

ORDINANCE NO. 256

ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II PUBLIC SERVICE AND PUBLIC HEALTH; CHAPTER 3: WATER SERVICES; ARTICLE 7: PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM; BY ADDING SECTION 7.20: WATER SHORTAGES; SECTION 7.21: CONDITIONS SECTION; 7.22: WATER WATCH

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GEORGE, IOWA

SECTION I. ENACTMENT. The City Code of the City of George, Iowa, Title II Public Service and Public Health; Chapter 3 Water Services; Article 7 Public Water System; is amended by adding Section 7.20: Water Shortages; Section 7.21: Conditions Section; 7.22: Water Watch, as follows:

7.20 WATER SHORTAGES. A water shortage exists whenever, for reasons of drought conditions, consumer demand or treatment plant or distribution systems operation or maintenance, water quantity and quality cannot be maintained at a level sufficient to meet the demands of the customers using the system. Whenever, in the opinion of the Utility Superintendent, conditions exist which create a water shortage, the Utility Superintendent or designee shall have the authority to declare a public Water Watch, Water Warning or Water Emergency, during which time the following measures and provisions shall be in effect to produce an orderly and equitable reduction of water consumption. Whenever the Utility Superintendent finds that the conditions which gave rise to the Water Emergency no longer exist, said officer is authorized to either declare the termination of the Water Emergency or reduce the type of emergency conditions as set forth in Section 7.20 hereof. The City Clerk shall, at the next meeting of the Council following the declaration of Water Emergency, present a resolution to the Council for its affirmation of such declaration and the conditions thereunder.

7.21 CONDITIONS.

1. Water Watch. A Water Watch may be declared when a water shortage or equipment failure poses a potential threat to the ability of the water system to meet the needs of its customers currently or in the foreseeable future. Indicators of the need to impose a Water Watch include:
 - A. System operating at seventy-five percent (75%) of pumping capacity;
 - B. Moderate decrease in the pumping water level of wells or moderate decrease in recovery rate of water level in wells;
 - C. Moderate decrease in reservoir levels measured in number of feet below spillway of number of feet above intake.

7.22 WATER WATCH. Under a Water Watch, all customers of the municipal water service are encouraged to limit or curtail all nonessential uses of water in order to conserve

precious water resources during the time of shortage. Customers may be encouraged to comply with the following voluntary standards.

1. No watering of lawns, shrubs, or gardens between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. and eighty-thirty o'clock (8:30) p.m.
2. No water should be used to fill private swimming pools, children's wading pools, reflecting pools or any other outdoor pool or pond.
3. No water should be used to wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks or building exteriors.
4. No water should be used for nonessential cleaning of commercial and industrial equipment, machinery, and interior spaces.
5. Water should be served at restaurants only upon the request of the customer.

SECTION II. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provisions or parts of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any action, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION IV. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED, by the council the 21st day of June, 2021.