be effective as required to address emergency.

Section 300:20. Penalty Imposed for Noncompliance. Water service to any utility account will be turned off for noncompliance of the watering ban. Service will be reinstated only upon payment of a reconnection fee.

Chapter III of the 1974 Code of Ordinances was amended by Ordinance Number 378, adding Section 300:05, Section 300:10 and Section 300.20, adopted April 17, 2007 and published May 8, 2007; and Resolution 2007 – 15 Establishing Policy relating to any ban on non-essential uses of water.