

ORDINANCE NO. 14-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1303 (DEFINITIONS); 1306 (STAGE I SHORTAGE); 1307 (STAGE II SHORTAGE); 1310 (DURATION OF WATER USE RESTRICTIONS); 1311 (ALTERNATIVE WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS); AND 1313 (SPECIAL CONTRACT SERVICE) OF PART 13 (WATER SHORTAGE) OF ARTICLE 4 (WATER CODE) OF CHAPTER 12 (UTILITIES) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS 2001, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO WATER SHORTAGE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. That Part 13 (Water Shortage) of Article 4 (Water Code) of Chapter 12 (Utilities) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.4.1303: DEFINITIONS:

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the following terms, as used in this part, shall have the following meanings:

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HOSE END SPRINKLER: A device used to irrigate that is attached to the end of a hose that can be set in place and periodically moved from one location to another.

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POP UP FIXED SPRAY SPRINKLER: A type of fixed spray sprinkler that pops up from underground and waters a set pattern, usually from 5 to 15 feet in range.

POP UP ROTARY TYPE SPRAY SPRINKLER: A type of spray sprinkler that rotates where a stream of water is moved back and forth across the area being watered. Pop up rotary type spray sprinklers can be impact or gear driven.

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SPRAY IRRIGATION: Irrigation utilizing hose end sprinklers, pop up fixed spray sprinklers, and pop up rotary type spray sprinklers.

SPRINKLER SYSTEM: An assembly of component parts that is permanently installed for the controlled distribution and conservation of water to irrigate any type of landscape vegetation in any location.

SPRINKLER ZONE: Section of an irrigation system served by a single control valve.

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12.4.1306: STAGE I SHORTAGE (WATCH):

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A. Water landscaped areas with spray irrigation only between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. during the period from May 1 to October 14.

B. Only water landscaped areas with spray irrigation **no more than** three (3) days per week.

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J. Restaurants, hotels, cafes, cafeterias or other public places where food is sold, served or offered for sale, are encouraged not to serve drinking water unless expressly requested by a patron ~~and prominently display at each table a notice to that effect.~~

12.4.1307: STAGE II SHORTAGE (WARNING):

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Level A:

Outdoor landscape watering shall only be allowed three (3) days per week ~~on designated days as follows: a) residential users with even numbered addresses may only irrigate on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday; b) residential users with odd numbered addresses may only irrigate on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; and c) commercial users may only irrigate on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.~~

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2. Outdoor landscape watering shall not exceed: ~~a) for residential users, three (3) hours each designated watering day; and b) for commercial users, twenty (20) minutes per **sprinkler** zone or area for pop up fixed spray sprinklers and forty five (45) minutes per zone or area for pop up rotary type **spray** sprinklers (including, but not limited to, impact or gear drive) **each watering day. Outdoor landscape watering with hose end sprinklers shall not exceed three (3) hours each watering day.**~~

3. Watering of landscaped areas with spray irrigation shall not occur between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. during the period from May 1 to October 14, except for watering essential to preserve turf grass associated with high use sports fields, except as otherwise prohibited by other applicable laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations.

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D. Motor vehicles, trailers, boats and other types of equipment shall be washed: ~~only on Saturdays, Sundays, or during (1) during Level A only on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for residential users with even numbered addresses; on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays for residential users with odd numbered addresses; and on Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for commercial users, and (2) during Levels B and C only on a water customer's designated watering days as set forth in subsection A1 of this section and on Saturdays and Sundays. and Further, motor vehicles, trailers, boats and other types of equipment shall be washed~~ only with a handheld hose equipped with an active positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses or with a bucket., ~~except that~~ **W**washing of **motor** vehicles, trailers, boats and **other types of** equipment may be done by a commercial car wash **on any day of the week**. Each commercial car wash must develop, maintain on site and comply with a best management practices plan that demonstrates optimal use of water. This plan must be available for review and approval upon request by Utilities at all reasonable times. Utilities may require periodic reporting to demonstrate optimal use of water.

F. The use of water in all public and private water features **and ponds** is prohibited except those using recirculating water. ~~The use of recirculating water in all public and private water features shall be limited to no more than fourteen (14) hours per day. A sign shall be posted near the water feature stating designated operating hours and that it uses recirculating water. The foregoing shall not apply to the use of water essential to the support of existing exotic fish.~~

G. ~~Ponds shall be filled or refilled only during a water customer's designated watering day as set forth in subsection (A)(1) of this section, and only with a~~

~~handheld hose equipped with an active positive shutoff nozzle. The foregoing shall not apply to the use of water essential to the support of existing exotic fish.~~

~~HG. No restaurant, hotel, cafe, cafeteria or other public place where food is sold, served or offered for sale, shall serve drinking water unless expressly requested by a patron. and shall prominently display a notice to that effect.~~

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12.4.1310: DURATION OF WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:

Utilities will regularly evaluate the estimated supplies of water available to the water system to determine whether it is necessary to continue the water use restrictions of a declared stage or level. Stages and levels may be declared in accord with sections 12.4.1305, 1306, 1307, 1308 and 1309 of this part and, if water supply conditions warrant, the Chief Executive Officer may either downgrade or withdraw a declaration of a Stage I, Stage II, Stage III or Stage IV shortage, subject to City Council approval by resolution. If a declared shortage has not previously been withdrawn by the Chief Executive Officer or City Council, it shall automatically be reset to Stage I on ~~December 31~~ **October 15** of the year in which it was declared.

12.4.1311: ALTERNATIVE WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS:

A. General. A water customer may request relief from applicable provisions of this part by filing an alternative water management plan with Utilities. Utilities intends to provide water customers with the ability to design water management alternatives that give water customers flexibility in meeting the requirements of this part while achieving maximum conservation goals. ~~Additionally, Utilities intends to acknowledge previously implemented water conservation measures.~~

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12.4.1313: SPECIAL CONTRACT SERVICE:

All contracts for water service entered into pursuant to section 12.4.304 of this Code shall expressly provide that any use of water **provided from Utilities' water supplies** pursuant to such a contract is subject to the restrictions set forth in this part.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final adoption and publication as provided by charter.

Section 3. Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this ordinance shall be available for inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading and ordered published this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Keith King, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

City Council Water Shortage Ordinance April 8, 2014



Gary Bostrom, Water Services Officer



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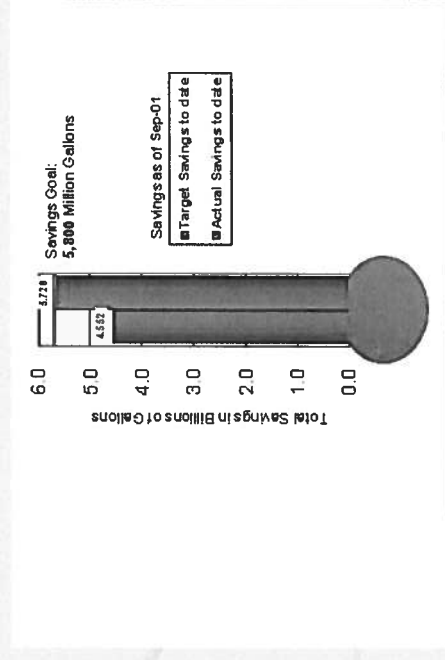
Agenda

- Water Shortage Ordinance Revisions
- Discussion
- Next Steps



Water Shortage Ordinance

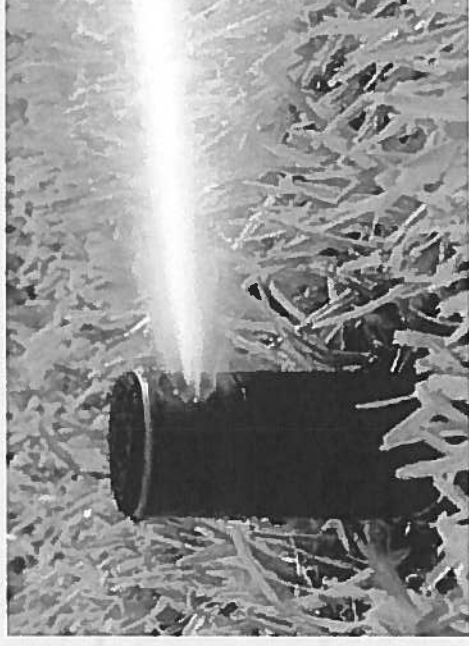
- Adopted in 2002
- Key elements revised in 2013
- Proposed housekeeping and Utilities Board requested changes 2014
- Utilities Board directed (3/19) that customer should choose watering days under Stage IIA



Water Shortage Ordinance

12.4.1303: New Definitions Added

- Hose End Sprinkler
- Pop Up Fixed Spray Sprinkler
- Pop Up Fixed Rotary Type Spray Sprinkler
- Spray Irrigation
- Sprinkler System
- Sprinkler Zone



12.4.1306: Stage I – Watch

A. Landscape watering

- Watering between 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.
(May 1 - October 14)

B. Voluntary conservation – **up to 3 days per week**
J. Restaurants serving water – remove the
suggestion to post notice on tables



12.4.1307: Stage II – Warning

A. Outdoor landscape watering

- Customers are allowed to choose the three days per week to water during a Stage II Level A Shortage
- Time limits for irrigation with residential sprinkler systems to follow same limits as commercial customers
 - 20 minutes for pop-up spray sprinklers and 45 minutes for rotary type spray sprinklers
- No watering allowed 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (May 1 - Oct 14)

D. Specifies days for washing vehicles and other equipment during Stage II A

F/G. Water features and ponds

- Remove limits on operating hours and refilling

H. Remove requirement for restaurants to display notice that drinking water will not be served unless requested

12.4.1310: Duration of Water Use Restrictions

- Revised so that a declared shortage will automatically reset to a Stage I Shortage on October 15 instead of December 31 if not previously withdrawn

12.4.1311: Alternative Water Management Plans

- Clarifying the need to build in flexibility for customers who cannot water according to Ordinance requirements

12.4.1313: Special Contract Services

- Revised to clarify that only the use of Colorado Springs Utilities water supplies by regional water customers is subject to the terms and conditions of the WSO

Next Steps

- City Council – WSO 2nd Reading April 22
- Implementation (if needed) May 1

