

**CITY OF WATERTOWN  
COUNTY OF CARVER  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 423**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 58, ARTICLE III. - WATER OF THE  
MUNICIPAL CODE OF WATERTOWN BY AMENDING TO ADDRESS CRITICAL  
WATER DEFICIENCY**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** That the Municipal Code of Watertown, Minnesota, Chapter 58, Article III. – Water is hereby amended as set forth below by adding the underlined language and deleting the ~~strickethrough~~ language as follows:

**Section 58-151. - Water to be metered.**

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**Sec. 58-159. - Outdoor water conservation.**

- (a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to promote outdoor water consumption conservation measures, to conserve water resources, and to assist the City of Watertown in effective utilization of its annual water appropriation permit limits established by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

A reduction in the level of outdoor water consumption demand during peak demand periods will assist in maintaining sufficient amounts of water storage for firefighting and reduce the urgency for the construction of additional storage facilities, wells and water filter facilities.

- (b) *Conservation measures; time of day conservation.* To conserve water resources and prevent the wasteful and harmful effects of irrigation and sprinkling during mid-day hours, no person shall irrigate or sprinkle using the public water supply or a private well water source between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day of any week. This conservation measure applies to established lawns, vegetation, shrubs, trees and gardens.
- (c) *Implementation of emergency conservation measures; odd/even conservation and temporary ban.*
- (1) If the city administrator in consultation with the public ~~works~~ utilities director determines that a shortage of water exists, or in response to orders of the State of Minnesota consistent with Minn Stats. §103G.291, the city administrator is authorized to declare a water shortage emergency. In such situations, in addition to the time of day conservation, the city administrator may impose an odd/even conservation measure or a complete temporary ban on all irrigating, watering, ~~or~~ sprinkling, vehicle washing or

other non-essential uses as determined by the city administrator in consultation with the public utilities director.

**SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect upon the day of publication.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Watertown this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Steve Washburn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lynn Tschudi, City Clerk

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