



**RESOLUTION NO. 1585**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRINIDAD, COLORADO, UPDATING THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF WATER**

WHEREAS, the Front Range region of Colorado, including the City of Trinidad and surrounding areas is currently experiencing extreme drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, Trinidad is starting to rely on its water reserves, and must use its valuable water resources in a prudent manner; and

WHEREAS, in the case of water shortage, scarcity or for the purpose of water conservation, the City Council can place restrictions upon the use of water for irrigation, sprinkling or other outdoor purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Trinidad must conserve water to meet the needs of its current population and its commitments to annexed property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Trinidad abides by priority of water uses in Colorado State Water Law, wherein the highest priority use is in-house residential uses, then industrial uses, then agricultural uses, then recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, if there is insufficient water to serve users within and without the corporate limits, the City may reduce, curtail or shut off the users outside the corporate limits during such period of water shortage or scarcity or for water conservation purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRINIDAD, COLORADO, that:

The City Council hereby imposes the following restrictions on water usage to continue to ensure water conservation:

1. The transition to increase or decrease the severity of water restrictions from Level 1 to Level 2 or Level 3 shall be determined by the Water Utility Director with approval of the City Manager. This determination shall be based upon the current status of reservoir storage, mountain snow-pack and water level content and the daily flow demand at the water treatment plant. Levels of restrictions shall be as follows:

**A. LEVEL 1:**

Customers may water any day of the week, but no watering shall take place between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Watering times identified in Level 1, shall be adjusted by one hour in the afternoon, after such time that Daylight Saving Time ends in the Fall and resumes in the Spring. Therefore, during those months, customers may not water between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

No additional or new rural or extra-territorial water taps shall be granted or authorized, with the exception of ¾" single-family residential taps.

**B. LEVEL 2:**

Watering of lawns and other vegetation is restricted as follows: Addresses ending in an even number are allowed to water on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday except during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Addresses ending in an odd number are allowed to water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, except during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No watering allowed on Mondays.

No additional or new rural or extra-territorial water taps shall be granted or authorized, with the exception of ¾" single-family residential taps.

**C. LEVEL 3:**

Watering of lawns and other vegetation is restricted as follows: Addresses ending in an even number are allowed to water between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Addresses ending in an odd number are allowed to water between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. No watering allowed on Mondays.

No additional or new rural or extra-territorial water taps shall be granted or authorized.

2. Restrictions for institutional users and sod and seed permits will be in effect within the discretion of the Water Utility Director. Notice will be provided to institutional users regarding such use.

3. Sprinklers shall be set so that water does not fall on hard surfaces such as sidewalks or driveways. Sprinklers shall not be in operation during those times in which no one is at home. Over-watering, which is when water runs off of the property onto the street, is prohibited.

4. Washing vehicles at home must be done with a bucket and a quick shut-off type nozzle at the end of the hose.

5. Water shall not be used to wash down driveways and sidewalks without the express permission of the Water Utility Director.

6. The Water Utility Director is directed to promulgate rules and regulations regarding dispensing stations. The rules and regulations shall set forth, at a minimum, notice provisions and procedures regarding quantity limitations and rates and charges.

7. The Water Utility Director is directed to promulgate rules and regulations regarding the transfer of extra-territorial water taps. The rules shall set forth at a minimum, procedures regarding: 1) tap sizes; b) commercial and residential use; c) water conservation practices; d) limitations on uses; e) the size of the taps, and f) engineering

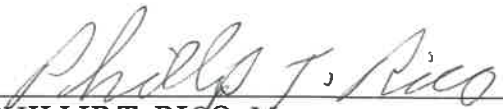
requirements. Until such rules and regulations are promulgated, there shall be a moratorium on changes in water tap size for extra-territorial water taps.

8. All extra-territorial water customers, including but not limited to, water associations, homeowners associations, and individuals, shall be encouraged to reduce water consumption and implement water conservation practices.

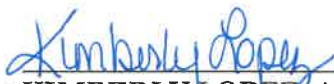
9. If, at some point in the future, City Council determines that such water restrictions should be more restrictive than set forth above, it may be by motion to modify these restrictions.

10. This resolution shall supersede previously adopted resolutions concerning water restrictions.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED this 5th day of January,  
2021.

  
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PHILLIP T. RICO, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KIMBERLY LOPEZ, Asst. City Clerk