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RESOLUTION NO. 3824 ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY WATER REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, The City of Stamford and the surrounding region are experiencing a drought that threatens the City's public water supply and private wells; and

WHEREAS, conservation of potable water from all sources, including reservoirs and private wells, is the best way to ensure that existing water supplies will continue to be sufficient to meet the health and safety needs of the community in the event that the drought continues; and

WHEREAS, the rainfall deficit and resulting low reservoir and groundwater levels are of such a severity that significant conservation is likely to be required until such time that it has been determined that there is sufficient water to provide for essential health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Health has advised the Mayor that conditions warrant the determination of a Water Supply Emergency, as described in the City of Stamford Code of Ordinances, Section 238, and the Mayor has declared such an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Health has submitted water use regulations to the 29th Board of Representatives as required by the City of Stamford Code of Ordinances, Chapter 238, Water Emergency; and

WHEREAS, these submitted regulations, when adopted by the Board of Representatives and published in the newspaper, shall replace the general water use restrictions contained in Section 238-5 of the City of Stamford Code of Ordinances, and shall be enforceable where specified by the fines described in that section, and may be appealed in accordance with the appeal provisions of that section; and

WHEREAS, the regulations submitted by the Director of Health were developed in consultation with the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) and the executives of the water company providing water to the City of Stamford; be it resolved that the following water use regulations shall remain in effect until the water supply emergency has ended, in accordance with Chapter 238 of the City of Stamford Code of Ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 29TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT:

The following regulations are in place as of the date of this Resolution:

1. The Director of Health in consultation with the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) shall determine which phase of water restrictions, as outlined below, shall be implemented in response to each water supply emergency, and shall also evaluate and determine which particular restrictions within said phase are necessary to meet the City's water demands during said emergency.

2. **PHASE I** restrictions shall be applicable to all residents and organizations, including both municipal and private well water users.

A. Eateries and restaurants

- i. Eating and drinking establishments shall only serve drinking water to customers on request. Such establishments should notify customers that this policy is the result of local regulations in response to a water supply emergency by a posted notice or by notices in menus or on each table.

B. Irrigation of lawns, grass, and other plants.

- i. Outdoor water use for irrigation of existing lawns, grass, or other plants including athletic fields is prohibited, except:
 - a. Irrigation using a drip system or other water saving irrigation system in accordance with a plan as required in Section 2.1 of these regulations;
 - b. Watering is permitted, provided done using a hose that does not leak and is equipped with a hand-held nozzle that automatically shuts off when released or done using a watering can or other vessel with a capacity of three (3) gallons or less;
 - c. Water used in the direct furtherance of a person's livelihood or enterprise. Such users will be subject to the restrictions in Section 2.1 of these regulations. Irrigation of decorative landscaping at a residence or place of business shall not constitute a direct furtherance of an enterprise.
 - d. Golf courses may irrigate greens and tees only, and should demonstrate compliance with Section 2.1 of these regulations. Golf courses that use treated wastewater only for irrigation are exempt from these requirements.
- ii. Installation of new lawns or new landscaping is strongly discouraged. However, newly installed lawns or other landscaping may be watered for no more than half (½) hour per day for six (6) weeks following installation. Watering will occur only between the 6:00 AM and 9:00 AM and between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM. During the six week grow-in period a sign shall be displayed on the front lawn of the property. The sign shall be at least four (4) feet wide by four (4) feet high, with lettering large enough to be clearly visible from the nearest road. The sign shall read:

AUTHORIZED LIMITED WATERING OF NEW LAWN

Company name

Address

Telephone Number

Documentation of the date of the seed planting or sod laying shall be produced upon request of the appropriate authorities.

- iii. Lawns and landscaping that were newly installed prior to the drought emergency and are within the six (6) week grow-in period may be watered as outlined in Section 2.B.ii above.
- iv. Chemical application of fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides that require water usage is prohibited, except if such application preceded the drought restriction.

Then, the following limits apply:

- a. Watering shall be for no more than half (½) hour per day for two (2) days starting the day of application;
 - b. Watering will occur only between the 6:00 AM and 9:00 AM and between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM;
 - c. Documentation of the date of application shall be produced upon request of the appropriate authorities;
 - d. This exemption shall be valid for a single chemical application once every three months.
- v. All lawn watering shall occur so that no puddling or run-off occurs and no paved surface areas are watered.

C. Washing of motor vehicles, boats, trailers or other vehicles is prohibited except:

- i. In commercial car washing enterprises that use no more than 45 gallons of potable water per vehicle washed including make-up and rinse water and must comply with the provisions of Section 2.1 of these regulations. Commercial car washing enterprises means business enterprises for which the washing of cars is a principal activity, and excludes car washing at establishments where car washing is an ancillary activity.
- ii. Boats or boat trailers may be rinsed off after salt water use. Such rinse off or rinse down shall not last longer than ten minutes in duration.
- iii. Fire engines and hazardous material (HAZMAT) vehicles.
- iv. In the washing of vehicles at car dealerships, provided the following requirements are met:
 - a. Vehicles may only be washed just prior to delivery to customers or prior to placement in display showrooms;
 - b. Washing shall occur using a hose that does not leak and is equipped with a hand-held nozzle that automatically shuts off when released;
 - c. The amount of water used shall be the minimum necessary, and rinse time shall be no longer than two (2) to three (3) minutes;
 - d. Wash and/or rinse water shall be recycled to the extent practical; and
 - e. New vehicles at a dealership may be washed in accordance with the conditions at a. through d. above once per month if necessary to preserve the vehicle's finish.
- v. Washing of boats at boat dealerships is permitted, provided the following requirements are met:
 - a. Boats may only be washed just prior to delivery to customers or prior to placement in display showrooms;
 - b. Washing shall occur using a hose that does not leak and is equipped with a hand-held nozzle that automatically shuts off when released;
 - c. The amount of water used shall be the minimum necessary, and rinse time shall be no longer than two (2) to three (3) minutes per area washed;
 - d. Wash and/or rinse water shall be recycled to the extent practical;
 - e. New boats at a dealership may be washed in accordance with the conditions at a. through d. above once per month if necessary to preserve the boat's finish;
- vi. As required by the Director of Health.

D. Swimming pools, spas, Jacuzzis, and hot tubs.

- i. Owners and operators of swimming pools, spas, Jacuzzis, and hot tubs hereafter known as pools are encouraged not to open or fill pools.
 - ii. A pool cover that meets the safety requirements of the American Standard for Testing Material (ASTM) specifications F 1346 and is designed to minimize evaporation loss is required for all residential pools. Commercial pools and not-for-profit agency pools are excluded.
 - iii. No company shall fill or service a residential pool in Stamford that is not equipped with a pool cover.
 - iv. Filling, refilling, or topping off any pool that does not have a filtered recirculating system is prohibited.
 - v. Unnecessary repairs or improvements to pools requiring draining of all or a portion of the water are prohibited.
 - vi. Permits for new pools shall not be issued.
 - vii. Wading pools designed for children with a depth less than eight (8) inches are permitted.
 - viii. Filling of trucks with water from a public or private well or water supply in Stamford for the purpose of filling swimming pools inside or outside of Stamford is prohibited.
- E. The use of water from fire hydrants is prohibited except:
- i. As required for public safety or public health as determined by the Fire Chief or the Director of Health.
 - ii. As necessary for testing or fire drills only if the testing or drill is deemed necessary in the interest of public safety by the Fire Chief or the Director of Health.
- F. Other outdoor uses.
- i. Use of water for private and/or public ornamental or decorative purposes including but not limited to fountains, birdbaths, waterfalls and reflecting pools is prohibited except if necessary to preserve or support wildlife or for sanitary or structural purposes where draining is impractical.
 - ii. Use of water for flushing, cleaning, or wetting outdoor surfaces, including but not limited to driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, patios, tennis and other courts and exterior building surfaces is prohibited except:
 - a. Washing of paved surfaces at eating and drinking establishments is permitted for sanitation purposes, provided the amount of water used is the minimum necessary;
 - b. Use of water for municipal street sweeping is permitted, provided that only non-potable water as described in Section 6 below is used, the amount of water used is the minimum necessary, and an appropriate sign is prominently displayed on the street sweeping vehicle, clearly indicating that the water used is non-potable water;
 - c. Use of power washing equipment is permitted only by a licensed contractor provided such users comply with the restrictions in Section 2.1 of these regulations;
 - d. Where the Director of Health deems that such washing is necessary to avert a threat to public health, and provided that the amount of water used is the minimum necessary.
 - iii. Routine flushing of the water distribution system will be postponed. However, non-routine, reactive flushing (e.g. flushing mains after a main break, or flushing mains in response to a discolored water issue) is permitted provided, it is done

- using the minimum amount of water that is necessary.
 - iv. Routine flushing of the sewer system will be postponed unless deemed essential for public health and safety by the Director of Health.
 - v. Other outdoor uses not addressed in these regulations that are, in the determination of the Director of Health, wasteful, are prohibited.
 - G. Permitting plumbing and related fixtures and equipment to remain in a state of disrepair so that leaks of potable water occur for a period exceeding 48 hours from discovery is prohibited. This includes failure to repair, maintain, and use any installed water conservation equipment.
 - H. Residential water users shall monitor their water consumption and implement measures to reduce their water consumption by 10 percent. This includes both municipal and private well water users.
 - I. Commercial, institutional, and industrial water users
 - i. All commercial, institutional and industrial water users must within 21 calendar days from the enactment of these regulations formulate and implement a water conservation plan that reduces consumption by 10 percent. This plan shall be in writing and shall be kept on the premises and available for inspection by local officials. For the purposes of this plan, 10 percent reduction shall be calculated based on the average consumption for the same billing period over the previous five years. In the case of a business that has recently opened, moved, or expanded, an appropriate alternative baseline may be used. This plan may count conservation activities implemented in the year preceding the enactment of these regulations.
 - ii. Each day that such water conservation plan is not available for inspection, and each day that implementation does not occur, shall constitute a separate offense.
- 3. **PHASE II** restrictions shall be applicable to all residents and organizations including both municipal and private well water users.
 - A. Eateries and restaurants
 - i. Eating and drinking establishments shall only serve drinking water to customers on request. Such establishments should notify customers that this policy is the result of local regulations in response to a water supply emergency by a posted notice or by notices in menus or on each table.
 - B. Irrigation of lawns, grass, and other plants
 - i. Outdoor water use for irrigation of existing lawns, grass, or other plants including athletic fields is prohibited, except:
 - a. Irrigation using a drip system or other water saving irrigation system in accordance with a plan as required in Section 3.J of these regulations;
 - b. Watering of vegetable gardens or ornamental plantings is permitted, provided done using a hose that does not leak and is equipped with a hand-held nozzle that automatically shuts off when released or using a watering can or other vessel with a capacity of three (3) gallons or less;
 - c. Water used in the direct furtherance of a person's livelihood or enterprise. Such users will be subject to the restrictions in Section 3.J of these regulations. Irrigation of decorative landscaping at a residence

or place of business shall not constitute a direct furtherance of an enterprise.

- d. Golf courses may irrigate greens and tees, provided the following requirements are met:
 - 1. Irrigation occurs between the hours of 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM;
 - 2. Hot spot watering if needed occurs between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM using a hose that does not leak and is equipped with a nozzle that automatically shuts off when released provide no area is watered for more than 10 minutes;
 - 3. Demonstrate compliance with Section 3.J of these regulations.
 - 4. Golf courses that use treated wastewater only for irrigation are exempt from these requirements.

- ii. Installation of new lawns or new landscaping is strongly discouraged. However, newly installed lawns or other landscaping may be watered for no more than half (½) hour per day for six (6) weeks following installation. Watering will occur only between the 6:00 AM and 9:00 AM and between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM. During the six week grow-in period a sign shall be displayed on the front lawn of the property. The sign shall be at least four (4) feet wide by four (4) feet high, with lettering large enough to be clearly visible from the nearest road. The sign shall read:

AUTHORIZED LIMITED WATERING OF NEW LAWN

Company name

Address

Telephone Number

Documentation of the date of the seed planting or sod laying shall be produced upon request of the appropriate authorities.

- iii. Lawns and landscaping that have be newly installed prior to the drought emergency and are within the six (6) week grow in period may be watered as outlined in Section 3.B.ii above.

 - iv. Chemical application of fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides that require water usage is prohibited, except if such application preceded the drought restriction. Then, the following limits apply:
 - a. Watering shall be for no more than half (½) hour per day for two (2) days starting the day of application;
 - b. Watering will occur only between the 6:00 AM and 9:00 AM and between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM;
 - c. Documentation of the date of application shall be produced upon request of the appropriate authorities;
 - d. This exemption shall be valid for a single chemical application once every three months.

 - v. All lawn watering shall occur so that no puddling or run-off occurs and no paved surface areas are watered.
- C. Washing of motor vehicles, boats, trailers or other vehicles is prohibited except:
- i. In commercial car washing enterprises that use no more than 45 gallons of

potable water per vehicle washed including make-up and rinse water and must comply with the provisions of Section 3.J of these regulations. Commercial car washing enterprises means business enterprises for which the washing of cars is a principal activity, and excludes car washing at establishments where car washing is an ancillary activity.

- ii. Boats or boat trailers may be rinsed off after salt water use. Such rinse off or rinse down shall not last longer than ten minutes in duration.
- iii. Fire engines and hazardous material (HAZMAT) vehicles.
- iv. New vehicles at a dealership may only be washed once per month if necessary to preserve the vehicle's finish provided the following requirements are met:
 - a. Washing shall occur using a hose that does not leak and is equipped with a hand-held nozzle that automatically shuts off when released;
 - b. The amount of water used shall be the minimum necessary, and rinse time shall be no longer than two (2) to three (3) minutes;
 - c. Wash and/or rinse water shall be recycled to the extent practical.
- v. New boats at a dealership may only be washed once per month if necessary to preserve the boat's finish provided the following requirements are met:
 - a. Washing shall occur using a hose that does not leak and is equipped with a hand-held nozzle that automatically shuts off when released;
 - b. The amount of water used shall be the minimum necessary, and rinse time shall be no longer than two (2) to three (3) minutes per area washed;
 - c. Wash and/or rinse water shall be recycled to the extent practical.
- vi. As required by the Director of Health.

D. Swimming pools, spas, Jacuzzis, and hot tubs.

- i. The opening of existing residential swimming pools, spas, Jacuzzis, and hot tubs hereafter known as pools is immediately prohibited.
- ii. Residential pools that were opened prior to the drought restrictions shall adhere to the following requirements:
 - a. A pool cover that meets the safety requirements of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specifications F 1346 and is designed to minimize evaporation loss is installed.
 - b. No company shall fill or service a residential pool in Stamford that is not equipped with a pool cover.
 - c. The filling, refilling, or topping off any pool that does not have a filtered recirculating system is prohibited.
 - d. Unnecessary repairs or improvements to pools requiring draining of all or a portion of the water are prohibited.
- iii. Commercial pools and not-for-profit agency pools may be opened provided they adhere to the following requirements:
 - a. Filling, refilling, or topping off any pools that do not have a filtered recirculating system is prohibited.
 - b. Unnecessary repairs or improvements to pools requiring draining of all or a portion of the water are prohibited.
- iv. Filling of trucks with water from a public or private well or water supply in Stamford for the purpose of filling swimming pools inside or outside of Stamford is prohibited.
- v. Permits for new pools shall not be issued.
- vi. Wading pools designed for children with a depth less than eight (8) inches are permitted.

- E. The use of water from fire hydrants is prohibited except as required for public safety or public health as determined by the Fire Chief or the Director of Health.
- F. Other outdoor uses
 - i. Use of water for private and/or public ornamental or decorative purposes including but not limited to fountains, birdbaths, waterfalls and reflecting pools is prohibited except for structural purposes where draining is impractical.
 - ii. Use of water for flushing, cleaning, or wetting outdoor surfaces, including but not limited to driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, patios, tennis and other courts and exterior building surfaces is prohibited except:
 - a. Washing of paved surfaces at eating and drinking establishments is permitted for sanitation purposes, provided the amount of water used is the minimum necessary;
 - b. Use of water for municipal street sweeping is permitted, provided that only non-potable water as described in Section 6 below is used, the amount of water used is the minimum necessary, and an appropriate sign is prominently displayed on the street sweeping vehicle, clearly indicating that the water used is non-potable water;
 - c. The use of water to clean windows is prohibited unless done as a means of livelihood and washing is done from a bucket containing three (3) gallons of water or less;
 - d. Where the Director of Health deems that such washing is necessary to avert a threat to public health, and provided that the amount of water used is the minimum necessary.
 - iii. Use of power washing equipment is permitted only by a licensed contractor provided such users comply with the restrictions in Section 2.1 of these regulations;
 - iv. Routine flushing of the water distribution system will be postponed. However, non-routine, reactive flushing (e.g. flushing mains after a main break, or flushing mains in response to a discolored water issue) is permitted provided, it is done using the minimum amount of water that is necessary;
 - v. Routine flushing of the sewer system will be postponed unless deemed essential for public health and safety by the Director of Health.
 - vi. Other outdoor uses not addressed in these regulations that are, in the determination of the Director of Health, wasteful, are prohibited.
- G. Permitting plumbing and related fixtures and equipment to remain in a state of disrepair so that leaks of potable water occur for a period exceeding 48 hours from discovery is prohibited. This includes failure to repair, maintain, and use any installed water conservation equipment.
- H. New water diversions or hookups from ponds, streams, or other surface water are prohibited.
- I. Residential water users shall monitor their water consumption and implement measures to reduce their water consumption by 15 percent. This includes both municipal and private well water users.
- J. Commercial, institutional, and industrial water users.
 - i. All commercial, institutional and industrial water users must within 14 calendar

days from the enactment of these regulations formulate and implement a water conservation plan that reduces consumption by 15 percent. This plan shall be in writing and shall be kept on the premises and available for inspection by local officials. For the purposes of this plan, 15 percent reduction shall be calculated based on the average consumption for the same billing period over the previous five years. In the case of a business that has recently opened, moved, or expanded, an appropriate alternative baseline may be used. This plan may count conservation activities implemented in the year preceding the enactment of these regulations.

- ii. Each day that such water conservation plan is not available for inspection, and each day that implementation does not occur, shall constitute a separate offense.
4. **PHASE III** restrictions shall be applicable to all residents and organizations including both municipal and private well water users.
- A. Eateries and restaurants.
 - i. Eating and drinking establishments shall only serve drinking water to customers on request. Such establishments should notify customers that this policy is the result of local regulations in response to a water supply emergency by a posted notice or by notices in menus or on each table.
 - B. Irrigation of lawns, grass, and other plants.
 - i. Outdoor water use for irrigation of existing lawns, grass, or other plants including athletic fields is prohibited, except:
 - a. Water used in the direct furtherance of a person's livelihood or enterprise. Such users will be subject to the restrictions in Section 4.K of these regulations. Irrigation of decorative landscaping at a residence or place of business shall not constitute a direct furtherance of an enterprise.
 - b. Golf courses may irrigate greens and tees provided the following requirements are met:
 1. Irrigation occurs between the hours of 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM;
 2. Hot spot watering if needed occurs between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM using a hose that does not leak and is equipped with a nozzle that automatically shuts off when released provide no area is watered for more than 10 minutes;
 3. Demonstrate compliance with Section 4.K of these regulations.
 4. Golf courses that use treated wastewater only for irrigation are exempt from these requirements.
 - ii. Installation of new lawns or new landscaping is prohibited except the seeding of bare soil to prevent erosion that is intended to protect water resources and provide following occur:
 - a. Such watering is done using the minimum amount of water needed to achieve revegetation;
 - b. Watering is restricted to the disturbed area; and
 - c. A sign shall be displayed at the front of the property. The sign shall be at least four (4) feet wide by four (4) feet high, with lettering large enough to be clearly visible from the nearest road. The sign shall read:

AUTHORIZED LIMITED WATERING OF NEWLY SEEDED EROSION
AREA

Company name
Address
Telephone Number

Documentation of the date of the seed planting shall be produced upon request of the appropriate authorities.

- iii. Chemical application of fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides that require water usage is prohibited.
 - iv. All lawn watering shall occur so that no puddling or run-off occurs and no paved surface areas are watered.
- C. Washing of motor vehicles, boats, trailers or other vehicles is prohibited except:
- i. In commercial car washing enterprises with a recycling system in place and that use no more than 45 gallons of potable water per vehicle washed including make-up and rinse water and must comply with the provisions of Section 4.J of these regulations. Commercial car washing enterprises means business enterprises for which the washing of cars is a principal activity, and excludes car washing at establishments where car washing is an ancillary activity.
 - ii. Boats or boat trailers being removed from the water for the winter season may be rinsed off using a hand-held hose or bucket to clean the bottom provided the amount of water used is the minimum necessary.
 - iii. Fire engines and hazardous material (HAZMAT) vehicles.
 - iv. New vehicles at a dealership may only be washed once per month if necessary to preserve the vehicle's finish provided washing is done from a bucket containing three (3) gallons of water or less.
 - v. As required by the Director of Health.
- D. Swimming pools, spas, Jacuzzis, and hot tubs.
- i. Swimming pools, spas, Jacuzzis and hot tubs shall not be filled unless:
 - a. Water used to fill is obtained from an acceptable source that is not under drought water restrictions and is independent of private wells and/or public water supply system.
 - b. Use of the pool is necessitated by a documented medical or health reason.
 - c. Commercial and public swimming pools already in operation may maintain water levels but cannot be refilled if drained.
 - ii. Permits for new pools shall not be issued.
- E. The use of water from fire hydrants is prohibited except as required for public safety or public health as determined by the Fire Chief or the Director of Health.
- F. Open burning is prohibited.
- G. Other outdoor uses.
- i. Use of water for private and/or public ornamental or decorative purposes including but not limited to fountains, birdbaths, waterfalls and reflecting pools is prohibited.

- ii. Use of water for flushing, cleaning, or wetting outdoor surfaces, including but not limited to driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, patios, tennis and other courts and exterior building surfaces is prohibited except:
 - a. Use of water for municipal street sweeping is permitted, provided that only non-potable water as described in Section 6 below is used, the amount of water used is the minimum necessary; and an appropriate sign is prominently displayed on the street sweeping vehicle, clearly indicating that the water used is non-potable water;
 - b. The use of water to clean windows is prohibited unless done as a means of livelihood and washing is done from a bucket containing three (3) gallons of water or less;
 - c. Where the Director of Health deems that such washing is necessary to avert a threat to public health, and provided that the amount of water used is the minimum necessary.
 - iii. Use of power washing equipment is prohibited except for licensed contractors provided such users comply with the restrictions in Section 2.1 of these regulations and have obtained permission from the Director of Health that power washing is an essential service at this time.
 - iv. Routine flushing of the water distribution system will be postponed. However, non-routine, reactive flushing (e.g. flushing mains after a main break, or flushing mains in response to a discolored water issue) is permitted provided, it is done using the minimum amount of water that is necessary.
 - v. Routine flushing of the sewer system will be postponed unless deemed essential for public health and safety by the Director of Health.
 - vi. Other outdoor uses not addressed in these regulations that are, in the determination of the Director of Health, wasteful, are prohibited.
- H. New water diversions or hookups from ponds, streams, or other surface water are prohibited.
- I. Residential water users shall monitor their water consumption and implement measures to reduce their water consumption by 20 percent. This includes both municipal and private well water users.
- J. Permitting plumbing and related fixtures and equipment to remain in a state of disrepair so that leaks of potable water occur for a period exceeding 48 hours from discovery is prohibited. This includes failure to repair, maintain, and use any installed water conservation equipment.
- K. Commercial, institutional, and industrial water users.
- i. All commercial, institutional and industrial water users must within 14 calendar days from the enactment of these regulations formulate and implement a water conservation plan that reduces consumption by 20 percent. This plan shall be in writing and shall be kept on the premises and available for inspection by local officials. For the purposes of this plan, 20 percent reduction shall be calculated based on the average consumption for the same billing period over the previous five years. In the case of a business that has recently opened, moved, or expanded, an appropriate alternative baseline may be used. This plan may count conservation activities implemented in the year preceding the enactment of these regulations.
 - ii. Each day that such water conservation plan is not available for inspection, and

each day that implementation does not occur, shall constitute a separate offense.

5. **PHASE IV** restrictions shall be applicable to all residents and organizations including both municipal and private well water users.
- A. Eateries and restaurants.
- i. Eating and drinking establishments shall only serve drinking water to customers on request. Such establishments should notify customers that this policy is the result of local regulations in response to a water supply emergency by a posted notice or by notices in menus or on each table.
- B. Installation of new lawns or new landscaping is prohibited except the seeding of bare soil to prevent erosion that is intended to protect water resources and provided following occur:
- i. Such watering is done using the minimum amount of water needed to achieve revegetation;
 - ii. Watering is restricted to the disturbed area; and
 - iii. A sign shall be displayed at the front of the property. The sign shall be at least four (4) feet wide by four (4) feet high, with lettering large enough to be clearly visible from the nearest road. The sign shall read:

AUTHORIZED LIMITED WATERING OF NEWLY SEEDED EROSION AREA
Company name
Address
Telephone Number

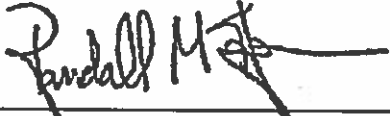
Documentation of the date of the seed planting shall be produced upon request of the appropriate authorities.
- C. Washing of motor vehicles, boats, trailers or other vehicles is prohibited except as required by the Director of Health.
- D. Swimming pools, spas, Jacuzzis, and hot tubs.
- i. Swimming pools, spas, Jacuzzis and hot tubs shall not be filled unless:
 - a. Water used to fill is obtained from an acceptable source that is not under drought water restrictions and is independent of private wells and/or public water supply system.
 - b. Use of the pool is necessitated by a documented medical or health reason.
 - c. Commercial and public swimming pools already in operation may maintain water levels but cannot be refilled if drained.
 - ii. Permits for new pools shall not be issued.
- E. The use of water from fire hydrants is prohibited except as required for public safety or public health as determined by the Fire Chief or the Director of Health.
- F. Open burning is prohibited.
- G. Other outdoor uses.
- i. Use of water for private and/or public ornamental or decorative purposes is

- prohibited.
 - ii. Use of water for flushing, cleaning, or wetting outdoor surfaces, including but not limited to driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, patios, tennis and other courts and exterior building surfaces is prohibited except where the Director of Health deems that such washing is necessary to avert a threat to public health, and provided that the amount of water used is the minimum necessary.
 - iii. Use of power washing equipment is prohibited.
 - iv. Routine flushing of the water distribution system will be postponed. However, non-routine, reactive flushing (e.g. flushing mains after a main break, or flushing mains in response to a discolored water issue) is permitted provided, it is done using the minimum amount of water that is necessary.
 - v. Routine flushing of the sewer system will be postponed unless deemed essential for public health and safety by the Director of Health.
 - vi. Other outdoor uses not addressed in these regulations that are, in the determination of the Director of Health, wasteful, are prohibited.
- H. Permitting plumbing and related fixtures and equipment to remain in a state of disrepair so that leaks of potable water occur for a period exceeding 48 hours from discovery is prohibited. This includes failure to repair, maintain, and use any installed water conservation equipment.
- I. New water diversions or hookups from ponds, streams or other surface water are prohibited.
- J. Residential water users shall monitor their water consumption and implement measures to reduce their water consumption by 25 percent. This includes both municipal and private well water users.
- K. Commercial, institutional, and industrial water users.
- i. All commercial, institutional and industrial water users must within seven (7) calendar days from the enactment of these regulations formulate and implement a water conservation plan that reduces consumption by 25 percent. This plan shall be in writing and shall be kept on the premises and available for inspection by local officials. For the purposes of this plan, 25 percent reduction shall be calculated based on the average consumption for the same billing period over the previous five years. In the case of a business that has recently opened, moved, or expanded, an appropriate alternative baseline may be used. This plan may count conservation activities implemented in the year preceding the enactment of these regulations.
 - ii. Each day that such water conservation plan is not available for inspection, and each day that implementation does not occur, shall constitute a separate offense.
6. Alternative water sources.
- A. The use of non-potable water from sources other than the public water supply or private wells is encouraged for appropriate purposes.
 - B. Such sources and purposes shall be determined by the Director of Health upon consultation with the CT DPH.

- C. Commercial uses of water from an alternative water source should be accompanied by signs or placards indicating the source of the water.
 - D. No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained any pond, cesspool, well, cistern, rain barrel or other receptacle containing water or accumulation of stagnant water in such a condition that mosquitoes may breed therein or may injure health or cause offense to other persons.
7. Reporting drought-related well problems.
- A. Commercial well drillers and maintainers shall report to the Stamford Department of Health all drought-related well problems within 24 hours of making the determination of such a problem.
8. Replenishment of well water. Water used to replenish drinking wells must be obtained from a potable source of water that is not under a drought restriction and must be transported by a licensed water hauler that is licensed by the CT DPH.
9. Additional Restrictions.
- A. In the event that the Director of Health advises the Mayor that the City of Stamford has less than a 90-day supply of water available through its public water supply, additional restrictions may be imposed by the Mayor which may be in addition to those described in this regulation.
 - B. The Mayor shall notify the President of the Board of Representatives of any additional restrictions that are imposed under this section.
10. Termination of the water emergency. In the event that the Director of Health upon consultation with the water supply company and the CT DPH determines that a water emergency no longer exists, he/she will notify the Mayor of the same, who upon receiving such a notice will issue a notice of termination of the water emergency.
11. Consistency. In the event that any of these regulations are inconsistent with state or federal law, or any regulation or code thereof, or they are inconsistent with public health needs, all as determined by the Director of Health, such Director of Health may waive the provisions of these regulations on a case by case basis only so far as is necessary to comply with such law, regulation, code or public health need.
12. Violations and penalties. Any person who violates these regulations may be subject to penalties in accordance with Section 238-8 of the City of Stamford Code of Ordinances.
13. Appeals. Any person aggrieved by the enforcement of these regulations may appeal in accordance with Section 238-7 of the City of Stamford Code of Ordinances.
14. Enforcement. These regulations may be enforced by the Director of Health, the Stamford Police Department, or through the Civil Citation process.

Effective Date: Upon enactment.

This resolution was approved by a machine vote of 24-5-1 at the Regular Meeting of the 29th Board of Representatives held on Monday, December 5, 2016.



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