

Final Reading
6/17/2008

**THE TOWN OF
Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming**

ORDINANCE: 2008-02

(This ordinance replaces ordinance 2007-02, Appendix 4-1 and Ordinance 2007-04 in their entirety)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF STAR VALLEY RANCH

WATER CONSERVATION

The Town of Star Valley Ranch wants to be prepared in case of a water emergency. We do not want to be accused of “crying wolf” but want to be prepared in case of an unforeseen problem. This water Conservation Plan is designed to exercise proper stewardship over our water resources.

Although water conservation can be imposed on the public, it must be voluntarily and willingly accepted as a shared responsibility between the water providers and the water users of the Town to be truly effective. The Town can succeed in meeting its long-term water conservation and supply goals and its commitment to maintaining Star Valley Ranch's status as a desirable place to live only if water users are willing to embrace and practice a conservation life style.

This Water Conservation Plan will remain in effect for the time period required for the Town to develop and implement additional water sources and storage to meet the Town water user's demand, successfully install meters on all services, and establish and bill for water usage based on a metered usage. While the Town believes this will take approximately three years, many of the factors critical to meeting this time period are not under the control of the Town.

1. Educational Programs – The Town may inform water users of the status of culinary water conditions and the need to conserve by methods of communication that include the following:

- Emails
- Website Articles
- Flyers
- Water Customer Mailings
- Newsletter Articles
- Newspaper Articles
- Town Hall Conservation Awareness Meeting / Classes
- Town Entrance / Speed Sign Poles – Top Flagged
 - Yellow – Level I
 - Orange – Level II

Red – Level III
Possible “Incentive” Program (Conservation Citizen of the Year)

2. Town Preparedness – The Town will maintain an awareness of water supply and use conditions and prepare for water shortage conditions by implementing or continuing actions that include the following:

A. Maintain Community Water Advisory Committee. The Community Water Advisory Committee will provide recommendations of water emergency classification to the Mayor. It is chaired by the Councilman assigned the Utilities Department. The Town Council recommends individuals to serve on the committee with input from the SVRA Board of Directors. The Committee is selected by Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

B. Inspect and test water wells to produce maximum capacity.

C. Continue “Leak Test” Project and repair of major leaks.

3. Water Shortage Classifications. The following “Levels” are guidelines, set based upon the advice of the Community Water Advisory Committee, however, the Mayor may increase the declared “Level” based on a perceived pending public health and safety issue.

A. On Going Conservation Recommendations and Actions.

Continue Education Programs

No water hookups will be made until a building permit has been issued.

Encourage drought resistant landscaping projects.

Encourage repair of water leaks in homes.

Encourage installation of water saving devices.

B. Level I – Moderate YELLOW – (Storage tanks are not refilling in a 24 hour period, but have a high level mark of at least 50% of capacity during that period). The following limitations, actions and requests are implemented upon the Mayor’s declaration that a Level I water shortage classification exists:

On going conservation measures plus:

Initiate alternate evening watering periods for the purpose of home yard and outside irrigation only based on street address:

House numbers ending in EVEN number may water Sunday evening, Tuesday evening, and Thursday evening, watering period limited from 7:00 PM thru 7:00 AM the following morning.

House numbers ending in ODD number may water Monday evening, Wednesday evening and Friday evening, the watering period limited from 7:00 PM thru 7:00 AM the following morning.

No open end hose watering. Must use a restrictive device on the end of the hose.

No more than one hour per sprinkle setting (location or area).

No outside watering on weekends from Saturday 7:00 AM thru Sunday 7:00 PM

No outside watering the evening before a national holiday

No washing of vehicles, driveways, or any outside cleaning with water
No recharging of yard fountains or artificial streams

Request

Golf Course and irrigation of “non-golf common property” watering
limited to Sunday thru Friday, 7:00 PM thru 7:00 AM.

Limit indoor water use.

C. Level II – High ORANGE - (Following a minimum of three (3) straight days of “(Moderate) Level I Condition” OR tanks are less than 10% of capacity). The following limitations, actions and requests are implemented upon the Mayor’s declaration that a Level II water shortage classification exists:

Level I measures plus:

No landscape irrigation

Eliminate all irrigation of non-golf common property

Request:

Limit toilet flushing

Collect warm-up water for use on plants

Full load washing machine only

Full load dish washing only

Reduce bath water level and shower time by ½

D. Level III – Extremely High” RED - (Negative supply to demand or a minimum of three (3) days of Level II). The following limitations, actions and requests are implemented upon the Mayor’s declaration that a Level III water shortage classification exists:

Level II measures plus:

No outside watering.

Request:

Drink or wash with “warm-up” / “cool down” water

Limit domestic use

1 bath / week / person

No washing machines

4. Authority. (Ordinances) The Mayor has the authority to declare a water emergency, determine the Water Shortage Classification and implement limitations and actions.

5. Fines. Any water user that violates any provisions of the ordinance, including non-compliance with limitations and restrictions of water use under a level I, II, or III water classification, shall be subject to the following fines and actions by the Town. No citations or warnings shall be issued for violations of items listed herein as “requests”.

First Offense of the water year (April thru March): Written Warning and up to \$100.00 fine.

Second Offense of the water year: \$100.00 fine

Third Offense of the water year: \$750.00 fine per incident

Fourth Offense of the water year: \$750.00 fine and the Town will shut off the water service to the residence.

6. Enforcement.

A. Special Municipal Officer(s) have the authority to issue citations for violations of this Ordinance.

B. The Municipal Court and Town Judge may be utilized to hear cases resulting from enforcement of the requirements of this Ordinance.

ON FIRST Reading this 11th day March, 2008

Boyd Siddoway, Mayor

Brenda Bauer, Town Clerk

PASSED ON SECOND READING THIS 15th DAY OF APRIL, 2008

Boyd Siddoway, Mayor

Brenda Bauer, Town Clerk

PASSED ON THIRD READING THIS 17th DAY OF June, 2008

Boyd Siddoway, Mayor

Brenda Bauer, Town Clerk