

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY 'WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE ORDINANCE'
AND THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE RULES.**

Whereas, Franklin County Previously adopted on October 9th, 2007, an ordinance regulating the use of water by its residents entitled "Water Shortage Response Ordinance", and

Whereas, current non-essential uses of water have begun to create a negative impact on Franklin County's available water resources, and

Whereas, the public call for voluntary water conservation best management practices have not resulted in sufficient reduction of the seasonal average day customer demand from our distribution system, and

Whereas, it is necessary to implement additional mandatory water rules to protect the public health, safety, and welfare through the provision of adequate drinking, sanitation, and fire protection services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY THAT:

The Water Shortage Response Ordinance is hereby amended and the following mandatory restrictions for non-essential use of water resources are in effect for Franklin County's water customers as follows:

SECTION 1

OUTDOOR WATER USES:

Irrigation water must be applied slowly to achieve deep penetration and prevent water run-off. Direct watering of impervious surfaces such as streets, parking lots, driveways and sidewalks is prohibited.

- a) **Automatic Spray Irrigation and Non-Automatic Spray Irrigation Systems:**
Watering by spray irrigation systems shall be permitted between MIDNIGHT and 10:00am.
Properties with ODD numbered addresses may water lawns and landscapes on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
Properties with EVEN numbered addresses may water lawns and landscapes on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- b) **Hose-end Sprinklers**
Watering by hose-end sprinklers shall be permitted from 6:00am to 10:00am and 6:00pm to 10:00pm.
Properties with ODD numbered addresses may water lawns and landscapes on Tuesdays and Saturday s.
Properties with EVEN numbered addresses may water lawns and landscapes on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- c) **Hand Held Hose End Watering Devices**

Watering by hand held hose shall be permitted from 6:00am to 10:00am and 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Properties with ODD numbered addresses may water lawns and landscapes on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Properties with EVEN numbered addresses may water lawns and landscapes on Wednesdays and Sundays.

EXEMPTIONS TO IRRIGATION REQUIREMENTS:

The watering restrictions shall not apply to:

- 1) Properties using non-potable/reuse water for landscape irrigation.
 - 2) Watering of commercial containerized plants and commercial plant stock in trade maintained for resale, and
 - 3) Visually supervised operation of watering systems for short periods of time to check system condition.
 - 4) Property owners may obtain a 45 day New Landscaping Establishment Permit from the Public Utilities Department for the purpose of establishing new plantings.
New plantings, for the purpose of this permit, are defined as the installation of new sod to the entire yard, whole yard first seeding, or large commercial plantings. The permit will be applicable during the installation and for 45 days from substantial completion of the installation. Irrigation will be permitted during the hours 5:00am to 10:00am.
- d) The water level in any swimming or wading pool may be supplemented to provide for proper operation and sanitary pool conditions.
- e) Residents are prohibited from vehicle washing activities except on Saturdays and Sundays.
- f) Residents are prohibited from washing areas such as sidewalks, patios, decks, driveways, parking lots, streets and exterior building surfaces except on Saturdays and Sundays. This restriction shall not apply to the washing of soiled areas for maintenance of public health and sanitary conditions. The commercial use of power washers is permitted.
- g) Leaking water services or plumbing must be repaired with five (5) days of written notification by the Public Utilities Department.

SECTION 2

Violation of this amendment to the Water Shortage Response Ordinance may be punished by any means available to Franklin County through the provisions of N.C.G.S 160A-175. A written warning will be issued for the first violation, a second violation of this ordinance is \$200.00, a third violation is \$500.00, and a fourth violation shall result in interruption of water service to the offending customer. The County will issue written notification to the customer and occupant of intent to interrupt water service and twenty-four (24) hours later will interrupt water service unless the violation has ceased. Each day shall constitute a separate violation. If water service has been interrupted due to repeat violation of this ordinance, service will not be re-instated until the Public Utilities Director has determined that the risk to the County water supply has been alleviated or the Public Utilities Director is otherwise assured of compliance. All fines associated with violations of this ordinance shall be paid within thirty (30) days of

first notification. Failure to do so will result in interruption of service. Service will not be restored until such time that all applicable fines have been paid.

SECTION 3

All laws and clauses of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4

Effective Date: This amendment shall take effect immediately upon adoption or passage by Franklin County's governing body.

Passed by the Board of Commissioners the 18 day of February, 2008

FRANKLIN COUNTY

ATTEST:

Kristen D. King
Kristen King, Clerk



Robert Lee Swanson
Robert Lee Swanson, Chairman