

Legislation Text

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Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 44, Article VIII, Sections 44-230 and 44-232, Code of Ordinances (2018 Edition), regarding the weekly schedule for outside watering. (First Reading)*

The City's Drought Contingency Plan includes a mandatory water schedule for Stage 1 and Stage 2 water restrictions which outlines which days customers are designated for outdoor watering. The current schedule has complications, as all homes on the same side of the street (even or odd, based on address) water on the same day. This has lead to water waste issues from water running off into streets and standing water in between neighbors homes. Also, promoting Monday as a non-watering day, has lead to peaking issues at the water treatment plant. The other six days have more consistent water use, but Monday's use is much lower. This creates problems with keeping water tanks throughout the water distribution system balanced appropriately for the best water quality.

By adding Monday into the voluntary and mandatory water schedule, we can balance out these water distribution inconsistencies and also prevent standing water and oversaturated, muddy side yards, as neighbors will no longer be watering on the same day. The new water schedule also removes the designation of what type of property is being irrigated, and simply uses the property address for the designated water day(s).