

(b) During a water use emergency, the Mayor may order a water use curtailment by prohibiting unnecessary use or consumption of water during all or specified hours of the day and/or may order that specified premises curtail unnecessary use or consumption of water on specified days only as the Mayor shall determine to be necessary.

(c) A water use emergency shall specify:

- (1) the geographic area affected by the water use emergency;
- (2) the length of time the emergency shall be in effect, which time shall not exceed seven (7) days; and
- (3) the degree of water use curtailment

(d) An order of a water use emergency shall become effective at the time of issuance by the Mayor. Notice thereof shall be given to a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Rocky River and shall be reported to local radio and television stations for broadcast.

(e) As used in this section, unnecessary use or consumption means the use or consumption of water for purposes other than personal health, safety, sanitation and bodily consumption.

"Unnecessary use or consumption" of waters includes but is not limited to sprinkling or watering lawns, other land irrigation, the washing of automobiles, houses or other structures and the use of water for recreation purposes such as the maintenance of swimming pools. The use of water for private construction such as the mixing and curing of concrete, the puddling of backfill in excavations, the moistening of masonry walls preparatory to pointing or sealing and other similar uses is not an unnecessary use or consumption of water. The use of water to scrub and rinse areas such as hard surfaced drives, garage floors, patios and similar uses where necessary for the purpose of sanitation and the protection of health is not an unnecessary use and consumption of water. The use of water by means not directly connected to the water supply for sprinkling vegetable gardens or flowers gardens is not an unnecessary use and consumption of water.

(f) No person or entity shall during a water use emergency use water in violation of the terms and conditions of the Mayor's water use emergency order.

921.99 PENALTY

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Whoever violates any provision of this section having been previously convicted of a violation of any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than sixty (60) days, or both. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which violation or noncompliance occurs or continues.

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