

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOLALLA, OREGON ADOPTING WATER CURTAILMENT MEASURES AND RESTRICTING THE USE OF WATER

WHEREAS, the City of Molalla receives its drinking water from the Molalla River watershed and the State of Oregon is in its 4th consecutive year of drought conditions; and,

WHEREAS, Molalla Municipal Code 13.04.055 authorizes City Council to adopt a resolution to restrict the use of water and sets fines for violations; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a Water Management and Conservation and Water System Master Plan on May 26, 2021, which includes a water curtailment plan; and,

WHEREAS, current environmental conditions and water use meet the criteria for activating the water curtailment plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council wants to ensure that city's water supply can meet basic life and firefighting need for the duration of the drought conditions and adoption of this resolution is the best way to ensure those needs can continue to be met.

Now, Therefore, the City of Molalla Resolves as follows:

- **Section 1.** The water curtailment plan within the current master plan is in effect at Alert Stage No. 1.
- **Section 2.** The City Manager is authorized to adjust the Alert Stage as needed until conditions change and the water curtailment plan is no longer needed.

Section 3. This Resolution is and shall be effective upon adoption.

Signed this 14th day of July 2021.

Scott Keyser, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christie DeSantis, City Recorder

TABLE 12.6.1 SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED WATER CURTAILMENT PLAN MODIFIED BY RESOLUTION 2021-19

Alert Stage	Stage Activation	Action Measures
- - - - No. 1: Water Alert - -	1. PI (-2 to -3) and/or 2. SWSI (-1.5 to -2.5) and/or 3. Water use reaches 90% capacity for 3 days and/or 4. Staff assessment.	 Water status sign will indicate Water Alert Stage No. 1. Call for voluntary reduction in all water use or mandates for watering. Prohibit outside watering only between 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Restrict outside watering for even addresses on even numbered days & odd addresses on odd numbered days. Prohibit water wasted down gutters or streets & wash down of paved surfaces, streets, & structures. Water use for wash down of paved surfaces & structures only for health & safety purposes. Public outreach promoting conservation. Cease issuance of new bulk water meters for construction. Existing bulk water meters for construction allowed. Prohibit new hook-ups to the City's water system. Prohibit water to be used by Fire Department for drills or truck washing.
- - - - No. 2: Water Warning - - -	1. PI (-3 to -4) and/or 2. SWSI (-2.5 to -3.25) and/or 3. Water use reaches 90% capacity for 2 days and/or 4. Staff assessment.	1. Water status sign will indicate Water Warning Stage No. 2. 2. All Stage No. 1 prohibited activities are also forbidden under Stage No. 2. Cease use of existing bulk water meters. 3. Implement watering citations. 4. Continue public outreach to community. 5. Watering of any lawn, landscaping bushes, shrubs & trees is prohibited. 6. Watering of any vegetables or fruits are restricted to watering by hand using either a hose with self-closing nozzle, a container (e.g. bucket), or a drip irrigation system. 7. Prohibit washing of any vehicle, except at a commercial fixed washing facility. 8. Prohibit water for the use of scenic / recreational fountains, ponds & lakes except required to support fish. 9. Prohibit use of water in any air conditioner or air-cooling mechanism, except at a commercial business. 10. Prohibit adding water to any swimming pool.
No. 3: Water Emergency	1. PI (-4 and lower) and/or 2. SWSI (-3.25 to -4.0) and/or 3. Water use reaches 95% capacity and/or 4. Staff assessment.	1. Water status sign will indicate Water Emergency Stage No. 3. 2. All previously prohibited activities are also forbidden under Stage No. 3. 3. Curtailment citations and penalties remain in-place. 4. Continue public outreach to community. 5. 70% of previous month water consumption. Billing for overage usage will notify users that residential customers are allotted 50 gallons/capita/day based on the number of persons living at each household and that a billing penalty and surcharges will be adjusted or removed if 70% of previous month usage results in allocation less than 50 gallons/capita/day. Aggrieved customer to provide proof of residency for persons claimed for higher allocation to receive refund or penalty adjustment. 6. Commercial & industrial users will be restricted to the 85% volume of water used in prior month or same month in prior year, whichever is greater. 7. Restaurants discontinue routinely offering water to customers unless specifically requested. 8. Implement a surcharge pricing structure for water use over the allotted use. Recommend double the consumption rate charge for all usage over water allocation amount and \$10 base penalty surcharge for residential customers and \$40 for commercial and industrial users.
No. 4: Critical Water Emergency	Water use reaches 100% intake or treatment capacity and/or Total loss of intake or treatment capacity and/or Staff assessment.	1. Water status sign will indicate Critical Water Emergency Stage No. 4. 2. City may discontinue water service through its normal distribution system. 3. If water remains in the City's finished water tanks, water may be provided in small quantities to residents in their containers either directly from a designated tank or location within the City. 4. If water is not available in the City's finished water tanks, the City would locate a source of potable water & have it delivered to the City. Small quantities of potable water would be provided to residents, at no cost, in their containers.