

State of Water Supply Conservation shall mean a state of conservation declared by the District pursuant to section four of this bylaw.

Water Users or Water Consumers shall mean all public and private users of the District's public water system, irrespective of any person's responsibility for billing purposes for water used at any particular facility.

Person shall mean any individual, corporation, trust, partnership or association or other entity.

Public notice of a State of Water Conservation shall be given under section six of this bylaw before it may be enforced.

Section Four: Declaration of a State of Water Conservation

The District through its Board of Water Commissioners may declare a State of Water Conservation upon a determination by a majority vote of the Board that a shortage of water exists, and that conservation of water is necessary to insure adequate supply to all consumers under all conditions.

Section Five: Restricted Water Uses

A declaration of a State of Water Conservation issued by the Board of Water Commissioners may include one or more of the following restrictions, conditions, or requirements restraining the use of water for nonessential purposes as necessary to protect the water supply, which shall be included in the public notice required under section six.

- A) Odd/Even Law Watering Lawn watering at facilities with odd numbered addresses is permitted only on odd numbered days. Lawn watering at facilities with even numbered addresses is permitted only on even numbered days.
- B) Outdoor Watering Ban. Lawn watering, and all other forms of nonessential outdoor water use are prohibited.
- C) Outdoor Watering Hours. Outdoor watering is permitted only during off-peak hours, to be specified in the declaration of a state of water conservation and public notice thereof.
- D) Filling Swimming Pools. Filling of swimming pools is prohibited.
- E) Automatic Lawn Sprinkler Use. The use of automatic lawn sprinkler systems is prohibited.

Section Six: Public Notification of a State of Water Supply Conservation

Notification of any provision, restriction, requirement or condition imposed by the District as part of a State of Water Conservation shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the District, or by such other means reasonably calculated to reach and inform all users of water of the state of conservation. Any restriction imposed under section five shall not be effective until such notification is provided.

Section Seven: Termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation; Notice

A state of Water Supply Conservation may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Water Commissioners upon a determination that the water supply shortage no longer exists. Notification of the termination of a state of water conservation shall be given in the same manner as notice of the state of water conservation is given.

Section Eight: State of Water Emergency; Restricted Water Use

Upon notification of the public that a declaration of a state of water emergency has been declared by the Department of Environmental Protection, no person shall violate any provision, restriction, requirement, condition or order approved or issued by the Department intended to bring about an end to the emergency.

Section Nine: Penalties

Any person violating this bylaw shall be liable to the District in the amount of \$50.00 for the first violation and \$100.00 for each subsequent violation which shall insure to the District for such uses as the Board of Water Commissioners may direct. Fines shall be recovered by indictment, or on complaint before the District Court, or by non-criminal disposition in accordance with Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the general laws. Each separate issuance of a citation pursuant to this section shall constitute a separate violation.

Section Ten: Severability

The invalidity of any portion or provisions of this bylaw shall not invalidate any other portion or provision thereof. (Adopted October 17, 1996)