

ORDINANCE NO. 2007 - 10

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF  
WATER FURNISHED BY THE TOWN OF CLOVERDALE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town of Cloverdale.

WHEREAS, both natural and man-made conditions, may arise or occur which cause a temporary shortage of water; and

WHEREAS, such conditions may affect the Town of Cloverdale public water system's ability to provide an adequate supply of water or where the public water supply may be unable to maintain adequate supply of water or where the public water supply may be unable to maintain adequate water pressure in the delivery system; and

WHEREAS, in such event it is imperative to the well being of the residents of the Town of Cloverdale that uses of water not essential to the health, welfare and safety be restricted,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town of Cloverdale:

*Section 1. Application.* This ordinance shall apply to all persons, firms, partnerships, corporations, company or organizations connected to the Town of Cloverdale public water system or using water therefrom (hereafter, users).

*Section 2. Declaration of Need.* Upon determining that the Town of Cloverdale public water system is in a condition of water shortage, the Town of Cloverdale shall declare a water conservation emergency and establish the appropriate measures and the duration thereof.

*Section 3. Conservation Measures.* Practices that conserve water should be used at all times. Examples of conservation measures include:

- a. Judiciously sprinkling, watering, or irrigating shrubbery, trees, grass, ground covers, plants, vines gardens, vegetables, or any other vegetation; Eliminating wasteful sprinkling of impervious surfaces, such as streets and sidewalks;
- b. Limiting water use while washing trucks, trailers, mobile homes, railroad cars or any other type of mobile equipment;
- c. Limiting water use while cleaning sidewalks, driveways, paved areas, or other outdoor surfaces;
- d. Repairing or replacing leaking water fixtures and service lines;
- e. Using appliances such as clothes washers and dishwashers only when they are full;
- f. Turning off the water while brushing teeth or shaving;

- g. Using a higher lawnmower setting to provide natural ground shade and promote the soil's water retention;
- h. Washing cards with a bucket of soapy water and using a nozzle to stop the flow of water from the hose between rinsing;
- i. Covering swimming pools when not in use to reduce evaporation.

**Section 4. Voluntary Conservation.** During moderate water shortages users shall be requested to reduce water consumption by practicing voluntary conservation. The Town of Cloverdale shall identify reasonable and meaningful conservation techniques and provide such information to users. The Town of Cloverdale may also implement conservation pricing and prohibitions to encourage water conservation.

**Section 5. Mandatory Conservation.** During severe water shortages users shall be prohibited from selected water uses subject to reasonable terms, times and conditions as the governing body shall adopt and append to this document.

**Section 6. Rationing.** In addition to mandatory conservation measures users shall be limited during extreme water shortage to water use by the following schedule:

- a. Residential use shall be limited to \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per residential unit per day.
- b. Business, commercial, agricultural, and industrial users shall be limited to the volume of water deemed to be essential.

**Section 7. Exceptions.** The Town of Cloverdale shall establish rationing exemptions necessary to provide for the maintenance of adequate health, safety, and sanitary conditions.

**Section 8. Notice.** Notice of the need for voluntary conservation measures shall be issued in a local newspaper of general circulation or other means such as radio and television as deemed appropriate by the governing body. Notice shall be effective upon issuance.

Notice of mandatory conservation or rationing shall be by first class United States mail, or by other door to door distribution to each current user, and by electronic and print media. Notice shall be deemed effective at the conclusion of door to door distribution or at noon of the third day after depositing notice in the United States mail.

**Section 9. Enforcement.** Any user who violates Section 5 or 6 of this ordinance may be punished by a fine of not more than \$2,500 (see *I.C. 36-1-3-8(1) (10) (B)*). Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. In addition to, or in the alternative to, a fine, water service may be terminated for any user who violates Section 4 or 5 of this ordinance.

**Section 10. Effective date.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage.

This ordinance is hereby passed and adopted at the meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Cloverdale, Indiana this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

ATTEST:

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Clerk-Treasurer