

RESOLUTION NO. 6364-2021

Resolution of the City Council
Amending Water Waste Prohibitions
Conservation Stage 2 Mandatory Compliance – Water Alert

WHEREAS, On April 21, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency to exist in California due to severe drought conditions and calling on Californians to reduce their water usage; and.

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol municipal code requires that the water resources available to the City be put to the maximum beneficial use to the extent to which they are capable, to promote water conservation and the efficient use of potable water furnished by the City, by eliminating intentional or unintentional water waste when a reasonable alternative solution is available, and by prohibiting use of equipment which is wasteful; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol established a City water shortage contingency plan in 2014 by Ordinance 1070 which contains Water Conservation Stages to achieve responsible management of City's water resources; and

WHEREAS, the length and severity of climate and drought conditions are uncertain, and water resources are limited; the City of Sebastopol wants to proactively prevent future water shortages; and

WHEREAS, the City Council shall have the authority to prohibit other activities and water uses upon the recommendation of the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, by recommendation of the City Manager additional Water Restrictions for Commercial and Industrial water customers as identified will be implemented during Stage 2 Mandatory Compliance- Water Alert.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

The City of Sebastopol enter *Stage 2 Mandatory Compliance- Water Alert* as found in Municipal Code 13.06.070. To achieve an overall system-wide reduction goal of 25 percent. The following activities shall be prohibited:

1. Nonessential uses of water, including the following:
 - a. Limit outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water by the persons it serves to no more than two days per week.
 - b. Refilling or initial filling of a swimming pool.
 - c. Noncommercial washing of privately owned motor vehicles, trailers, and boats except from a bucket and except that a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle may be used to rinse the vehicle.
 - d. Any use of water from a fire hydrant except for fighting fires or essential construction needs.
2. The City Council shall have the authority to prohibit other activities and water uses upon the recommendation of the City Manager that such additional measures are necessary to achieve an overall system-wide reduction of 25 percent in water usage.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council require additional conservation measures:

Sebastopol Water Restrictions for Commercial and Industrial water customers

- Restaurants may only serve water upon request.
- Restaurants must optimize the use of commercial dish washers and wash full racks only.
- Hotel and lodging establishments must message about the drought, including laundering of linens only upon request.
- Pressure washing (except for public health and safety) is prohibited unless a variance is obtained from the City of Sebastopol Public Works Department.
- Water waste due to breaks, leaks, or excess use is prohibited. This includes leaking faucets, toilets, and appliances, as well as broken irrigation pipes, leaking irrigation valves, and broken sprinkler heads, and runoff from properties due to overwatering or misdirected sprinklers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution Number 6346-2021 has been rescinded and replaced by approval of this Resolution.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 28th day of July, 2021.


I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by City of Sebastopol City Council following a roll call vote:

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hinton, Rich, Slayter, Vice Mayor Gurney and Mayor Glass
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

APPROVED:  _____
Mayor Una Glass

ATTEST:  _____
Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  _____
Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney