

- (a) *Purpose.* This section is an exercise of the city to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the city and other customers of the city's water supply system. Upon determination by the director of public works, or their designated representative, the city may implement water conservation measures as defined below to assure an adequate water supply for essential needs.
- (b) *Level I - voluntary water conservation.* When deemed necessary, the director of public works, or their designated representative may notify local radio and newspaper media to inform water users that Level I voluntary water conservation measures are in effect. During periods of Level I voluntary water conservation, the public is urged to limit the watering of lawns, shrubs, plants, trees and gardens, and the washing of motor vehicles. If needed, it shall be recommended that these activities be limited to certain dates and/or times as determined by the city.
- (c) *Level II - water conservation.* Whenever the storage capacity of treated water drops one-sixth of total capacity, the director of public works or their designated representative may notify local radio and newspaper media to inform water users that Level II water conservation measures are in effect.

Level II restrictions: When Level II water conservation measures are in effect the following use of water is prohibited:

- (1) All lawn and turf watering, watering of shrubs, plants, trees and gardens, all washing of building exteriors, all washing of motor vehicles, trailers and boats except at commercial car washes and licensed commercial dealerships. Licensed commercial dealerships shall limit washing to Tuesday and Friday only.
 - (2) The washing of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, patios, parking lots, hard-surfaced tennis courts and other hard-surfaced areas by use of water directly from faucets or other city sources.
- (d) *Level III - water conservation.* Whenever the treated water storage capacity falls to one-third of total capacity, the director of public works or their designated representative may notify local radio and newspaper media that Level III water conservation measures are in effect. Large water users shall be notified by city staff that Level III water conservation measures are in effect.

Level III restrictions: During periods that Level III water conservation measures are in effect, in addition to Level II restrictions, the following uses of water from city sources are prohibited:

- (1) All washing of motor vehicles, trailers or boats except at commercial car washes.
 - (2) Filling swimming pools, outdoor fountains or operation of outdoor fountains.
 - (3) Commercial irrigation; irrigation of athletic fields, including, but not limited to, football fields, baseball fields and soccer fields.
 - (4) The use of water from fire hydrants at any time for construction purposes, fire drills or routine hydrant testing, is prohibited. Only non-potable water may be used for dirt compaction, earth moving operations or street base course construction.
- (e) *Enforcement.*
- (1) *Notice of violation:* If the director of public works or designated representative, determines that any customer has failed to comply with any provision of this section, then he shall give the person in charge or control of the property notice, by mailing such notice to his last known addresses, informing them to cease water usage practices that exceed the water use restrictions is in effect.
 - (2) *Penalty:* Any customer who fails to comply with any notice to abate their water usage practices which exceed the water use restrictions in effect, shall be guilty of an ordinance violation punishable as set forth code. The director of public works or designated representative shall terminate water service of

any customer, upon reasonable notice of 7 days, if they are found to be in continuing and subsequent violation of the water use restrictions in effect.

(f) *Notification.* When notification is instructed then the following protocol will apply:

- (1) Staff will notify local radio and television stations within the Tontitown service area to include all three local TV stations.
- (2) Staff will notify local newspaper and large users by e-mail to include Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette.
- (3) Staff will notify public with posting on city's website and the city's Facebook.
- (4) Staff will post signs along major streets in Tontitown which identify the level of water conservation.