

PASSED: 7-12-04

AN ORDINANCE NO. 7-12

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING OUTDOOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF MAYSVILLE, GEORGIA; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Maysville, Georgia as follows:

**Section 1. Outdoor Water Use.**

That from and after the passage of this Ordinance the following Water Use Restrictions shall apply to all water usage in the Town of Maysville.

Definitions

(1) "Address" means the "house number" (a numeric or alphanumeric designation) that, together with the street name, describes a physical location of a specific property. "Even numbered address" means a house number ending with the number 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, or no house number. "Odd numbered address" means a house number ending with the number 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9.

(2) "Declared Drought Response Level" means one of four levels of drought that can be declared based on the severity of drought conditions, with one being the least severe and four being the most severe.

Applicability of Rule

These rules apply to all water usage of the public water system in the Town of Maysville.

Outdoor Water Use Schedule During Non-Drought Periods

(1) Outdoor water use in the Town other than exempted activities shall occur only as follows:

- (a) Odd-numbered addresses: outdoor water use is allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
- (b) Even-numbered addresses: outdoor water use is allowed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Outdoor Water Use Schedule During Declared Drought Response Levels

(1) The Director of the Environmental Protection Division of the State of Georgia ("EPD") is authorized to make drought declarations.

(2) During declared drought conditions, outdoor water use other than activities exempted in 391-3-30.05 of the regulations of EPD, shall occur only during scheduled hours on the scheduled days.

(3) Declared Drought Response Level One - Outdoor water use may occur on scheduled days within the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 am. and 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

- (a) Scheduled days for odd-numbered addresses are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
- (b) Scheduled days for even-numbered addresses are Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- (c) Use of hydrants for any purpose other than firefighting, public health, safety or flushing is prohibited.

(4) Declared Drought Response Level Two - Outdoor water use may occur on scheduled days within the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 am.

- (a) Scheduled days for odd-numbered addresses are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
- (b) Scheduled days for even-numbered addresses and golf course fairways are Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- (c) The following uses are prohibited:
  - 1) Using hydrants for any purpose other than firefighting, public health, safety or flushing.
  - 2) Washing hard surfaces, such as streets, gutters, sidewalks and driveways except when necessary for public health and safety.

(5) Declared Drought Response Level Three - Outdoor water use may occur on the scheduled day within the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m.

- (a) The scheduled day for odd-numbered addresses is Sunday.
- (b) The scheduled day for even-numbered addresses and golf course fairways is Saturday.
- (c) The following uses are prohibited:
  - 1) Using hydrants for any purpose other than firefighting, public health, safety or flushing.

- 2) Washing hard surfaces, such as streets, gutters, sidewalks, driveways, except when necessary for public health and safety
- 3) Filling installed swimming pools except when necessary for health care or structural integrity.
- 4) Washing vehicles, such as cars, boats, trailers, motorbikes, airplanes, golf carts.
- 5) Washing buildings or structures except for immediate fire protection.
- 6) Non-commercial fund-raisers, such as car washes.
- 7) Using water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains, reflecting pools, and waterfalls except when necessary to support aquatic life.

(6) Declared Drought Response Level Four - No outdoor water use is allowed, other than for activities exempted in 391-3-30.05 of the regulations of EPD, or as the EPD Director may order.

#### Exemptions

- (1) This ordinance shall not apply to the following outdoor water uses:
  - (a) Capture and re-use of cooling system condensation or storm water in compliance with applicable local ordinances
  - (b) Re-use of gray water in compliance with applicable local ordinances
- (2) The following established landscape water uses are exempt from the outdoor water use schedules of this ordinance.
  - (a) Use of reclaimed wastewater by a designated user from a system permitted by EPD to provide reclaimed wastewater.
  - (b) Irrigation of personal food gardens.
- (3) Newly (in place less than thirty days) installed landscapes are subject to the following:
  - (a) Irrigation of newly installed landscapes is allowed any day of the week, but only during allowed hours for the drought response level in effect, for a period of 30 days following installation. No watering is allowed during Drought Response Level Four.

- (b) For new landscapes Installed by certified or licensed professionals, commercial exemptions apply.

(4) The following golf course outdoor water uses are exempt from the outdoor water use schedules of this ordinance.

- (a) Use of reclaimed wastewater by a designated user from a system permitted by EPD to provide reclaimed wastewater.
- (b) Irrigation of fairways during times of non-drought and Declared Drought Response Level One.
- (c) Irrigation of tees during times of non-drought and Declared Drought Response Levels One, Two and Three.
- (d) Irrigation of greens.

(5) The following commercial outdoor water uses are exempt from the outdoor water use schedules of this ordinance.

- (a) Professionally certified or licensed landscapers, golf course contractors, and sports turf landscapers: during installation and 30 days following installation only. Professional landscapers must be certified or licensed for commercial exemptions to apply.
- (b) Irrigation contractors: during installation and as needed for proper maintenance and adjustments only.
- (c) Sod producers.
- (d) Ornamental growers.
- (e) Fruit and vegetable growers.
- (f) Retail garden centers.
- (g) Hydro-seeding.
- (h) Power-washing.
- (i) Construction sites.
- (j) Producers of food and fiber.
- (k) Car washes.

- (l) Other activities essential to daily business.
- (m) Watering-in of pesticides and herbicides on turf.

**Section 2. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.**

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section 3. SEVERABILITY OF PARAGRAPHS.**

If any portion of this ordinance shall be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionally shall not affect or impair the remaining portions unless it clearly appears that other parts are wholly and necessarily dependent upon the part held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

**Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and ratification by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Maysville, Georgia.

SO ORDAINED this 12th day of July, 2004.

MAYSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

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