

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-5.2

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 Village Code grants the Board of Trustees the authority to order a reduction in use of water for good and sufficient cause;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF BENNET, NEBRASKA:

1. **Daily Watering Restrictions.** Lawn and landscaping watering by users of the Bennet Municipal Water and Sewer shall be restricted as follows during the period beginning May 15 and ending October 31 each year, or until otherwise changed by the Board of Trustees:
 - 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 2022-9.3, effective immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF MAY, 2024

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Bennet, NE

Mayor
City of Bennet, NE

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