

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4.3

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING SEASONAL WATER REGULATIONS DUE TO DROUGHT, LACK OF PUMPING CAPACITY, AND OTHER SEASONAL AND WEATHER-RELATED SUPPLY LIMITATIONS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SOD PERMITS; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS drought, lack of pumping and storage capacity by Rural Water District #1, and other seasonal and weather-related conditions may cause insufficient water supply for the City of Bennet; and

WHEREAS lawn and landscaping watering tends to consume the greatest quantities of the available water supply; and

WHEREAS Section 52.33 of the Bennet City Code grants the City Council the authority to order a reduction in use of water for good and sufficient cause;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENNET, NEBRASKA:

1. **Daily Watering Restrictions.** Lawn and landscaping watering by users of the Bennet Municipal Water and Sewer shall follow same restriction dates used by Rural Water District #1, or until otherwise changed by the City Council.
  - a. Users having odd numbered street addresses shall be allowed to water their lawns and/or landscaping on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week.
  - b. Users having even numbered street addresses shall be allowed to water their lawns and/or landscaping on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, of each week.
  - c. No watering or irrigation shall be allowed on Monday of each week.
2. **Sod Permits.** Users wishing to more regularly water newly laid grass sod may apply for a two-week sod permit from the City Office. The sod permit authorizes the user to water their sod for two weeks without daily restrictions. The fee shall be \$250.00. The City shall issue a laminated sign which must be displayed at the property. After the permit expires, the user will be required to adhere to the daily restrictions. Due to water constraints, only a single sod permit will be issued at a time for the entire City of Bennet. Applicants are encouraged to contact the City in advance to schedule their sod permit.
3. **Penalties.** Violations of these regulations shall result in the following penalties:
  - a. First offense shall result in a written warning.
  - b. Second offense shall result in a \$250.00 fee added to the user's monthly bill.
  - c. Third offense shall result in a \$500.00 fee added to the user's monthly bill—and notification that further violation will result in disconnection of water service.
  - d. Fourth offense shall result in disconnection of water service.

4. **Repeal.** This Resolution shall repeal and replace Resolution 2024-5.2, effective immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2025

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Treasurer  
City of Bennet, NE

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Mayor  
City of Bennet, NE

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