

City Revises Water Shortage Ordinance

Monroe, NC— Monroe City Council met on October 24, 2007, in a Special Called Meeting to consider revisions to its Water Shortage Ordinance. Governor Mike Easley has repeatedly requested all water systems in the State to reduce water use until substantial rainfall is received, even to the point of challenging citizens to reduce their water usage by 50% from now until October 31, 2007.

During the meeting, City Council voted unanimously to implement a new water shortage stage, Stage 2A, which establishes additional water use restrictions. A copy of the additional water usage restrictions is attached or can be viewed by visiting www.monroenc.org. City Council also approved a 5% water rate increase to cover operational costs and to encourage water conservation. The Union County Public Works Water System is a separate utility system from the City of Monroe. Therefore, customers of this system should call Union County for information on current restrictions. Compliance with the Stage 2A restrictions will help avoid more stringent water restrictions that will occur if a Stage 3 Water Shortage declaration is needed.

The City of Monroe Water Resources Department is committed to providing its customers with timely and accurate information about water restrictions and water conservation tips during this time of severe drought. For more information, visit www.monroenc.org.

CITY OF MONROE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT CHAPTER 56 WATER SHORTAGE STAGE 2A

Table 2A Type of Watering or Use	RESIDENTIAL		COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	
	ALLOWED	TIME RESTRICTIONS	ALLOWED	TIME RESTRICTIONS
Automatic Irrigation System	No	Not Allowed	No	Not Allowed
Sprinkler Watering	No	Not Allowed	No	Not Allowed
Hose Watering	No	Not Allowed	No	Not Allowed
Hand Watering	Yes	None	Yes	None
Non-Potable Water	Yes	None	Yes	None
Vehicle Washing (1)	No	Not Allowed	Yes	None
Washing Down of Streets, Sidewalks, Buildings, etc.	No	Not Allowed	No	Not Allowed
Filling or Topping off Pools	No	Not Allowed	No	Not Allowed
Filling of Topping off Fountains or Ponds (2)	No	Not Allowed	No	See Footnote
Pressure Washing (3)	No	Not Allowed	Yes	None
Health and Safety Needs (4)	Yes	None	Yes	None

Footnotes

- (1) Commercial car washes or businesses must be permanently located
- (2) Allowable only to maintain aquatic life
- (3) Commercial pressure washers may continue to operate if activity is required for health or safety needs
- (4) Requires documentation of health and safety need

Definitions

Automatic Irrigation System – Any system that performs landscape irrigation or watering via a timer, controller or other device, which operates independent of on site supervision or control.

Hand Watering – Watering from hand-held can or container, not connected to or filled from a hose or outside spigot.

Hose Watering – Watering from a garden or other type of watering hose connected to an outside spigot or faucet.

Non-Potable Water - Water from any source other than the potable drinking water supply system.

Sprinkler Watering - Watering from a hose-connected sprinkler or from sprinklers connected to an irrigation system, with fixed heads that may or may not include an automatic timer control.