

ORDINANCE NO. 827

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY, IOWA, BY AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 6: PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Orange City, Iowa:

SECTION 1. AMEND CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 6: PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Orange City, Iowa, is amended by repealing Section 6.23(5) and adopting the following wording stated as follows:

5. **USES SUBJECT TO LIMITATION.** When the Mayor shall declare a water alert or water emergency, the declaration shall set forth the level of voluntary or mandatory restrictions to be imposed which may include an outright ban on a particular use of water or other less restrictive measures such as restrictions on the hours or days a particular use of water may be made. Stage 1- Water Watch and Stage 2- Water Warning restrictions are those which shall be first imposed in order to conserve water. Stage 3- Water Emergency are those which shall be last imposed in order to conserve water, as set forth below:

A. Stage 1 – Water Watch. Water Watch Restrictions include:

1. Conditions/Indicators. Water shortage or equipment failure poses a threat to the ability of the water system to meet the needs of its customers or:
 - a. The water system is operating at 75% of pumping capacity.
 - b. The Orange City water system is overstressed.
2. Community members are encouraged to employ prudent restraint on water usage, and to conserve water voluntarily with whatever methods are available.
3. Lawn Irrigation:
 - a. Residential users with even-number addresses may water lawns on even-numbered calendar dates and users with odd-numbered addresses may water lawns on odd-numbered dates, but not to exceed two times per week.
 - b. Commercial, industrial, government and educational users may water lawns and fields in staggered schedules that do not exceed two times per week.
4. Other Restrictions:
 - a. All outdoor water use is not allowed between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.
 - b. Watering or irrigating of all outside vegetation except for flower and vegetable gardens, trees, and shrubs less than four years old, and newly

seeded or sodded areas prior to issuance of warning may be watered up to one inch per week.

- c. Weekday washing of vehicles is prohibited except in commercial establishments which provide such service.
- d. Residential vehicle washing is allowed on weekends.
- e. Washing or cleaning of outdoor surfaces including buildings, sidewalks, driveways, porches, or any other outdoor surface is strongly discouraged.
- f. Nonessential cleaning of commercial and industrial equipment, machinery, and interior space is strongly discouraged.

B. Stage 2 – Water Warning. Water Warning Restrictions include:

1. Conditions/Indicators. Water shortage or equipment failure poses serious threat to the ability of the water system to meet the needs of its customers or:
 - a. The water system operating at 85% of pumping capacity.
 - b. Moderate to serious water shortages.
2. Community members are encouraged to employ prudent restraint on water usage, and to conserve water voluntarily with whatever methods are available.
3. Lawn Irrigation:
 - a. Irrigating residential lawns is limited to once per week based on the last digit of the property address:
0, 1 – Monday, 2, 3 – Tuesday, 4, 5 – Wednesday,
6, 7 – Thursday 8, 9 – Friday
 - b. Commercial, industrial, government and educational users may water lawns and fields in staggered schedules that do not exceed one time per week.
4. Other Restrictions:
 - a. Filling, refilling private pools is not allowed except for the replacement of water loss because of evaporation or overflow caused by use; however, such replacement is limited to no more than 75 gallons in 24-hour period.
 - b. Watering or irrigating of all outside vegetation except for flower and vegetable gardens, trees, and shrubs less than four years old, and newly seeded or sodded areas prior to issuance of warning is limited to once per week.

- c. Car washing is prohibited except in commercial establishments which provide such service.
- d. Tank-load water sales may be curtailed or eliminated.
- e. Washing or cleaning of outdoor surfaces including buildings, sidewalks, driveways, porches, or any other outdoor surface is prohibited.
- f. Nonessential cleaning of commercial and industrial equipment, machinery, and interior space is prohibited.

C. Stage 3 – Water Emergency. Water Emergency Restrictions include:

1. Conditions/Indicators. Water shortage or equipment failure poses a severe and immediate threat to the ability of the water system to meet the needs of its customers or:
 - a. The water system operating at 95% of pumping capacity.
 - b. Water shortages are severe.
2. Lawn Irrigation: Watering of any residential, commercial, industrial, educational, and City facilities is not allowed.
3. Other Restrictions:
 - a. All commercial and industrial uses of water not essential in providing products or services.
 - b. Limit all outside water use except what is required for domestic use, sanitation, and fire.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinance or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved this 17th day of May, 2021.

Deb De Haan, Mayor

Attest:

Janet Brown, City Clerk