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**CITY OF CORINTH, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 24-04-04-17**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORINTH, TEXAS, REPEALING CHAPTER 51, “DROUGHT CONTINGENCY AND WATER CONSERVATION PLAN” OF TITLE V, “PUBLIC WORKS” AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 51, “WATER CONSERVATION PLAN AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN” OF TITLE V, “PUBLIC WORKS” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADOPT AN UPDATED WATER CONSERVATION PLAN AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN AND TO ADOPT PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION TO INCLUDE DISCONTINUATION OF WATER SERVICE AND THE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 19-07-18-24 AND PROVIDING A GENERAL CUMULATIVE REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING SAVINGS; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000) FOR EACH VIOLATION AND PROVIDING A SEPARATE PENALTY FOR EACH DAY A VIOLATION CONTINUES IN ADDITION TO OTHER PENALTIES PROVIDED; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Corinth recognizes that the amount of water available to its customers is limited; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that due to natural limitations, drought conditions, system failures and other acts of God which may occur, the City cannot guarantee an uninterrupted water supply for all purposes at all times; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Code and the regulations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the “Commission”) require that the City adopt a Drought Contingency and Water Conservation Plan for the City of Corinth (“Conservation Plan”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined an urgent need in the best interest of the public to adopt a Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan for the City of Corinth; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 54 of the Local Government Code, the City is authorized to adopt such Ordinances necessary to preserve and conserve its water resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Corinth has reviewed the 2024 Upper Trinity Regional Water District (the “UTRWD”) Model Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan for the City of Corinth, has determined such plan to be necessary in order to conserve the available water supply and protect the integrity of water supply facilities, with particular regard for domestic water use, sanitation, and fire protection, and to protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety and minimize the adverse impacts of water supply shortage or other water supply emergencies and therefore, the City Council finds it necessary to adopt such plan as official City policy for the conservation of water (“Conservation Plans”); and

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**WHEREAS**, water uses regulated or prohibited under these Conservation Plans are considered to be nonessential and continuation of such uses during times of water shortage or other emergency water supply conditions are deemed to constitute a waste of water which subjects persons who violate the restrictions imposed under the Conservation Plans to penalties as set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has held a public meeting providing advance notice of such meeting at which the City Council has considered the adoption of the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan as required by law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORINTH, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1**  
**Incorporation of Premises**

That the foregoing recitals set forth above are determined to be true and correct findings and are incorporated herein as if set forth verbatim.

**SECTION 2.**  
**Amendments**

**2.01.** That Chapter 51, “Drought Contingency and Water Conservation Plan” of Title V, “Public Works” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Corinth, Texas, is hereby repealed in its entirety and a new Chapter 51, “Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan” of Title V of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Corinth is hereby adopted and shall be and read in its entirety as follows:

**“CHAPTER 51: WATER CONSERVATION PLAN AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN**

**§ 51.01. ADOPTION OF PLAN / AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT.**

- (A) Plan Adopted. The City hereby adopts the City of Corinth Water Conservation Plan as set forth in Attachment A and Drought Contingency Plan as set forth in Attachment B to Ordinance No. 24-04-04-17, a copy of which is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, and which shall be referred to herein as the “Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan” or “Plans” for the City of Corinth. A full copy of the Plans shall be on file at the Office of the City Secretary of the City of Corinth.
- (B) Authority to Implement. The City Manager of the City of Corinth or designee is authorized to administer and implement the Plans in accordance with this Chapter and the provisions of the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan. When the City Manager determines that one or more of the trigger conditions set forth in the Drought Contingency Plan exist, or as otherwise authorized by the Drought Contingency Plan, the City Manager shall be authorized to order that any one or more of the measures set forth in the Drought Contingency Plan be implemented. Prior to implementation, any such

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order shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the effective date of such order.

**§51.99. PENALTIES.** The penalties contained in this section shall be cumulative and not exclusive:

(A) Offense. A person commits an offense if the person intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence makes, causes, or permits a use of water contrary to the measures implemented by the City Manager as prescribed in the Drought Contingency Plan adopted under this Chapter.

(B) Criminal Penalty. Any person who violates the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not more than Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). Each day that one or more of the provisions in the Drought Contingency Plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(C) Discontinuation of Water Service/Service Fees. In addition to the remedies provided by Section 9 of the Drought Contingency Plan, if a person is convicted of three (3) or more separate violations of the Drought Contingency Plan, the City Manager shall, upon advance written notice to such person given on or after the date of the third conviction, be authorized to discontinue water service to the location where such violations have occurred. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored after payment of a re-connection charge, hereby established at One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$125.00), and all costs incurred by the City of Corinth for actions taken to discontinue the service. In addition, assurance acceptable to the City must be given by the person to the City Manager or designee, that the same action will not be repeated while the Drought Contingency Plan is in effect.

(D) Civil Penalties. The City may also enforce compliance with the Drought Contingency Plan by seeking injunctive relief in the district court and may seek any and all other civil penalties and remedies, in both law and equity, as allowed by law or equity.

(E) Presumption. Any person, including a person classified as a water customer of the City, in apparent control, occupancy or ownership of the property where a violation occurs or originates ("service location") shall be presumed to be the violator, and proof that the violation occurred on the person's property shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the person in apparent control, occupancy or ownership of the property committed the violation, but any such person shall have the right to show that he/she did not commit the violation.

(F) Adult Responsible for Minors. An adult person shall be presumed to be responsible for violations of this Chapter that occur at a service location and that are committed by persons under the age of eighteen (18) at a service location under the apparent control, occupancy or ownership of such adult person; provided however, that presumption shall be rebuttable upon presentation of evidence that such person previously directed the minor not to use the water as it was used in violation of the Drought Contingency Plan and the adult person demonstrates that the he or she could not have reasonably known of the violation.

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(G) Enforcement Authority. Any police officer, or other employee of the City of Corinth designated by the City Manager, may issue a citation to a person he/she reasonably believes has committed a violation of this Ordinance. The alleged violator shall be served a copy of the citation. Service of the citation shall be complete upon delivery of the citation to the alleged violator whether in person or by mail. The alleged violator shall appear in municipal court to enter a plea to the charge. If the alleged violator fails to appear in municipal court, a warrant for his/her arrest may be issued in accordance with standard court procedures. A summons to appear may be issued in lieu of an arrest warrant.”

### **SECTION 3**

#### **Cumulative Repealer**

Ordinance No. 19-07-18-24 of the City of Corinth Texas is hereby repealed in its entirety. This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other Ordinances of the City of Corinth and shall not repeal any of the provisions of such Ordinances except for those instances where there are direct conflicts with the provisions of this Ordinance or where expressly repealed hereby. Ordinances or parts thereof in force at the time this Ordinance shall take effect and that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

### **SECTION 4**

#### **Severability**

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall to any extent be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unconstitutional, the remaining sections, subsections, clauses, phrases, and provisions of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.

### **SECTION 5**

#### **Savings**

All rights and remedies of the City of Corinth are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any Ordinances that have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such Ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

### **SECTION 6**

#### **Penalty**

Any person, firm or corporation who violates any provision of this Ordinance or the Code of Ordinances, as amended hereby, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, and each and every day any such offense shall continue shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense, provided, however, that in all cases involving violation of any provision of this ordinance or Code of Ordinances, as amended hereby, governing public health shall be subject to a fine not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense as allowed by law, and each and every day any such offense shall continue shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

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**SECTION 7**  
**Publication/Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the date of its passage and publication, as provided by the Texas Local Government Code.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORINTH, TEXAS on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.**

**APPROVED:**

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Bill Heidemann, Mayor

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Lana Wylie, City Secretary



**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

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Attachment “A”

**Water Conservation Plan for  
City of Corinth**

# **Water Conservation Plan**

## **City of Corinth**

### **April 4, 2024**

#### **SECTION 1**

##### **Introduction and Objectives**

Water supply has always been a key issue in the development of Texas. In recent years, the growing population and economic development of North Central Texas has led to increasing demands for water. Additional supplies to meet higher demands will be expensive and difficult to develop. Therefore, it is important that we make efficient use of existing supplies - - to minimize the need for new resources.

Effective water conservation can postpone or reduce the need for development of new water supplies, minimize the associated environmental impacts and reduce the high cost of water supply development. Even with robust conservation measures, new sources of water will be needed; conservation alone is not enough. To respond to the growing population of this region, the planning for new water resources must continue. The City of Corinth considers water conservation (including reuse of reclaimed wastewater) an integral part of this planning process and water supply development process.

Recognizing the need for efficient use of existing water supplies, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") has promulgated guidelines and requirements governing the development of water conservation plans for Public Water Suppliers. The City of Corinth developed its original plans for water conservation and drought contingency in 2003, later amended in 2009, 2016, and 2019. This update of the Water Conservation Plan (the "Plan") has been coordinated with the suggested model water conservation plan prepared by Upper Trinity Regional Water District ("UTRWD") for its Members and Customers, such as the City of Corinth; and is consistent with the latest TCEQ requirements outlined below.

Water is a basic tenant in all aspects of sustainability. Water conservation is one critical element of a water supplier's effort to meet future water supply needs, in an economical manner and without sacrificing quality of life standards. The following are the central objectives of this Plan:

- Reduce water consumption from levels that would prevail without conservation efforts;
- Reduce the loss and waste of water, as evidenced by per capita use;
- Provide support and incentives to retail customers to maintain and continue sound conservation practices;
- Continue to improve efficiency in the use of water and
- Extend the adequacy of current water supplies by reducing the pace of growth in the annual demand for water.

#### **1.1 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Rules**

TCEQ rules governing the development of water conservation plans for Public Water Suppliers, such as the City of Corinth, are contained in Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 288, Subchapter A and Rule 288.2 of the Texas Administrative Code ("TAC"). A copy of these rules is included in Appendix A. The rules define a water conservation plan as:

"A strategy or combination of strategies for reducing the volume of water withdrawn from a water supply source, for reducing the loss or waste of water, for maintaining or improving

the efficiency in the use of water, for increasing the recycling and reuse of water, and for preventing the pollution of water.”

New rules amending 30 TAC Chapter 288 were approved by TCEQ commissioners on November 14, 2012 and made effective on December 6, 2012. The following is a summary of the key changes:

- A utility profile must be prepared in accordance with the Texas Water Use Methodology; water use data must include total gallons per capita per day (GPCD) **and** residential GPCD;
- All Public Water Suppliers must classify water sales and uses into the most detailed level of water use data currently available to the record management system (e.g., (i) residential (single family and multi-family), (ii) commercial, (iii) institutional, (iv) industrial, (v) agricultural and (vi) wholesale);
- Five-year and ten-year targets for water savings must include goals for municipal use in total GPCD **and** residential GPCD and
- The term “unaccounted-for uses of water” is replaced with “water loss.”

A. Minimum Water Conservation Plan Requirements

The minimum requirements for water conservation plans for municipal uses by Public Water Suppliers required by TCEQ are summarized below.

- *Utility Profile:* In accordance with the Texas Water Use Methodology, including, but not limited to, information regarding population and customer data, water use data (including total GPCD and residential GPCD), water supply system data and wastewater system data. (Section 2)
- *Record Management System:* Allows for the classification of water sales and uses into the most detailed level of water use data currently available to it, including, if possible, the following sectors: (i) residential (single family and multi-family), (ii) commercial, (iii) institutional, (iv) industrial, (v) agricultural and (vi) wholesale). (Section 3)
- *Goals:* Specific, quantified five-year and ten-year targets for water savings to include goals for water loss programs and goals for municipal use, in total GPCD and residential GPCD. The goals established by a Public Water Supplier are not enforceable under this subparagraph. (Section 4)
- *Accurate Metering Devices:* Metering devices have an accuracy of plus or minus five percent (5%) for measuring water diverted from the source of supply. (Section 5.1)
- *Universal Metering, Testing, Repair and Replacement:* A program for universal metering of both customer and public uses of water, for meter testing and repair and for periodic meter replacement. (Section 5.2)
- *Determination and Control of Water Loss:* Specific measures to determine and control water loss. The measures may include periodic visual inspections along distribution pipelines, periodic audits of the water system for illegal connections or abandoned services. (Section 5.3)



- *Continuing Public Education Program:* A continuing public education and information program regarding water conservation is required as part of the Plan. (Section 5.4)
- *Non-Promotional Water Rate Structure:* A water rate structure that is not “promotional,” that is, rates that discourage waste and excessive use of water such as increasing block rate instead of volume discounts. (Section 5.5)
- *Landscape Water Management Strategy:* Implementing and achieving the efficient use and stewardship of water in landscape irrigation, including watering a maximum of two days per week and time-of-day watering provisions. It is an optional strategy within the TCEQ regulations. However, UTRWD requires that the City of Corinth implement a landscape water management ordinance as part of the Plan. (Section 5.6)
- *Reservoir Systems Operational Plan:* If applicable, providing for the coordinated operation of reservoirs owned by the water supply entity within a common watershed or river basin in order to optimize available water supplies. (Section 5.7)
- *Means of Implementation and Enforcement:* The regulations require a strategy for implementing and enforcing the provisions of this Plan, as evidenced by an ordinance, resolution or tariff, and a description of the authority by which the Plan is enforced. (Section 8)
- *Coordination with Regional Water Planning Group:* Document that the Plan has been coordinated with the Regional Water Planning Group to ensure consistency with the appropriate approved regional water plan. (Section 9)

**B. Additional Requirements for Larger Public Water Suppliers**

Water conservation plans for municipal uses by Public Drinking Water Suppliers serving a population of 5,000 or more and/or a projected population of 5,000 or more within the 10 years subsequent to the effective date of this Plan must include the elements summarized below.

- *Program of Leak Detection, Repair and Water Loss Accounting:* A program of leak detection, repair and water loss accounting for the water transmission, delivery and distribution system in order to control for water loss. (Section 6.1)
- *Wholesale Customer Requirements:* If applicable, a requirement in every wholesale water supply contract entered into or renewed after official adoption of the water conservation plan, and including any contract extension, that each successive wholesale customer develop and implement a water conservation plan or water conservation measures using the applicable elements in Title 30 TAC Chapter 288. (Section 6.2)

**C. Enhanced Water Conservation Program Strategies**

TCEQ rules identify the following strategies as optional if they are necessary to achieve the stated water conservation goals of the Plan. The City of Corinth observes these strategies as necessary to achieve the goals of this Plan.

- Conservation-oriented water rates and water rate structures (Section 5.5);
- Adoption of ordinances, plumbing codes and/or rules requiring water-conserving plumbing fixtures to be installed in new structures and existing structures undergoing substantial modification or addition (Section 7.1);

- A program for the replacement or retrofit of water-conserving plumbing fixtures in existing structures;
- Reuse and/or recycling of wastewater and/or gray water, where feasible and appropriate (Section 7.2);
- A program for pressure control and/or reduction in the distribution system and/or for customer connections (Section 7.3);
- A method for monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of the Plan (Section 7.4 and Section 10)
- Any other water conservation practice, method or technique which the Public Water Supplier shows to be appropriate for achieving the stated goal or goals of the water conservation plan (Section 7.5 – 7.10) and
- Prohibit the use of potable water to fill or refill residential, amenity, and any other natural or manmade ponds. A pond is considered to be a still body of water with a surface area of 500 square feet or more.

This Plan sets forth a program of long-term measures under which the City of Corinth can improve the overall efficiency of water use and conserve its water resources. Short-term measures that respond to specific water management conditions (i.e., periods of drought, unusually high water demands, unforeseen equipment or system failure or contamination of a water supply source) are provided in the City of Corinth’s Drought Contingency Plan.

## **SECTION 2**

### **Water Utility Profile**

Appendix B to this Plan provides the utility profile as recommended by TCEQ. The utility profile must be in accordance with the Texas Water Use Methodology developed by the Texas Water Development Board (“TWDB”) and TCEQ to include information regarding population and customer data, water use data, water supply system data (including total GPCD and residential GPCD) and wastewater system data. A copy of the utility profile for the City of Corinth will also be provided to UTRWD.

*(Additional information may be included in this section if desired)*

## **SECTION 3**

### **Record Management System**

The City of Corinth’s current record management system is able to classify water use data into the following sectors: – i.e., residential (single family and multi-family), commercial, institutional, industrial, agricultural and wholesale.

## **SECTION 4**

### **Water Conservation Planning Goals**

TCEQ rules require the adoption of specific water conservation goals as part of the Plan. The City of Corinth has developed 5-year and 10-year target water saving goals (see Table 4.1 below)

for municipal use in total GPCD and residential GPCD. Specific water conservation strategies are discussed in the subsequent sections of this Plan. The goals of this Plan include the following:

- Maintain accurate supply source metering to measure and account for the amount of water diverted from the source of supply;
- Maintain a program of universal metering, meter replacement and repair and periodic meter replacement;
- Maintain the level of water loss in the City of Corinth's water system below 15% annually;
- Raise public awareness of water conservation and encourage responsible public behavior through a coordinated public education and information program;
- Continue to implement a water rate structure to encourage water conservation;
- Maintain a reservoir systems operations plan, providing for the coordinated operation of reservoirs;
- Implement and enforce the Plan by officially adopting the Plan through an ordinance, describing the authority by which the City of Corinth will implement and enforce the Plan and documenting coordination with the Region C Water Planning Group;
- Maintain a program of leak detection and repair;
- *(if applicable)* Ensure that each wholesale customer develops and implements a water conservation plan with similar and consistent strategies as provided in this Plan; and
- Decrease waste in lawn irrigation by implementing and enforcing landscape water management regulations and

**Table 4.1  
Municipal Per Capita Target Water Saving Goals**

	<b>Historic 5-yr Average</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>5-yr Goal for year 2029</b>	<b>10-yr Goal for year 2034</b>
Total GPCD <sup>1</sup>	<b>134</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>123</b>
Residential GPCD <sup>2</sup>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>99</b>
Water Loss (GPCD) <sup>3</sup>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>
Water Loss (%) <sup>4</sup>	<b>9.69%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>

1. Total GPCD = (Total Gallons in System ÷ Permanent Population) ÷ 365

2. Residential GPCD = (Gallons Used for Residential Use ÷ Residential Population) ÷ 365

3. Water Loss GPCD = (Total Water Loss ÷ Permanent Population) ÷ 365

4. Water Loss Percentage = (Total Water Loss ÷ Total Gallons in System) x 100; or (Water Loss GPCD ÷ Total GPCD) x 100

## SECTION 5 Basic Water Conservation Strategies

This section outlines the City of Corinth's basic water conservation program strategies that are planned to be implemented to achieve or exceed the stated water conservation goals above.

### **5.1 Accurate Supply Source Metering**

The City of Corinth uses the following source(s) of water: groundwater pumped plus treated surface water supplied by UTRWD. The City of Corinth meters all water delivered into the distribution system from each water well site using meters having an accuracy of plus or minus five percent (5%). The City of Corinth currently calibrates its meters at each water well site on a regular basis and regularly checks the calibration of each meter at one (1) to two (2) year intervals.

For surface water, UTRWD measures all water delivered to the City of Corinth using meters with an accuracy of plus or minus two percent (2%) in accordance with American Water Works Association ("AWWA") standards. Said meters are calibrated annually in accordance with AWWA standards. When necessary, UTRWD repairs or replaces meters not conforming to an accuracy of plus or minus two percent (2%).

### **5.2 Universal Metering, Meter Testing and Repair and Periodic Meter Replacement**

Water usage for all customers of the City of Corinth, including public and governmental users, is metered. The City of Corinth will continue to implement its meter testing and calibration program of its service connections to identify any water loss and to determine if the meter readings are outside the acceptable range according to AWWA standards.

Meters registering any unusual or questionable readings are tested for accuracy. Inaccurate meters are repaired or replaced as needed. The City of Corinth replaces meters at 10 to 15-year intervals depending on meter size. Repair or replacement of larger general service meters is generally provided at 5-year intervals.

The City of Corinth understands the benefits of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), including greater customer service opportunities and alerting retail customers of potential leaks. The City of Corinth has implemented AMI.

### **5.3 Determination and Control of Water Loss**

Water loss is the difference between the amount of water produced or received and the amount delivered to retail, public and governmental users - - plus authorized but unmetered uses. Water loss can include several categories:

- Inaccuracies in retail meters;
- Accounts which are being used but have not yet been added to the billing system;
- Losses due to water main breaks and leaks in the water distribution system;
- Losses due to illegal connections and theft and
- Unmetered uses such as firefighting, flushing water mains and water for public buildings and water treatment plants.

Measures to control water loss are part of the routine operations of the City of Corinth. Field crews and other personnel are expected to look for and report evidence of leaks in the water

distribution system. Personnel are trained to watch for and report signs of illegal connections so they can be quickly addressed.

Water loss is calculated in accordance with the water utility profile in Appendix B. With the measures described in this Plan, the goal for the City of Corinth is to maintain its water loss below fifteen percent (15%) annually. If water loss exceeds this goal, the City of Corinth will complete an audit of its water distribution system to determine the source(s) of and reduce the water loss.

According to the Texas Water Code Section 16.0121, all retail public water suppliers are required to submit a water loss audit once every five years. Retail public water suppliers with either an active financial obligation with the TWDB or having more than 3,300 connections must submit a water loss audit every year. The City of Corinth will complete the water loss audit every years as required, and will be the primary tool that will be used to monitor water loss.

#### **5.4 Continuing Public Education and Information Program**

The ultimate success of any water conservation program is dependent on an informed public. Individual retail customers must have an awareness of the benefits and needs for water conservation. They must also have knowledge of how to contribute to the success of the Plan. The City of Corinth's public education and information program, including dedicated staff for this program, is designed to provide information to as many retail customers as possible. The City of Corinth works in collaboration with UTRWD to provide this information. The City of Corinth will promote its water conservation strategies outlined in this Plan as well as the measures and activities discussed below.

- **Informative School Program.** Provide water conservation information to area schools. This may consist of providing literature and coloring books, classroom presentations, demonstrations, etc. Staff may also coordinate with local schools to have Upper Trinity staff make presentations and demonstrations about water conservation and watershed protection, including an Enviroscape watershed model, rainfall simulator, stream erosion trailer, etc.
- **Literature Program.** Insert water conservation information with water bills at least twice per year as well as make information available to the public at utility offices or other public places. Information may include material developed by the City of Corinth's staff using material obtained from UTRWD, Texas A&M AgriLife, TWDB, TCEQ and other sources that pertain to water conservation in general and specific to landscape irrigation conservation.
- **Special Events and Promotions.** Make available promotional / educational items at special events focusing on water conservation in the landscape, home and business. Items may include Texas SmartScape® bookmarks, water bottles, toilet-leak test kits, water conservation coloring books, etc.
- **Website.** Make information on water conservation available on the City's website and include links to sites with good information about water conservation, such as to Texas SmartScape, AgriLife Water University, TWDB and TCEQ.
- **Speaking Engagements.** Notify local organizations, schools and civic groups that the City's staff, and staff of UTRWD, are available to make presentations on the importance of water conservation and the best ways to save water.

As a demonstration project, UTRWD maintains a water conservation garden to showcase the beauty and practicality of a water-conserving landscape. The conservation garden includes over 100 varieties of plants that are either native to North Texas or well adapted to the area, and is available for use by the City of Corinth, garden clubs, developers or other civic groups who desire to advance their knowledge and use of water conservation practices in home and business landscapes.

Other best management practices that may be included as part of the public education and information program:

- Public service announcements;
- Water efficient landscape judging / competition and
- Awards / certificates to recognize water efficient commercial users – recognize water saving landscape designs

## **5.5 Non-Promotional Water Rate Structure**

The City of Corinth has adopted an increasing block water rate structure that is intended to encourage water conservation and discourage waste and excessive use of water.

### Residential Rates

1. *Monthly minimum charge. This can (but does not have to) include up to 2,000 gallons water use with no additional charge.*
2. *Base charge per 1,000 gallons up to the approximate average residential use.*
3. *2<sup>nd</sup> tier (from average to 2 times the approximate average) at 1.25 to 2.0 times the base charge.*
4. *3<sup>rd</sup> tier (above 2 times the approximate average) at 1.25 to 2.0 times the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier.*

*\*The residential rate can also include a lower tier (a life-line rate) for basic household use up to 4,000 gallons per month or a determined basic use.*

### Commercial / Industrial Rates

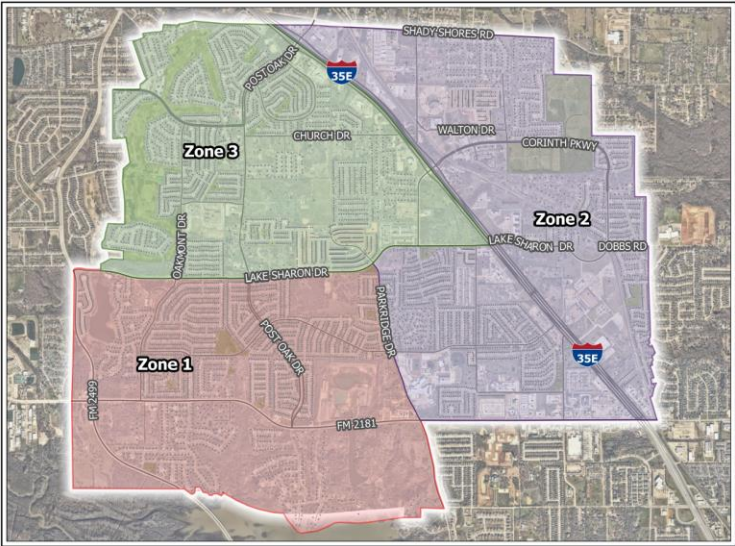
*Commercial / industrial rates should include at least two (2) tiers, with rates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier at 1.25 to 2.0 times the first tier. Higher water rates for commercial irrigation use are encouraged, but not required.*

## **5.6 Landscape Water Management Program/Ordinances**

The City of Corinth seeks to promote the efficient use and stewardship of water and to help UTRWD provide a consistent message throughout its service area. The City of Corinth has implemented the following landscape water management strategies:

- *Watering Maximum of Two Days Per Week.* Limit outdoor watering (automatic systems or hose-end sprinklers) to no more than two (2) days per week. Watering with hand-held hoses, soaker hoses or drip irrigation is allowed at any time.

Designated Watering Schedule



Designated Zone	Allowed Watering Days
Zone 1	Monday and Thursday
Zone 2	Tuesday and Friday
Zone 3	Wednesday and Saturday

- Retail customers may obtain a variance from the City for the establishment of new sod and other landscape plants. Said variance allows for watering more than two days per week for up to 30 days to establish new plant material, as prescribed in the table below. If additional time is necessary, requests may be submitted for review.

Plant Establishment Week	Watering Days and Times
Week 1	Two Times Per Day
Week 2	One Time Per Day
Week 3	Once Every Other Day
Week 4	Two Days Per Week

- *Time of Day Watering.* No outdoor watering with automatic irrigation systems or hose-end sprinklers from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on any day of the year. Watering with hand-held hoses, soaker hoses or drip irrigation systems is allowed at any time.
- *Water Waste.* Prohibit the design, installation, and operation of irrigation systems that spray directly onto impervious surfaces such as sidewalks and roads or onto other non-irrigated areas. Require well maintained automatic irrigation systems to avoid waste of water, such as repairing broken sprinkler heads, or leaking or broken valves or pipes. Prohibit outdoor watering during any form of precipitation and during freezing temperatures, and overwatering resulting in water runoff of 50 feet or more from the property.

These strategies will be actively promoted by the City of Corinth through public information programs and enforcement for mandatory compliance by its customers.

The City of Corinth offers an optional rebate program to encourage greater efficiency on outdoor irrigation systems. The rebate program includes the following concepts:

- Rain/freeze sensors for irrigation systems;
- Smart controllers for irrigation systems;
- Watering timers for hoses or outdoor water spouts;
- Irrigation upgrades; and
- Waterwise landscape/irrigation design.

In addition, the City of Corinth and UTRWD have implemented the 'Water My Yard' outdoor watering management program to City of Corinth's area. The 'Water My Yard' website, WaterMyYard.org, allows residents to receive weekly lawn watering recommendations, which are given in minutes of runtime. Recommendations are based on data from three weather stations that UTRWD maintains, as well as the landscape's needs, to prevent unnecessary overwatering. 'Water My Yard' is provided at no cost to residents, and the City will promote 'Water My Yard' in utility bills, newsletters and websites as appropriate.

Additional strategies implemented to reduce waste in landscape irrigation include:

- Require all new irrigation systems include rain and freeze sensors;
- Require all new irrigation systems be in compliance with state design and installation standards (TAC Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 344);
- Enforce strategies by a system of warnings followed by fines for continued or repeat violations.

## **5.7 Reservoir Systems Operations Plan**

Not applicable to the City of Corinth because the City does not own any reservoirs.

## **SECTION 6 Requirements for Larger Public Drinking Water Suppliers**

Water conservation plans for municipal uses by Public Drinking Water Suppliers serving a current population of 5,000 or more and/or a projected population of 5,000 or more within the ten (10) years subsequent to the effective date of this Plan must include the elements below.

### **6.1 Leak Detection, Repair and Water Loss Program**

Most water leaks, illegal connections, abandoned water services or other means of water loss are discovered through the visual observation of field crews and other personnel, or are reported by the public. The City of Corinth trains its personnel (e.g., meter readers, maintenance crews, etc.) to look for and report evidence of water leaks in the water distribution system to the appropriate department. Personnel are asked to watch for and report signs of illegal connections and abandoned services. All leaks are repaired as soon as possible, and all illegal connections and abandoned services are investigated as soon as possible in order to maintain a sound water system. Areas of the water distribution system in which numerous leaks and line breaks occur are programmed for replacement, as funds are available.



Specialized, state-of-the-art leak detection equipment is available to utilities in Texas to borrow free of charge from the Conservation Division of the TWDB to reduce water loss by detecting water leaks within the water distribution system.

## **6.2 Water Conservation Plans by Wholesale Customers**

Not applicable to the City of Corinth because the City does not have any successive wholesale customers.

## **SECTION 7 Additional Water Conservation Strategies**

The City of Corinth has selected the following additional water conservation strategies, described below, to achieve the water conservation goals of the plan.

### **7.1 Ordinances, Plumbing Codes or Rules on Water-Conserving Fixtures**

The State of Texas has required water-conserving fixtures in new construction and renovations since 1992, with standards updated in 2010 (Texas Administrative Code, Title 30, Section 290.252). The State's standards call for flows of no more than 2.2 gallons per minute (gpm) at a pressure of 60 pounds per square inch (psi) for faucets, 2.5 gpm for showerheads at 80 psi, 1.28 gallons per flush for toilets, 0.5 gallons per flush for urinals, and 1.6 gpm for commercial pre-rinse spray valves. Similar standards are now required nationally under federal law. These state and federal standards assure that all new construction and renovations will use water-conserving fixtures. The City of Corinth has incorporated these plumbing code standards into its building regulations.

The City of Corinth offers an optional rebate program to encourage replacement of older fixtures with water conserving fixtures. Over the next five (5) years, the City of Corinth plans to evaluate the feasibility and merits of additional rebate items. The current rebate program includes the following concepts:

- High-efficiency toilet replacement and rebate;

### **7.2 Reuse and Recycling of Wastewater and / or Gray Water**

The City of Corinth cooperates with UTRWD in the promotion of and achieving reuse of treated effluent on a regular basis.

### **7.3 Pressure Control Program**

The City of Corinth has determined a reasonable system pressure for each pressure zone in its retail distribution system and has installed internal pressure control stations and customer service pressure regulators where needed.

### **7.4 Means for Measuring Success**

The City of Corinth will make every effort to measure and quantify water savings achieved through its programs. The water saving results will be used to monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of the City of Corinth's water conservation program. The results will also be regularly reported to UTRWD.

## **7.5 Water Conserving Landscaping**

As part of its public education program, the City of Corinth encourages its retail customers to incorporate Texas SmartScape® principles into their respective landscapes. Texas Smartscape was developed through the North Central Texas Council of Governments in cooperation with cities, utilities and other agencies to educate citizens on the ecological, economic and aesthetic benefit of using landscape plants, shrubs, grasses and trees that are native or adapted to the regional climate and local conditions. Using Texas SmartScape principles can be both practical and beautiful, using earth-friendly techniques that conserve water resources and protect water quality.

## **7.6 Watershed Protection**

Protecting our watershed is a priority for every citizen and every community. As a double benefit, strategies that promote water conservation also tend to protect the quality of water resources. Using earth-friendly techniques, such as native and adaptive plant materials and organic techniques for landscaped areas, requires less water and less use of fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals. Overuse or improper use of fertilizer, pesticides and other chemicals from landscape activities is also a major source of pollutants that find their way into water resources.

The City of Corinth is participating in UTRWD's coordinated program for watershed protection aimed at educating the public about protecting local watersheds and water quality. To help communicate the important role that watersheds have in the water supply for this region, UTRWD created a watershed logo and sign for Customers', such as the City of Corinth's, use.

*The City of Corinth has adopted the Denton County Greenbelt Plan and is evaluating various strategies to implement in the City's respective area. The City of Corinth is also participating on the Coordinating Committee to encourage other municipalities to adopt the Greenbelt Plan as well.*

## **7.7 Irrigation System Evaluations / Technical Assistance**

To improve water conservation and efficiency in landscape watering practices, the City of Corinth, in cooperation with UTRWD, provides technical assistance to retail customers (residential, industrial, commercial and institutional). The City of Corinth has partnered with UTRWD to provide irrigation system evaluations to retail customers at no cost. During the evaluation, the licensed irrigator may identify potential system leaks, diagnose equipment malfunctions and recommend equipment upgrades to enhance water efficiency. During the evaluation, education about good landscape watering practices and the use of earth-friendly materials is also shared with the retail customer.

## **7.8 Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) Audits**

The City of Corinth, in coordination with UTRWD, offers an outreach program to assist large water users find ways to operate more efficiently, save water and energy and lower their costs. Water savings are realized as the ICI customers implement audit recommendations. In addition to these audits, ICI customers who have implemented said recommendations and have taken proactive steps in using water more wisely and efficiently are publicly recognized.

In 2018, the Denton County Commissioners Court entered into an agreement to make the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing program available to non-residential property owners.

The PACE program provides low cost, long-term financing for energy and water efficiency upgrades for commercial, industrial, institutional and multi-family properties. The City of Corinth may promote this to ICI customers to encourage water use reduction.

## **7.9 In-House Water Conservation Efforts**

The City of Corinth has implemented an in-house water conservation program, including the following elements:

- The City of Corinth uses native or adapted drought tolerant plants, trees and shrubs in the majority of its landscapes;
- Irrigation at the City of Corinth's facilities occurs during off-peak times at night and early morning to avoid evaporation losses;
- Irrigation is limited to the amount needed to promote survival and health of plants and lawns, including limitation on frequency and time-of-day watering (see Section 5.6);
- Irrigation will be avoided on Saturday and Sunday if possible, since these are periods of high water use by the public, and
- Irrigation will be accomplished with treated wastewater effluent wherever feasible and practicable.

## **7.10 Water Conservation Coordinator**

UTRWD requires each Customer, such as the City of Corinth, designate a Water Conservation Coordinator. State law now requires utilities with 3,300 connections or more to designate a Water Conservation Coordinator, according to Section 13.146 of the Texas Water Code. The Conservation Coordinator is responsible for the preparation, implementation and enforcement of the City of Corinth's Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans, as well as the preparation and submittal of annual conservation status reports and implementation of the City of Corinth's conservation program.

## **SECTION 8 Implementation and Enforcement**

A copy of the City of Corinth's ordinance indicating official adoption of the water conservation plan is provided in Appendix C. The Water Conservation Coordinator is authorized to implement and enforce the Plan as described in Section 7.10. Such responsibilities may involve:

- Overseeing the execution and administration of all Plan elements;
- Supervising the keeping of records for the program verification and to assess the program effectiveness and
- Making recommendations for changes in the Plan as needed.

## **SECTION 9 Coordination with Regional Water Planning Group and UTRWD**

The City of Corinth has coordinated with the Region C Water Planning Group and UTRWD to ensure consistency with the approved regional water plan and UTRWD's water conservation plan. The City of Corinth sent a copy of the draft ordinance(s) or resolution(s) implementing the Plan

and the water utility profile to UTRWD for review and approval. After adoption, the City of Corinth sent the final ordinance, the Plan and the adopted water profile to UTRWD. Appendix D includes a copy of the letter sent to the Chair of the Region C Water Planning along with the City of Corinth's Plan.

**SECTION 10**  
**Review and Update of Water Conservation Plan and Annual Reports**

As required by TCEQ rules, the City of Corinth will review and update this Plan every five (5) years. The Plan will be updated as appropriate based on an assessment of previous five-year and ten-year targets and any other new or updated information. The next revision of the Plan is due by May 1, 2029. Any revised Plan must be submitted to the TCEQ within 90 days of adoption and include an implementation report as provided in Appendix E. The revised plan must also be submitted to the TWDB within 90 days of adoption.

The City of Corinth is also required to submit an annual report. Annual reports are due to TWDB by May 1 of each year to report the City of Corinth's progress in implementing its water conservation plan. Said report will be used to monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of the City of Corinth's water conservation program. The results of the annual report may also be used to plan conservation-related activities for the following year. The City of Corinth will send a copy of the annual report to UTRWD by March 31 of each year.

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**APPENDIX A**  
**TCEQ Minimum Requirements of a**  
**Water Conservation Plan for Municipal Uses by Public Water Suppliers**  
**(Subchapter A, Rule §288.20)**  
**Effective December 6, 2012**

(a) A water conservation plan for municipal water use by public water suppliers must provide information in response to the following. If the plan does not provide information for each requirement, the public water supplier shall include in the plan an explanation of why the requirement is not applicable.

(1) Minimum requirements. All water conservation plans for municipal uses by public water suppliers must include the following elements:

(A) a utility profile in accordance with the Texas Water Use Methodology, including, but not limited to, information regarding population and customer data, water use data (including total gallons per capita per day (GPCD) and residential GPCD), water supply system data, and wastewater system data;

(B) a record management system which allows for the classification of water sales and uses into the most detailed level of water use data currently available to it, including, if possible, the sectors listed in clauses (i) - (vi) of this subparagraph. Any new billing system purchased by a public water supplier must be capable of reporting detailed water use data as described in clauses (i) - (vi) of this subparagraph:

(i) residential;

(I) single family;

(II) multi-family;

(ii) commercial;

(iii) institutional;

(iv) industrial;

(v) agricultural; and,

(vi) wholesale.

(C) specific, quantified five-year and ten-year targets for water savings to include goals for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in total GPCD and residential GPCD. The goals established by a public water supplier under this subparagraph are not enforceable;

(D) metering device(s), within an accuracy of plus or minus 5.0% in order to measure and account for the amount of water diverted from the source of supply;

(E) a program for universal metering of both customer and public uses of water, for meter testing and repair, and for periodic meter replacement;

(F) measures to determine and control water loss (for example, periodic visual inspections along distribution lines; annual or monthly audit of the water system to determine illegal connections; abandoned services; etc.);

(G) a program of continuing public education and information regarding water conservation;

(H) a water rate structure which is not "promotional," i.e., a rate structure which is cost-based and which does not encourage the excessive use of water;

(I) a reservoir systems operations plan, if applicable, providing for the coordinated operation of reservoirs owned by the applicant within a common watershed or river basin in order to optimize available water supplies; and

(J) a means of implementation and enforcement which shall be evidenced by:

(i) a copy of the ordinance, resolution, or tariff indicating official adoption of the water conservation plan by the water supplier; and

(ii) a description of the authority by which the water supplier will implement and enforce the conservation plan; and

(K) documentation of coordination with the regional water planning groups for the service area of the public water supplier in order to ensure consistency with the appropriate approved regional water plans.

(2) Additional content requirements. Water conservation plans for municipal uses by public drinking water suppliers serving a current population of 5,000 or more and/or a projected population of 5,000 or more within the next ten years subsequent to the effective date of the plan must include the following elements:

(A) a program of leak detection, repair, and water loss accounting for the water transmission, delivery, and distribution system;

(B) a requirement in every wholesale water supply contract entered into or renewed after official adoption of the plan (by either ordinance, resolution, or tariff), and including any contract extension, that each successive wholesale customer develop and implement a water conservation plan or water conservation measures using the applicable elements in this chapter. If the customer intends to resell the water, the contract between the initial supplier and customer must provide that the contract for the resale of the water must have water conservation requirements so that each successive customer in the resale of the water will be required to implement water conservation measures in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(3) Additional conservation strategies. Any combination of the following strategies shall be selected by the water supplier, in addition to the minimum requirements in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, if they are necessary to achieve the stated water conservation goals of the plan. The commission may require that any of the following strategies be implemented by the water supplier if the commission determines that the strategy is necessary to achieve the goals of the water conservation plan:

(A) conservation-oriented water rates and water rate structures such as uniform or increasing block rate schedules, and/or seasonal rates, but not flat rate or decreasing block rates;

(B) adoption of ordinances, plumbing codes, and/or rules requiring water-conserving plumbing fixtures to be installed in new structures and existing structures undergoing substantial modification or addition;

(C) a program for the replacement or retrofit of water-conserving plumbing fixtures in existing structures;

- (D) reuse and/or recycling of wastewater and/or graywater;
  - (E) a program for pressure control and/or reduction in the distribution system and/or for customer connections;
  - (F) a program and/or ordinance(s) for landscape water management;
  - (G) a method for monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of the water conservation plan; and
  - (H) any other water conservation practice, method, or technique which the water supplier shows to be appropriate for achieving the stated goal or goals of the water conservation plan.
- (b) A water conservation plan prepared in accordance with 31 TAC §363.15 (relating to Required Water Conservation Plan) of the Texas Water Development Board and substantially meeting the requirements of this section and other applicable commission rules may be submitted to meet application requirements in accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the commission and the Texas Water Development Board.
- (c) A public water supplier for municipal use shall review and update its water conservation plan, as appropriate, based on an assessment of previous five-year and ten-year targets and any other new or updated information. The public water supplier for municipal use shall review and update the next revision of its water conservation plan every five years to coincide with the regional water planning group.

**APPENDIX B**  
**Utility Profile**





UTILITY PROFILE FOR RETAIL WATER SUPPLIER

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Utility: CITY OF CORINTH

Public Water Supply Identification Number (PWS ID): TX0610065

Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) Number: P0604

Surface Water Right ID Number:

Wastewater ID Number:

Contact: First Name: Glenn Last Name: Barker

Title: Director of Public Works

Address: 3300 Corinth Parkway City: Corinth State: TX

Zip Code: 76208 Zip+4: Email: Glenn.Barker@cityofcorinth.com

Telephone Number: 9404987510 Date:

Is this person the designated Conservation Coordinator? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Coordinator: First Name: Haley Last Name: Koehler

Title: Senior Administrative Assistant

Address: 3300 Corinth Parkway City: Corinth Zip Code: 76208

Email: Haley.Koehler@cityofcorinth.com Telephone Number: 940-498-7511

Regional Water Planning Group: C

Groundwater Conservation District:

Our records indicate that you:

- ☐ Received financial assistance of \$500,000 or more from TWDB
- ☒ Have 3,300 or more retail connections
- ☐ Have a surface water right with TCEQ

A. Population and Service Area Data

1. Current service area size in square miles: 8

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2. Historical service area population for the previous five years, starting with the most current year.

Year	Historical Population Served By Retail Water Service	Historical Population Served By Wholesale Water Service	Historical Population Served By Wastewater Water Service
2023	22,875	0	
2022	22,800	0	
2021	22,160	0	
2020	22,160	0	
2019	21,260	0	

3. Projected service area population for the following decades.

Year	Projected Population Served By Retail Water Service	Projected Population Served By Wholesale Water Service	Projected Population Served By Wastewater Water Service
2030	29,200	0	0
2040	32,500	0	0
2050	32,500	0	0
2060	32,500	0	0
2070	32,500	0	0

4. Described source(s)/method(s) for estimating current and projected populations.

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B. System Input

System input data for the previous five years.  
Total System Input = Self-supplied + Imported – Exported

Year	Water Produced in Gallons	Purchased/Imported Water in Gallons	Exported Water in Gallons	Total System Input	Total GPCD
2023	0	1,268,220,000	0	1,268,220,000	152
2022	0		0		
2021	1,035,340,206	0	0	1,035,340,206	128
2020	0	1,072,765,000	0	1,072,765,000	133
2019	0	1,012,242,000	0	1,012,242,000	130
Historic Average	207,068,041	838,306,750	0	1,097,141,802	136

C. Water Supply System

1. Designed daily capacity of system in gallons

7,500,000
2. Storage Capacity

2a. Elevated storage in gallons:

1,000,000

2b. Ground storage in gallons:

6,500,000

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D. Projected Demands

1. The estimated water supply requirements for the next ten years using population trends, historical water use, economic growth, etc.

Year	Population	Water Demand (gallons)
2025	24,018	1,331,631,000
2026	25,037	1,384,896,240
2027	26,038	1,440,292,090
2028	27,079	1,483,500,852
2029	28,434	1,528,005,878
2030	29,200	1,573,846,054
2031	29,784	1,621,061,436
2032	30,380	1,669,693,279
2033	30,987	1,703,087,145
2034	31,607	1,737,148,887

2. Description of source data and how projected water demands were determined.

Local population projections.

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E. High Volume Customers

1. The annual water use for the five highest volume  
RETAIL customers.

Customer	Water Use Category	Annual Water Use	Treated or Raw
Kensington Apartment	Residential	32,348	Treated
Tower Ridge Apartment	Residential	23,678	Treated
Corinth Community Park	Commercial	23,437	Treated
Oxford at The Boulevard	Residential	20,527	Treated
Crownover Middle School	Commercial	20,404	Treated

2. The annual water use for the five highest volume  
WHOLESALE customers.

Customer	Water Use Category	Annual Water Use	Treated or Raw
Brookside Autoflusher	Municipal	3,367,763	Treated
Corinth Community Park	Municipal	2,625,392	Treated
Corinth Soccer Practice Fields	Municipal	2,564,967	Treated
Community Park #5 Soccer Field	Municipal	1,986,216	Treated
Corinth Community Park Softball Field #8	Municipal	1,311,856	Treated

F. Utility Data Comment Section

Additional comments about utility data.



UTILITY PROFILE FOR RETAIL WATER SUPPLIER

Section II: System Data

A. Retail Water Supplier Connections

1. List of active retail connections by major water use category.

Water Use Category Type	Total Retail Connections (Active + Inactive)	Percent of Total Connections
Residential - Single Family	7,321	93.62 %
Residential - Multi-Family	43	0.55 %
Industrial	0	0.00 %
Commercial	208	2.66 %
Institutional	38	0.49 %
Agricultural	210	2.69 %
Total	7,820	100.00 %

2. Net number of new retail connections by water use category for the previous five years.

	Net Number of New Retail Connections						
Year	Residential - Single Family	Residential - Multi-Family	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional	Agricultural	Total
2023	235			12			247
2022	38			2			40
2021	48			3			51
2020	38			3			41
2019	14			2			16



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B. Accounting Data

The previous five years’ gallons of RETAIL water provided in each major water use category.

Year	Residential - Single Family	Residential - Multi-Family	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional	Agricultural	Total
2023	863,505,204	52,957,170	0	152,380,000	0	0	1,068,842,374
2022	839,572,000	42,963,000	0	139,707,000	0	0	1,022,242,000
2021	713,239,286	43,967,701	0	160,018,231	0	7,694,122	924,919,340
2020	756,765,247	42,063,948	0	128,150,086	0	16,957,797	943,937,078
2019	707,871,000	32,814,000	0	149,557,000	0	16,407,000	906,649,000

C. Residential Water Use

The previous five years residential GPCD for single family and multi-family units.

Year	Total Residential GPCD
2023	102
2022	100
2021	101
2020	102
2019	98
Historic Average	101



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D. Annual and Seasonal Water Use

1. The previous five years’ gallons of treated water provided to RETAIL customers.

Month	Total Gallons of Treated Water				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	58,383,000	63,917,000	52,492,000	50,478,000	53,651,000
February	47,473,000	49,738,000	53,692,000	48,630,000	45,084,000
March	58,383,000	63,869,000	61,134,000	59,507,000	61,195,000
April	84,238,000	83,649,000	78,801,000	71,569,000	64,570,000
May	110,247,000	98,302,000	67,382,000	83,948,000	67,291,000
June	134,668,000	130,676,000	87,973,000	123,849,000	83,939,000
July	165,434,000	185,932,000	123,460,000	146,480,000	145,059,000
August	198,200,000	155,172,000	127,413,000	154,755,000	141,406,000
September	155,521,000	122,499,000	128,522,000	97,405,000	140,616,000
October	120,448,000	98,136,000	96,288,000	103,702,000	98,226,000
November	72,736,000	91,235,000	66,093,000	70,962,000	56,056,000
December	62,020,000	54,116,000	61,024,000	56,480,000	55,149,000
Total	1,267,751,000	1,197,241,000	1,004,274,000	1,067,765,000	1,012,242,000



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2. The previous five years' gallons of raw water provided to RETAIL customers.

Month	Total Gallons of Raw Water				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

3. Summary of seasonal and annual water use.

	Summer RETAIL (Treated + Raw)	Total RETAIL (Treated + Raw)
2023	498,302,000	1,267,751,000
2022	471,780,000	1,197,241,000
2021	338,846,000	1,004,274,000
2020	425,084,000	1,067,765,000
2019	370,404,000	1,012,242,000
Average in Gallons	420,883,200.00	1,109,854,600.00

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E. Water Loss

Water Loss data for the previous five years.

Year	Total Water Loss in Gallons	Water Loss in GPCD	Water Loss as a Percentage
2023	190,233,000	129	15.00 %
2022	116,012,653	134	9.69 %
2021	107,664,568	13	9.37 %
2020	110,682,378	14	10.32 %
2019	76,533,191	10	7.56 %
Average	120,225,158	60	10.39 %

F. Peak Day Use

Average Daily Water Use and Peak Day Water Use for the previous five years.

Year	Average Daily Use (gal)	Peak Day Use (gal)	Ratio (peak/avg)
2023	3,473,290	5416326	1.5594
2022	3,280,112	5128043	1.5634
2021	2,751,435	3683108	1.3386
2020	2,925,383	4620478	1.5794
2019	2,773,265	4026130	1.4518

G. Summary of Historic Water Use

Water Use Category	Historic Average	Percent of Connections	Percent of Water Use
Residential - Single Family	776,190,547	93.62 %	79.75 %
Residential - Multi-Family	42,953,163	0.55 %	4.41 %
Industrial	0	0.00 %	0.00 %
Commercial	145,962,463	2.66 %	15.00 %
Institutional	0	0.49 %	0.00 %
Agricultural	8,211,783	2.69 %	0.84 %

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H. System Data Comment Section

Section III: Wastewater System Data

A. Wastewater System Data

1. Design capacity of wastewater treatment plant(s) in gallons per day:

2. List of active wastewater connections by major water use category.

Water Use Category	Metered	Unmetered	Total Connections	Percent of Total Connections
Municipal			0	0.00 %
Industrial			0	0.00 %
Commercial			0	0.00 %
Institutional			0	0.00 %
Agricultural			0	0.00 %
Total			0	100.00 %

3. Percentage of water serviced by the wastewater system: 

%

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4. Number of gallons of wastewater that was treated by the utility for the previous five years.

Month	Total Gallons of Treated Water				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January					
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
Total					

5. Could treated wastewater be substituted for potable water?

☐ Yes      ☐ No

B. Reuse Data

1. Data by type of recycling and reuse activities implemented during the current reporting period.

Type of Reuse	Total Annual Volume (in gallons)
On-site Irrigation	
Plant wash down	
Chlorination/de-chlorination	
Industrial	
Landscape irrigation (park,golf courses)	
Agricultural	
Discharge to surface water	
Evaporation Pond	
Other	
Total	



UTILITY PROFILE FOR RETAIL WATER SUPPLIER

C. Wastewater System Data Comment

Additional comments and files to support or explain wastewater system data listed below.

**APPENDIX C**  
**Copy of Ordinance Adopted**  
**by City Council**

## **APPENDIX D**

### **Coordination with Regional C Planning Group**

May 1, 2024

Region C Water Planning Group  
c/o Trinity River Authority  
P.O. Box 60  
Arlington, TX 76004

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan for the City of Corinth. I am submitting a copy of this plan in accordance with the Texas Water Development Board and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules. The City Council of the City of Corinth adopted the updated plan on April 4, 2024.

Sincerely,

Glenn Barker  
Director of Public Works



**APPENDIX E**  
**Revised Plan Implementation Letter**

Not Applicable.

Attachment “B”

**Drought Contingency Plan for  
City of Corinth**

# **Model Drought Contingency Plan for City of Corinth**

***April 4, 2024***

## **SECTION 1 Introduction and Objectives**

The purpose of this Drought Contingency Plan (the “Plan”) is to provide for drought contingency measures for City of Corinth as required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) and the Upper Trinity Regional Water District (“UTRWD”). Such contingency measures may be needed during drought conditions, during an emergency and when water use approaches the Regional Treated Water System (“System”) supply or the capacity of treatment and delivery facilities. Examples of drought or emergency conditions include low levels of water supply lakes, unusually high water demands, unforeseen equipment / system failure or contamination of the water supply source.

The City of Corinth developed its original plans for drought contingency in 2003, later amended in 2009, 2016 and 2019. This update of the Plan has been coordinated with the suggested model drought contingency plan prepared by UTRWD for its Members and Customers, such as the City of Corinth, and is consistent with TCEQ’s model drought contingency plan and the latest requirements outlined below. The provisions and responses outlined in this Plan are intended to be uniformly applied among UTRWD’s Members and Customers.

The City of Corinth uses the following source(s) of water: groundwater pumped plus treated surface water supplied by UTRWD. The total combined amount from these sources is normally sufficient to provide water for residential and commercial customers and to maintain adequate reserve quantities and pressure from storage facilities to meet emergency and firefighting demands.

Drought is a frequent and inevitable factor in the climate of Texas. Therefore, it is vital to plan for the effect that droughts will have on the use, allocation and conservation of water in the region. Drought contingency planning is one critical element of a water supplier’s effort to reduce peak water demands and extend water supplies. The following are the central objectives of this Plan:

- Help assure reliability of water service to retail customers;
- Conserve the available water supply in times of drought and emergency;
- Maintain adequate water supplies for domestic use, sanitation and fire protection;
- Protect and preserve public health, welfare and safety;
- Minimize the adverse impacts of water supply shortages and
- Minimize the adverse impacts of emergency conditions affecting water supply.

## **SECTION 2 Applicable Rules of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**

TCEQ rules governing the development of drought contingency plans for Municipal Uses by Public Water Suppliers, such as the City of Corinth, are contained in Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 288, Subchapter B and Rule 288.20 of the Texas Administrative Code (“TAC”). A copy of these rules is included in Appendix A. The rules define a drought contingency plan as:

“A strategy or a combination of strategies for temporary supply and demand management responses to temporary and potentially recurring water supply shortages and other water supply emergencies.”

#### Minimum Drought Contingency Plan Requirements

The minimum requirements contained in the TAC for drought contingency plans are covered in this Plan as follows:

Rule	Subject	Section
288.20(a)(1)(A)	Informing the Public & Providing Opportunity for Input	Section 3
288.20(a)(1)(B)	Provisions for Continuing Public Education & Information	Section 4
288.20(a)(1)(C)	Coordination with the Regional Water Planning Group	Section 10
288.20(a)(1)(D)	Criteria for Initiation Monitoring & Termination of Stages	Section 7
288.20(a)(1)(E)	Drought and Emergency Response Stages	Section 7
288.20(a)(1)(F)	Targets to be Achieved During Drought	Section 7
288.20(a)(1)(G)	Water Supply & Demand Mgm't Measures for Each Stage	Section 7
288.20(a)(1)(H)	Procedures for Initiation & Termination of Drought Stages	Section 7
288.20(a)(1)(I)	Procedures for Granting Variances	Section 8
288.20(a)(1)(J)	Procedures for Enforcement of Mandatory Restrictions	Section 9
288.20(a)(2)	Drought Plans for Privately-Owned Utilities	Section 12
288.20(a)(3)	Consultation with Wholesale Suppliers	Section 7
288.20(b)	Notification of Implementation of Mandatory Measures	Section 7
288.20(c)	Review & Update of Plan	Section 11

Also included in this Plan are statements of authorization (Section 5) and application (Section 6).

### **SECTION 3 Public Involvement**

The City of Corinth previously provided opportunity for public input in the development of this Plan by the following means (*add to this list and adapt as needed*):

- Provided a copy of the draft Plan to anyone requesting a copy and
- Held a public meeting at a time and location convenient to the public and provided written notice to the public concerning the draft Plan and meeting.

### **SECTION 4 Provisions for Continuing Public Education and Information**

The City of Corinth will provide public information about the Plan at least annually, including information about the conditions under which each stage of the Plan is to be initiated or terminated and the drought response measures to be implemented in each stage. This information will be provided by any of the following means (*add to this list and adapt as needed*):

- Prepare bulletins / newsletters describing the Plan and make said bulletins / newsletters available in utility bills, public facilities or other appropriate places;
- Make the Plan and its requirements available on the City of Corinth's website;

- Include information about this Plan and water conservation on the City of Corinth's website, and as part of its bulletins / newsletters, public service announcements and media reports and
- Notify local organizations, schools and civic groups that City of Corinth staff members are available to make presentations on the Plan (usually in conjunction with presentations on water conservation programs).

When provisions of the Plan are activated or when a drought response stage changes, the City of Corinth will notify local media of the relevant issues, the appropriate drought response stage and the specific actions required of the public. The provisions of the Plan are mandatory and therefore, TCEQ shall be notified within five (5) business days. The information will also be publicized on the City of Corinth's website and in billing inserts.

## **SECTION 5**

### **Authorization**

The City Manager, or official designee, is hereby authorized and directed to implement the applicable provisions of this Plan upon determination that such implementation is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to comply with applicable regulations or contractual requirements. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the City Manager, or official designee, shall have the authority to initiate, to enforce and to terminate the measures provided herein for a drought or other water supply emergency. Due to the need to enact water use reduction measures for drought mitigation or other water supply emergency, no other entities, including homeowners' associations, shall enact liens, fines, or other punitive measures against residents due to negative effects that may occur to landscape plants. The authority to implement and enforce the Drought Contingency Plan is established in Ordinance No. 24-04-04-\_\_ as provided in Appendix B.

## **SECTION 6**

### **Application**

The provisions of this Plan shall apply to all persons, customers and property utilizing water provided by the City of Corinth. The terms "person" and "customer" as used in the Plan include individuals, corporations, institutions, partnerships, associations and all other legal entities.

## **SECTION 7**

### **Drought Contingency Plan - - Emergency Response Stages**

The City Manager, or official designee, may order the initiation or termination of a drought response stage or water emergency when one or more of the trigger conditions for that stage is met as provided in this Section. The triggering criteria described below are based on the ability of the City of Corinth to deliver treated water to its customers and / or the ability of UTRWD to deliver treated water to the City. Water supply and / or demand conditions are monitored by both the City of Corinth and UTRWD on a regular basis to determine when conditions warrant initiation or termination of a drought response stage.

#### **7.1 Initiation of Drought Response Stages**

The following actions will be taken when a drought response stage is initiated:

- The public will be notified through local media, the City of Corinth's website and other appropriate methods as described in Section 3 above;
- Unless otherwise implemented by UTRWD, the City of Corinth will notify UTRWD by telephone with a follow-up letter, e-mail or fax to confirm implementation of any drought response stage and to provide relevant details and
- **The City of Corinth will also notify the Executive Director of the TCEQ within five (5) business days.**

When specific drought response stages are announced by UTRWD, the City of Corinth and other entities receiving water from UTRWD are required to implement the appropriate measures. For other trigger conditions not announced by UTRWD, the City Manager, or official designee, may implement contingency measures based on local conditions affecting the City of Corinth; or for good cause may decide not to order the implementation of a drought response stage or water emergency even though one or more trigger criteria for the stages are met. Various factors are taken into account when making a decision about such stages, including circumstances unique to the City of Corinth, the time of the year, weather conditions, the anticipation of replenished water supplies, use of an alternate water resource or the anticipation that additional facilities will become available on a timely basis to meet needs. The reason for such decision will be documented and communicated to UTRWD for the record.

## 7.2 Termination of Drought Response Stages

The following actions will be taken when a drought response stage is terminated:

- The public will be notified through local media, the City of Corinth's website and other appropriate methods as described in Section 3 above;
- UTRWD will be notified by telephone with a follow-up letter, e-mail or fax to confirm the particular drought response stage has been terminated and
- **The City of Corinth will also notify the Executive Director of the TCEQ within five (5) business days.**

The City Manager, or official designee, may decide not to order the termination of a drought response stage or water emergency even though the conditions for termination of the stage are met. Various factors could influence such a decision about whether to end a specific stage, including circumstances unique to the City of Corinth, the time of the year, weather conditions, and conditions within the local water distribution system or anticipation of other relevant factors that warrant continuation of measures for the drought stage. The reason for such decision will be documented and communicated to UTRWD for the record.

## 7.3 Drought and Emergency Response Stages

### A. Stage 1 – Water Watch

#### Requirements for Initiation

The following are key conditions, any one of which may trigger this stage:

- UTRWD has announced Stage 1 – Water Watch, which may be a result of:

- The total raw water supply in water supply lakes available to UTRWD has dropped below **75%** (25% depleted) during the time period from April 1 to October 31; or
  - The total raw water supply in the water supply lakes available to Upper Trinity has dropped below **80%** (20% depleted) during the time period from November 1 to March 31; or
  - Dallas Water Utilities (a source of raw water to UTRWD) has initiated Stage 1 and given notice to UTRWD; or
  - UTRWD, with concurrence of the Board of Directors, finds that conditions warrant the declaration of Stage 1; or
- Water demand has reached or exceeded **80%** of delivery capacity for three consecutive days; or
  - Water demand is **approaching** a level that will cause a reduced delivery capacity for all or part of the distribution system, as determined by the City of Corinth or
  - The water supply system has a **significant limitation** due to failure of or damage to important water system components.

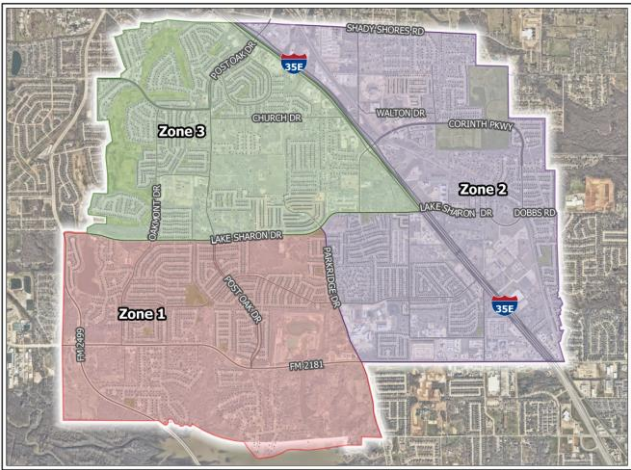
#### Goal

Stage 1 is intended to raise public awareness of potential drought and water emergency problems. The goal for water use reduction under Stage 1 is five percent (5%) of total daily water use that otherwise would have occurred in the absence of drought contingency measures. If circumstances warrant, the City Manager can set a goal for greater or lesser water use reduction.

#### Water Use Restrictions for Reducing Demand

Under this stage, customers will be requested to conserve water through mandatory and voluntary measures, and to comply with restrictions on certain non-essential water use as provided below. Specific measures to be implemented during the stage will be determined by the City of Corinth's City Manager, or official designee. The City Manager, or official designee, may also take other actions not listed, if deemed necessary.

- Require reduction of water use through mandatory, maximum two-days-per-week landscape irrigation schedule for automatic irrigation systems and hose-end sprinklers. Irrigation of landscaped areas and building foundations is permitted at any time if it is by means of a hand-held hose, drip irrigation or soaker hose systems.



Designated Zone	Allowed Watering Days
Zone 1	Monday and Thursday
Zone 2	Tuesday and Friday
Zone 3	Wednesday and Saturday

- Require reduction of water use through mandatory time-of-day landscape irrigation schedule. No outdoor watering with automatic irrigation systems and hose-end sprinklers can occur from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Irrigation of landscaped areas and building foundations is permitted at any time if it is by means of a hand-held hose, drip irrigation or soaker hose systems.
- Retail customers must obtain a variance from the City for the establishment of new sod and other landscape plants. Said variance allows for watering more than two days per week for up to 30 days to establish new plant material, as prescribed in the table below. After 30 days, the controller must be reprogrammed to water on designated watering days. Watering must be done in a manner that does not result in wasted water.

Plant Establishment Week	Watering Days and Times
Week 1	Two Times Per Day
Week 2	One Time Per Day
Week 3	Once Every Other Day
Week 4	Two Days Per Week

- Restrict washing of any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle to the use of a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle for quick rinses. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash facility or commercial service station. Companies with an automated on-site vehicle washing facility may wash its vehicles at any time.
- Encourage reduction in frequency of draining and refilling swimming pools. Prior to filling any pool in excess of 10,000 gallons capacity (aboveground or in-ground), the owner or the owner’s representative shall apply for a scheduled filling date(s) and time with the Director of Public Works or other designated public works staff. In establishing the pool



filling date(s) and time, the Director of Public Works shall inspect the water level of the City's domestic water storage tanks to ensure sufficient water storage is available.

- Encourage customers to avoid waste during recreational use (water used for leisure and entertainment purposes) from faucets, hoses or hydrants.
- Increase public education efforts on ways to reduce water use.
- Review internal operational conditions and capabilities by the City of Corinth and intensify efforts on leak detection and repair.
- Be alert to internal non-essential water use by the City of Corinth (examples include vehicle washing, operation of ornamental fountains, landscape uses for parks or medians, etc.).

#### Termination

Stage 1 may terminate when UTRWD terminates its Stage 1 condition or when the circumstances that caused the initiation of Stage 1 – Water Watch no longer prevail.

### **B. Stage 2 – Water Warning**

#### Requirements for Initiation

The following are key conditions, any one of which may trigger this stage:

- UTRWD has initiated Stage 2 – Water Warning, which may be a result of:
  - The total raw water supply in water supply lakes available to UTRWD has dropped below **60%** (40% depleted) during the time period from April 1 to October 31; or
  - The total raw water supply in the water supply lakes available to Upper Trinity has dropped below **65%** (35% depleted) during the time period from November 1 to March 31; or
  - Dallas Water Utilities has initiated Stage 2 and given notice to UTRWD; or
  - UTRWD, with concurrence of the Board of Directors, finds that conditions warrant the declaration of Stage 2; or
- Water demand has reached or exceeded **85%** of delivery capacity for three consecutive days; or
- Water demand **has reached** a level that is causing a reduced delivery capacity for all or part of the distribution system, as determined by the City of Corinth; or
- The water supply system is **unable to deliver** water at **normal rates** due to failure of or damage to major water system components; or
- A significant deterioration in the quality of a water supply, being affected by a natural or man-made source.

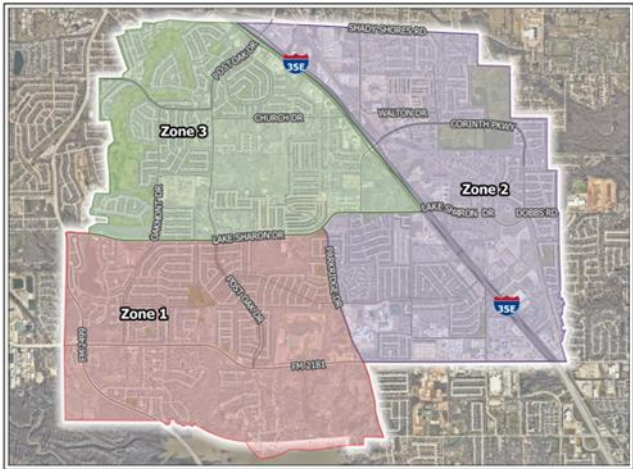
Goal

The goal for water use reduction under Stage 2 is a ten percent 10% reduction in the use that would otherwise have occurred in the absence of drought contingency measures. If circumstances warrant, the City Manager can set a goal for greater or lesser water use reduction.

Water Use Restrictions for Reducing Demand

Under this stage, customers will be requested to continue following the mandatory measures to conserve water and to comply with restrictions on certain non-essential water uses as provided below. Specific measures to be implemented during this stage will be determined by the City Manager, or official designee. The City Manager, or official designee, may also take other actions not listed, if deemed necessary. All requirements of Stage 1 shall remain in effect during this Stage 2, plus the following incremental or new measures:

- Require reduction of water use through mandatory maximum one-day-per-week landscape irrigation schedule. This includes irrigation of landscaped areas with automatic irrigation systems and hose-end sprinklers. Irrigation of landscaped areas and building foundations is permitted for a maximum of two hours on any day if it is by means of a hand-held hose, drip irrigation or soaker hose systems.



Designated Zone	Allowed Watering Day
Zone 1	Monday
Zone 2	Wednesday
Zone 3	Friday

- The establishment of new sod and other landscaping plants is prohibited.
- Prohibit recreational water use (water used for leisure and entertainment purposes) including use of faucets or hoses in such a manner that creates runoff or other wastes.
- Prohibit the filling, draining, and refilling of existing swimming pools, wading pools, Jacuzzis and hot tubs except to maintain structural integrity, proper operation and maintenance or to alleviate a public safety risk. Existing pools may add water to replace

losses from normal use and evaporation. Permitting of new swimming pools, wading pools, Jacuzzis and hot tubs is prohibited. If a permit for a new swimming pool, wading pool, Jacuzzi and hot tub was received prior to implementation of Stage 2, owner may fill with water no more than one time, if necessary, to prevent structural damage.

- Prohibit the operation of ornamental fountains or ponds that use potable water except where supporting aquatic life or water quality.
- Further accelerate public education efforts on ways to reduce water use.
- Continue intensified leak detection and repair activities by the City of Corinth on water pipes and mains.
- Reduce internal water use by the City, except where water is supplied from treated wastewater effluent (examples include: restrict irrigation to day-of-week watering schedule; no hosing off paved areas, buildings, windows or other hard surfaces; no vehicle washing except on the premises of a commercial car wash).
- Initiate engineering studies to evaluate alternatives to mitigate drought conditions should conditions worsen.
- The City of Corinth is restricted to day-of-week and time-of-day landscape watering schedule except for parks and golf courses that utilize non-potable water or groundwater for irrigation.
- Require reduction of water use through day-of-week landscape watering schedule for private parks and golf courses.
- Announce enforcement efforts and penalties for noncompliance.

#### Termination

Stage 2 may terminate when UTRWD terminates its Stage 2 condition or when the circumstances that caused the initiation of Stage 2 no longer prevail. Upon termination of Stage 2, Stage 1 – Water Watch will remain in effect unless otherwise announced by the City of Corinth or UTRWD.

### **C. Stage 3 – Water Emergency**

#### Requirements for Initiation

The following are key conditions, any one of which may trigger Stage 3:

- UTRWD has initiated Stage 3 – Water Emergency, which may be a result of:
  - The total raw water supply in water supply lakes available to UTRWD has dropped below **45%** (55% depleted) during the time period from April 1 to October 31; or

- The total raw water supply in the water supply lakes available to Upper Trinity has dropped below **50%** (50% depleted) during the time period from November 1 to March 31; or
- Dallas Water Utilities has initiated Stage 3 and given notice to UTRWD; or
- UTRWD, with concurrence of the Board of Directors, finds that conditions warrant the declaration of Stage 3; or
- Water demand has reached or exceeded **90%** of delivery capacity for three consecutive days; or
- Water demand **exceeds** the delivery capacity for all or part of the distribution system, as determined by the City of Corinth; or
- Water supply system is **unable to deliver** water in **adequate quantities** due to failure of or damage to major water system components; or
- Interruption of one or more water supply source(s); or
- Natural or man-made contamination of the water supply source that threatens water availability.

### Goal

The goal for water use reduction under Stage 3 is a reduction of twenty percent 20% in the use that would otherwise have occurred in the absence of drought contingency measures. If circumstances warrant, the City Manager can set a goal for greater or lesser water use reduction.

### Water Use Restrictions for Reducing Demand

Customers will comply with the requirements and mandatory restrictions on non-essential and other water uses as provided below. Specific measures to be implemented during this stage will be determined by the City Manager, or official designee. The City Manager, or official designee, may also take other actions not listed, if deemed necessary. All requirements of Stage 1 and Stage 2 shall remain in effect during this Stage 3, plus the following incremental or new measures:

- Outdoor irrigation is prohibited. Irrigation of landscaped areas and building foundations is permitted one day per week and for a maximum of two hours between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. if it is by means of a hand-held hose, drip irrigation or soaker hose systems.
- Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer or other vehicle not occurring on the premises of a commercial vehicle wash facility or commercial service stations is prohibited. Further, such washing may be exempt from these requirements if the health, safety and welfare of the public are contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and commercial vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
- Hosing and washing of paved areas, buildings, structures, windows or other surfaces is prohibited except by variance and performed by a professional service using high efficiency equipment.

- Prohibit operation of splash pads.
- Landscape watering of parks, golf courses, and athletic fields with potable water is prohibited. Exception for golf course greens and tee boxes which may be hand watered as needed. Variances may be granted by the water provider under special circumstances.
- Prohibit non-essential internal water use by the City of Corinth, except where water is supplied from treated wastewater effluent.
- No restrictions on commercial nurseries, construction (except for planting and establishing sod and other landscape plants which is prohibited), patio misters, and for dust abatement.
- Implement a rate surcharge on retail usage.
- Step-up enforcement activities.
- Implement utilization of alternative water sources if available.

#### Termination

Stage 3 may terminate when UTRWD terminates its Stage 3 condition or when the circumstances that caused the initiation of Stage 3 no longer prevail. Upon termination of Stage 3, Stage 2 – Water Warning will be initiated, unless otherwise announced by the City of Corinth or UTRWD.

### **SECTION 8**

#### **Variances**

The City Manager, or official designee, may grant temporary variances for existing water uses otherwise prohibited under this Plan if one or more of the following conditions are met:

- Failure to grant such a variance would cause an emergency condition adversely affecting health, sanitation or fire safety for the public or the person requesting the variance;
- Compliance with this Plan cannot be accomplished due to technical or other limitations and
- Alternative methods that achieve the same level of reduction in water use can be implemented.

Variances may be granted or denied at the discretion of the City Manager, or official designee. However, no variances shall be granted under any circumstance if the City of Corinth is in Stage 3 – Water Emergency. All petitions for variances should be in writing and should include the following information:

- Name and address of the owner and a licensed Texas irrigator responsible for the variance;
- Purpose of water use;

- Specific provisions from which relief is requested;
- Detailed statement of the adverse effect of the provision from which relief is requested;
- Description of the relief requested including a proposed irrigation plan;
- Monthly report verifying the goal reductions;
- Period of time for which the variance is sought;
- On-call personnel with contact information for 24-hour a day repair response within one hour of notice;
- Alternative measures that will be taken to reduce water use;
- Other pertinent information.

## **SECTION 9 Enforcement**

Mandatory water use restrictions are imposed in Stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Plan. These mandatory water use restrictions will be enforced by any combination of warnings, reconnection fees, suspension of service, monetary penalties, citations and fees as follows and authorized by the governing body:

- On the first violation, customers will be notified by a sign or door-hanger that they have violated the mandatory water use restriction;
- On the second violation, the City of Corinth will issue a verbal warning resulting in a certified letter with notification of violation informing customer of possible reconnection fees and monetary penalties; the City of Corinth may also request the resident to disconnect its irrigation system;
- On the third violation, the City of Corinth will disconnect water service and post notification of violation with reconnection fees, fines and / or citations;
- The City of Corinth maintains the right, at any violation level, to disconnect water services to a customer with reconnection fees and possible monetary penalties authorized by action of the governing body and
- The City Manager or official designee may implement any provision of the enforcement process of this Plan.
- Any police officer, code enforcement officer, and/or Public Works staff having jurisdiction may issue a citation for any violation.

## **SECTION 10 Coordination with Regional Water Planning Group, UTRWD and Others**

City of Corinth has coordinated with the Region C Water Planning Group and UTRWD to ensure consistency with the approved regional water plan and UTRWD's drought contingency plan. City

of Corinth sent a copy of the draft ordinance(s) or resolution(s) implementing the Plan to UTRWD for review and approval. After adoption, City of Corinth sent the final ordinance(s) or resolution(s) and the Plan to UTRWD. Appendix C includes a copy of a letter sent to the Chair of the Region C Water Planning Group along with City of Corinth's Plan.

## **SECTION 11**

### **Review and Update of Drought Contingency Plan**

As required by TCEQ rules, the City of Corinth will review and update this Plan every five years. The Plan will be updated as appropriate based on new or updated information, such as the adoption or revision of the regional water plan, or based on new or updated information related to the City of Corinth's service area, population, water supply, transmission system - - and, for compliance with UTRWD requirements. The next revision of the drought contingency plan must be prepared, adopted and submitted to TCEQ's Executive Director not later than May 1, 2029. Any revised Plan must be submitted to TCEQ within 90 days of adoption by the community water system.

## **SECTION 12**

### **Drought Contingency Plans For Privately-Owned Water Utilities**

Any privately-owned or independent water utilities that are located within the service area of the City of Corinth shall prepare a drought contingency plan in accordance with TCEQ requirements contained in the TAC, Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 288, Subchapter B and Rule 288.20, and incorporate such plan into their tariff.

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix A.	TCEQ Minimum Requirements of a Drought Contingency Plan – Subchapter B, Rule 288.20
Appendix B.	Copy of Ordinance adopted by City Council Implementing the Drought Contingency Plan
Appendix C.	Coordination with Regional Planning Group

**APPENDIX A**  
**TCEQ Minimum Requirements of a**  
**Drought Contingency Plan for Municipal Uses by Public Water Suppliers**  
**(Subchapter B, Rule §288.20)**  
**Effective October 7, 2004**

(a) A drought contingency plan for a retail public water supplier, where applicable, must include the following minimum elements.

(1) Minimum requirements. Drought contingency plans must include the following minimum elements.

(A) Preparation of the plan shall include provisions to actively inform the public and affirmatively provide opportunity for public input. Such acts may include, but are not limited to, having a public meeting at a time and location convenient to the public and providing written notice to the public concerning the proposed plan and meeting.

(B) Provisions shall be made for a program of continuing public education and information regarding the drought contingency plan.

(C) The drought contingency plan must document coordination with the regional water planning groups for the service area of the retail public water supplier to ensure consistency with the appropriate approved regional water plans.

(D) The drought contingency plan must include a description of the information to be monitored by the water supplier, and specific criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages, accompanied by an explanation of the rationale or basis for such triggering criteria.

(E) The drought contingency plan must include drought or emergency response stages providing for the implementation of measures in response to at least the following situations:

(i) reduction in available water supply up to a repeat of the drought of record;

(ii) water production or distribution system limitations;

(iii) supply source contamination; or

(iv) system outage due to the failure or damage of major water system components (e.g., pumps).

(F) The drought contingency plan must include specific, quantified targets for water use reductions to be achieved during periods of water shortage and drought. The entity preparing the plan shall establish the targets. The goals established by the entity under this subparagraph are not enforceable.



(G) The drought contingency plan must include the specific water supply or water demand management measures to be implemented during each stage of the plan including, but not limited to, the following:

(i) curtailment of non-essential water uses; and

(ii) utilization of alternative water sources and/or alternative delivery mechanisms with the prior approval of the executive director as appropriate (e.g., interconnection with another water system, temporary use of a non-municipal water supply, use of reclaimed water for non-potable purposes, etc.).

(H) The drought contingency plan must include the procedures to be followed for the initiation or termination of each drought response stage, including procedures for notification of the public.

(I) The drought contingency plan must include procedures for granting variances to the plan.

(J) The drought contingency plan must include procedures for the enforcement of mandatory water use restrictions, including specification of penalties (e.g., fines, water rate surcharges, discontinuation of service) for violations of such restrictions.

(2) Privately-owned water utilities. Privately-owned water utilities shall prepare a drought contingency plan in accordance with this section and incorporate such plan into their tariff.

(3) Wholesale water customers. Any water supplier that receives all or a portion of its water supply from another water supplier shall consult with that supplier and shall include in the drought contingency plan appropriate provisions for responding to reductions in that water supply.

(b) A wholesale or retail water supplier shall notify the executive director within five business days of the implementation of any mandatory provisions of the drought contingency plan.

(c) The retail public water supplier shall review and update, as appropriate, the drought contingency plan, at least every five years, based on new or updated information, such as the adoption or revision of the regional water plan.

**APPENDIX B**  
**Copy of Ordinance Adopted**  
**by City Council**

**APPENDIX C**  
**Coordination with Regional C Planning Group**

May 1, 2024

Region C Water Planning Group  
c/o Trinity River Authority  
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Arlington, TX 76004

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Sincerely,

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Director of Public Works