

Time-of-Day Watering Ordinance

_____ City
A Municipal Corporation

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROMOTE WATER USE EFFICIENCY IN AMENITY LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION.

Section 1. Preamble

- A. WHEREAS, [the City] desires to promote efficient sprinkler irrigation practices for all lawns and landscapes; and
- B. WHEREAS, research has shown that irrigating landscapes only during the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. significantly increases irrigation efficiency; and
- C. WHEREAS, conservation of water through more efficient use is in the public interest and enhances the community's economic, environmental, recreational and aesthetic resources; and
- D. WHEREAS, [the City] has the authority to adopt this ordinance pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 10-3-702, and hereby exercises its legislative powers in doing so;

Section 2. Ordaining Clause

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by [the City] that the following ordinance be enacted.

Section 3. Time-of-Day Watering Parameters

Sprinkler irrigation of all lawns and landscapes is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Section 4. Applicability of Time-of-Day Watering Ordinance

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all landscapes within the city. This ordinance does not apply in the following situations:

- a. New lawns that require frequent irrigation for establishment purposes within 90 days of planting.

b. Short cycles required for testing, inspecting and maintaining irrigation systems.

c. Other situations as permitted by the city.

Section 6. Penalty

[A section may be added to describe the penalty for violation of this ordinance.]

Section 7. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective as of _____ 20____.