

## CHAPTER 7

### Water Conservation Ordinance

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#### **Sec. 8-7-1 Declaration of Policy**

This ordinance shall prescribe that no person or entity shall water or sprinkle outdoor vegetation in the City of Thorp except as provided herein.

#### **Sec 8-7-2 Outdoor Vegetation Watering Privileges Established**

Notwithstanding any exceptions established in Sec. 8-5-3, watering and sprinkling of outdoor vegetation shall only be permitted before 10:00am Central Standard Time and after 6:00pm Central Standard Time. No such watering or sprinkling shall be permitted between the hours of 10:00am and 6:00pm.

#### **Sec 8-7-3 Exceptions**

The following exceptions shall apply.

- 1) Newly Seeded and Newly Sod Lawns. At the discretion of the Public Water Utility or its designee, a permit may be issued to water newly seeded and newly sod lawns at any time for a period not to exceed 14 consecutive days from the issuance of the permit. Permits shall be posted in plain view at the place where such watering or sprinkling takes place.
- 2) Handheld Devices. Outdoor vegetation may be watered by handheld devices such as sprinkling cans, sprayers, or hoses (when handheld) at any time.
- 3) Children's Water Toys. Children's water toys may be used at any time.
- 4) Emergency Situations. Notwithstanding any other provisions herein, whenever the limitation of water usage is required due to an emergency situation as declared by the mayor, the Public Water Utility or its designee may issue orders and regulations to suspend permits, alter hours, impose additional restrictions, or completely ban the watering or sprinkling of outdoor vegetation.

#### **Sec 8-7-4 Penalties**

- 1) First Offense. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) or other such sum as established from time to time by the Common Council together with the costs of prosecution.

- 2) Second and Subsequent Offense. Any person found guilty of violating any provision of this ordinance who shall previously have been convicted of a violation of the same ordinance within one (1) year shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for each such offense together with the costs of prosecution.
- 3) Continued Violation. Each violation and each day a violation continues or occurs shall constitute a separate offense.
- 4) Other Remedies. The city shall have any and all other remedies afforded by the Wisconsin Statutes in addition to the forfeiture and costs of prosecution above.

#### **Sec 8-7-5 Severability**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

#### **Sec 8-7-6 Effective Date**

This ordinance shall become effective upon the date of passage and subsequent publication."