

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REEDLEY  
ADDING SECTION 8-1-12 TO CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 8 OF THE REEDLEY CITY  
CODE RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REEDLEY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Section 8-1-12 is hereby added to Chapter 1 of Title 8 of the Reedley City Code to read as follows:

**“8-1-12 WATER CONSERVATION**

**A. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this ordinance is to minimize outdoor water use and reduce unnecessary use of the potable water supplies of the City of Reedley.

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all persons, customers and property within the limits of the City of Reedley.

**B. WASTE OF WATER PROHIBITION:**

The following uses of water are defined as “waste of water” and are hereby prohibited except as otherwise authorized:

- (1) The use of water which allows substantial amounts of water to run off to a gutter, ditch, or drain. Every water user is deemed to have his water distribution lines and facilities under his control at all times and to know the manner and extent of his water use and excess runoff.
- (2) The excessive use, loss, or escape of water through breaks, leaks or malfunctions in the water user’s plumbing or distribution facilities for any period of time after such escape of water should reasonably have been discovered and corrected. It shall be presumed that a period of forty eight (48) hours after discovery is a reasonable time within which to correct such a leak or break.
- (3) The washing of vehicles, building exteriors, sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios, or other paved areas without the use of a positive shut-off nozzle on the hose, which results in excessive runoff.

### C. LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION

- (1) Lawn sprinkling system/devices shall be properly designed, installed, maintained and operated to prevent overuse of water.
- (2) The "water customer" shall modify watering duration and frequency schedules so that the sprinkler's application does not exceed the irrigated area's absorption rate and generate surface runoff.
- (3) Hours of irrigation: All outdoor irrigation of lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, plants, trees, shrubs or other greenscape areas shall occur between the hours of twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight and twelve o'clock (12:00) noon and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m. and twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight on designated days as listed in (4) and (5) below. When on the winter schedule, (see (5) below) water customers may water anytime during the designated day.
- (4) Summer watering schedule: April 2 – October 30: All dwellings or establishments with even numbered street addresses (addresses ending with a 0, 2, 4, 6, 8) shall water only on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Dwellings or establishments with odd numbered addresses (addresses ending with a 1, 3, 5, 7, 9) shall water only on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. There shall be no watering on Mondays.
- (5) Winter watering schedule: November 1 – April 1: All dwellings or establishments shall water only on Wednesday or Sunday. Specific irrigation times shall not be enforced. During rain events, water customers should turn automatic sprinkler timers off or place them on pause.

### D. ENFORCEMENT/ PENALTIES

It is one of the objectives of the City Council of the City of Reedley that the citizens of Reedley are encouraged to voluntarily comply with this chapter. Therefore, in furtherance of said objective, the enforcement of sub sections B and C of this chapter will be as follows:

- (1) First violation: A verbal warning of such violation shall be issued by public works department personnel or a designated official of the City of Reedley. Documentation shall be noted on the work order or complaint form.

- (2) Second violation: A written notice of such violation shall be issued by public works department personnel or the police department personnel.
- (3) Third violation: A written notice of such violation shall be issued and water service to the customer shall be terminated. Water service termination shall be at the discretion of the Public Works Director. Restoration of water service after termination shall be contingent on an agreement by the customer to adhere to the provisions of this chapter. Any and all cost of enforcement incurred by the City of Reedley, including overhead, will be billed to the customer.
- (4) Additional violations after restoration of water service may result in a fine per violation not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Fines will be levied at the discretion of the Public Works Director.

Determination of number of offenses: To determine whether a violation is other than a first offense, only notices issued within two years after the date of the first notice will be considered.

#### E. EXCEPTIONS

- (1) A written application for exception to sections of this chapter shall be submitted to the Public Works Director. Exemptions may be granted if:
  - (a) Compliance with this chapter would cause unnecessary and undue hardship to the applicant, including but not limited to adverse economic impacts such as loss of production or jobs; or,
  - (b) Compliance of this chapter would cause a condition adversely affecting the health, sanitation, fire protection, or safety of the applicant or the public.
- (2) A 30 day exception from irrigation restrictions listed in numbers 3, 4, and 5 of section C in this chapter may be granted for new lawns not yet established.
- (3) Commercial nurseries, public parks, cemeteries, and schools are exempt from numbers 3, 4, and 5 of section C of this chapter but will be requested to curtail all non essential water use.”

**SECTION 2.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause a summary of this Ordinance to be published by one insertion in a newspaper of general circulation in the community at least five

(5) days prior to adoption and again fifteen (15) days after its adoption. If a summary of the ordinance is published, then the City Clerk shall cause a certified copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance to be posted in the office of the City Clerk at least five days prior to the Council meeting at which the ordinance is adopted and again after the meeting at which the ordinance is adopted. The summary shall be approved by the City Attorney.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force thirty (30) days from and after its adoption.

**ATTEST:**

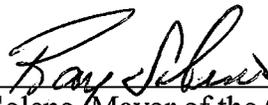
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2008-02 was introduced and given first reading by title only at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Reedley held on the 26th day of February, 2008, and was thereafter duly passed, approved, and adopted at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 25th day of March, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: Brockett, Betancourt, Fast, Rapada, Soleno.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

  
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Ray Soleno, Mayor of the City of Reedley

**ATTEST:**

  
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Kay L. Pierce, Deputy City Clerk

