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BOUNTIFUL

BOUNTIFUL CITY RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A WATER REGULATION AND CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR BOUNTIFUL CITY, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, Bountiful City has determined that the 2025–2026 snowpack along the Wasatch Front is significantly below average, with rapid loss of lower and mid-level snowpack; aquifer levels remain low and are insufficient to meet increased demand due to an early end to spring runoff and anticipated Weber Basin restrictions that may reduce the City’s 1,000 acre-foot allotment by 10–20%; and although Mill Creek has provided a steady source of water, deep well resources are showing reduced supply concurrent with declining creek flows; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to address these drought conditions through conservation measures, including public education and limits on outdoor and irrigation use, to reduce overall water consumption; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is authorized under Utah law and City ordinance 6-5-109 to regulate water use as necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and to enforce such regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that additional conservation measures are necessary to mitigate drought impacts and ensure a reliable and sustainable water supply; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that regulating operational and maintenance practices will preserve public infrastructure and reduce long-term costs for the benefit of Bountiful residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Bountiful City Council as follows:

1. The Mayor and City Council have declared that current statewide drought conditions constitute a water scarcity event and authorized the Mayor to issue Bountiful City Proclamation 26-01 - Declaring Water Scarcity, which is incorporated by reference. The following conservation regulations for residential areas within Bountiful City shall be implemented by the Public Works Director, subject to approval of the City Manager, from April 15, 2026 to April 15, 2027:

Outdoor use of culinary water is limited as follows:

1. Use of culinary water for outdoor watering is prohibited where irrigation water is provided by a third-party service district.
2. Outdoor watering with culinary water is prohibited between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
3. No outdoor watering is permitted on Wednesdays.
4. Landscaping, including turf, plantings, and gardens, may be watered three times per week as follows:

- Even-numbered addresses: Monday, Thursday, Saturday.
- Odd-numbered addresses: Tuesday, Friday, Sunday.

Zone run times shall not exceed 20 minutes per zone for pop-up sprinkler heads or 40 minutes per zone for rotary sprinkler heads.

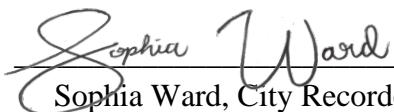
5. Hand watering is allowed once per week for established trees and shrubs, with a maximum flow rate of 5 gallons per minute. Hoses shall not be left unattended and may not be connected to a sprinkler head.
6. Watering of newly installed landscaping shall comply with this Resolution.
7. Rinsing or washing sidewalks, driveways, patios, or other impervious surfaces is prohibited.
8. Residential swimming pools may only be filled using a hose connected to the primary structure, with a maximum flow rate of 5 gallons per minute.
9. Bountiful Parks and City facilities may “spot water” as necessary to prevent permanent damage and protect public investment.
10. Bountiful Ridge Golf Course may water tee boxes, greens, and fairways to maintain acceptable playing conditions. Spot watering is permitted in fairways and rough areas to prevent permanent damage.
11. In addition to all applicable provisions of the Bountiful Municipal Code, City staff is authorized to enforce these regulations as follows:
 - a. First offense – Written warning.
 - b. Second offense – \$100 fine added to the utility bill
 - c. Third offense – \$250 fine added to the utility bill.
 - d. Fourth offense – \$500 fine added to the utility bill.
 - e. Fifth offense – Culinary water service terminated pending payment of a \$1,000 fine. The account holder is responsible for all disconnection and reconnection fees.
 - f. An additional \$500 fine shall apply for any of the following:
 - i. Connecting a Bountiful City culinary water service to an irrigation system where the property is served by a third-party irrigation provider without written authorization.
 - ii. Connecting a Bountiful City culinary water service to an irrigation system without a required backflow prevention device and written authorization.
 - iii. Placing into service any backflow prevention device that has not been tested by a certified technician and reported to the City.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 14th day of April 2026.



Kate Bradshaw, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sophia Ward, City Recorder

