

Water Waste Ordinance

_____ City
A Municipal Corporation

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISION OF THE _____ CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE WASTE OF WATER IN THE CULINARY WATER SYSTEM.

Section 1. Preamble

- A. WHEREAS, [the City] operates a culinary water system; and
- B. WHEREAS, the city council understands that water supplies are not going to continue to increase; and
- C. WHEREAS, the city council understands the pressing need to use water in a more efficient manner to allow for future sustained growth of the community;

Section 2. Ordaining Clause

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF _____ CITY, UTAH:

Section ___ Subsection ___ of the _____ City Municipal Code is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 3. Culinary Water Waste

Maintenance of Connected Facilities.

All users of water service shall be required to keep their sprinklers, faucets, valves, hoses and all apparatus connected to the water system in good condition at their own expense and all waterways closed when not in use. When it shall be found that any fixture on the user's premises is broken or not in serviceable condition, the user shall be notified at once of the fact and should said user fail to remedy the defect within thirty (30) days, water service may be discontinued until such apparatus has been inspected by the Water Superintendent or his agent and determined to be in a serviceable condition. Any deposit or prepaid charges on the account of such user shall be forfeited to the City as an inspection and handling fee. After inspection and approval of any required repairs by the Public Works Department, service may be restored pursuant to conditions of this Chapter.

Section 4. Penalty

Service Interruption.

If the Water Superintendent shall determine that a user engages in practices which result in the needless waste of a significant amount of water, and continues to do so after reasonable notice to discontinue said wastefulness has been given, the Superintendent may interrupt water service for up to 24 hours per act of waste. Notice of an interruption made hereunder shall be given at least one day prior to the time at which the interruption occurs. It is a waste of water to permit water to run without making due efforts to conserve the water.

City Council Action.

When referred to the Council, the City Council may consider discontinuing permanently the water service to a wasteful user. If the City Council elects to consider the matter of discontinuance, it shall give notice to the water user of the intention to discontinue his or her water service at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting of the City Council at which such discontinuance is to be considered. The notice shall inform the user of the time and place of the meeting and of the charges that led to the consideration of discontinuance. Said water user shall have opportunity to appear with or without legal counsel and present his or her reasons why the water service should not be discontinued. Upon hearing, the City Council shall notify said user in writing of its determination and if the determination is to discontinue the user's water service, it shall notify said user of the period during which the service will remain discontinued.

Section 5. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective as of _____ 20____.