

**City of Blaine**  
**Second Reading**  
Ordinance: ORD 24-2548

**Amend Sec. 86-7. Lawn Sprinkler Restrictions**

**THE CITY OF BLAINE DOES ORDAIN:** (Added portions are underscored and deleted portions are shown with overstrike.)

**Sec. 86-7. Lawn sprinkler restrictions.**

- (a) The use of the municipal water system for lawn sprinkling shall be regulated as provided in this section. Lawn and garden sprinkling and the use of irrigation systems will be permitted for properties having odd numbered addresses only on odd numbered days and for properties having even numbered addresses only on even numbered days.
- (b) From May 15 through September 15 lawn and garden sprinkling will be prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily.
- (c) Exceptions.
  - (1) This section does not apply to private wells.
  - (2) Employees and agents of the city in such instances wherein lawn, grass or turf used for athletic fields or areas owned and operated by the city require more frequent watering to prevent unreasonable damage thereto.
  - (3) Limited hand watering of plants, flowers, garden areas, trees using a hose.
  - (4) Watering of new landscaping, sod or seed within 30 days of installation.
  - (5) Lawn and garden sprinkling and the use of irrigation systems can be further prohibited as to hours and/or days if deemed necessary by the city manager or designated employee of the utilities division in order to maintain an adequate supply of water and continuity of essential public services.
- (d) The penalty provisions of section 86-1 shall apply to violations of this section. Lawn sprinkler violation fees will be billed to the property owner on a 30-day billing schedule, and payment must be made to the city finance department within 30 days of the billing date. Fees not paid to the city within 30 days of the billing date will be considered delinquent, and subject to a 10 percent late payment fee. Penalties and late fees not paid to the city finance department within 90 days of the billing date may be certified to Anoka County for collection in the same manner that other taxes are collected relating to the subject property.

(Code 1963, § 50.10; Code 1980, § 21-28; Ord. No. 543, 5-19-1977; Ord. No. 546, 6-16-1977; Ord. No. 85-887, 6-20-1985; Ord. No. 97-1650, 4-3-1997; Ord. No. 05-2040, 4-7-2005; Ord. No. 16-2363, 8-18-2016; Ord. No. 21-2475, 7-19-2021)

**INTRODUCED** and read in full this 1st day of April, 2024.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Blaine this 15th day of April, 2024.