

ORDINANCE #01-45

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER TWO OF TITLE 14 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF SANDY CITY, "ALTERNATE WATERING OF LAWNS", ADDING A NEW SECTION 14-2-3, "TIME OF DAY LANDSCAPE WATERING", TO PROMOTE WATER USE EFFICIENCY IN LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION; ALSO PROVIDING A SAVING CLAUSE FOR THE ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Sandy City desires to promote efficient irrigation practices for all public and private landscapes; and

WHEREAS, recent research by the state has shown that irrigating landscapes only during the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. significantly reduces water use; and

WHEREAS, conservation of water through more efficient use is in the City's best interest; and

WHEREAS, Sandy City desires to amend Chapter Two of Title 14 of the Revised Ordinances of Sandy City, "Alternate Watering of Lawns", adding a new Section 14-2-3, "Time of Day Landscape Watering."

WHEREAS, the City Council of Sandy City has the authority to adopt this ordinance pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 10-3-702, and hereby exercises its legislative powers in doing so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Sandy City as follows:

Section 1. The Revised Ordinances of Sandy City are amended by adopting a new Section 14-2-3, "Time of Day Landscape Watering", as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Section 2. The City Council of Sandy City further ordains that it is in the public interest to conserve water resources and to promote efficient use on public and private landscapes. This ordinance protects and enhances the community's economic, environmental, recreational, and aesthetic resources by promoting water use efficiency in landscape irrigation and reducing water waste.

Section 3. All former ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance or of the Code hereby adopted are hereby repealed.

Section 4. The provisions of this ordinance shall be severable; and if any provision thereof, or the application of such provision under any circumstances is held invalid, it shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance, or the application in a different circumstance.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective upon publication of a summary thereof and the City Recorder is hereby directed to publish such summary as soon as practically possible.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Sandy City Council this 27th day of November, 2001.



Scott L. Cowdell
Scott L. Cowdell, Chairman
Sandy City Council

PRESENTED to the Mayor this 29th day of November, 2001.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 3rd day of December, 2001.
Thomas M. Dolan
Thomas M. Dolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deanne Albrecht
City Recorder

RECORDED this 3rd day of December, 2001.

SUMMARY PUBLISHED this 8th day of December, 2001.

EXHIBIT A

Chapter 2 - ALTERNATE WATERING OF LAWNS

14-2-1. Notice.

In the event that any condition exists wherein the Sandy water system is unable to service adequately any given area of the City, the Mayor in his sole discretion may declare an emergency and cause notice to be given by a press release to at least one paper of general circulation in the City and by posting in three public places in the City that water usage must and shall be curtailed and used in accordance with the said notice.

14-2-2. Penalty.

When and after the said notice has been posted and published, it shall be a class B misdemeanor for any person to violate the said schedule by using water in contravention thereto.

14-2-3. Time of Day Landscape Watering.

(a) Definitions.

(1) Sprinkler Irrigation: The application of water to land and plants by distributing water under pressure through spray or rotary heads.

(2) Public Landscape: A parcel of land owned by public entities upon which grass and plants require irrigation.

(3) Private landscape: A parcel of land owned by a private entity upon which grass and plants require irrigation.

(b) Sprinkler irrigation of public and private landscapes is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all landscapes within the City with the following exceptions:

(1) New lawns that require frequent irrigation for establishment purposes within 90 days of planting.

(2) Short cycles required for testing, inspecting and maintaining irrigation systems.

(c) It shall be an infraction for any person to violate the schedule in subsection (b) above by using water in contravention thereto.