

ORDINANCE 492

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER USE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF MILLS, DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE THE USE OF WATER IN TIMES OF WATER SHORTAGE AND ESTABLISHING A METHOD OF ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE SAME

WHEREAS the Town is on occasion in a position of having to purchase water because of low flows on the North Platte River because of drought conditions, and

WHEREAS both the Town and individual property owners, both users of water must work to conserve water during these times;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF MILLS, WYOMING:

The Town Council of the Town of Mills, Wyoming hereby establishes a two-phase water conservation policy in which the Town commits to water saving activities and establishes requirements for water use by individuals, and establishes a method of enforcement of this policy.

SECTION 1: PHASE I MILLS - VOLUNTARY REDUCTIONS - Town of Mills

The Town of Mills will advise the public of the drought conditions and prepare customers for more demanding measures if the drought continues. Rate increases may be needed to pay for the purchase of raw water. The Town may use any means necessary or appropriate including but not limited to the following:

1. Initiate campaign to alert public to drought and Phase I and II programs.
2. Acquaint customers with measures they can expect if drought continues.
3. Publish suggestions for temporarily reducing water use.
4. Monitor drought response effectiveness and recommend adjustments.
5. Encourage conservation by Industrial and Commercial Users.
6. Encourage new construction to install water saving devices.
7. Begin process of raising waters rates.

The Town of Mills Water Department shall take all reasonable steps to attain the following goals:

1. Reduce Water usage on all municipal parks and grassed areas by 30%.
2. Control water-sprinkling systems to water only at night to get maximum use of the water.
3. Decrease water vehicle washing by 50%.
4. Monitor tank overflows and leaks to control loss of water.

SECTION 2: PHASE I - VOLUNTARY REDUCTIONS - Customers

Customers are encouraged to voluntarily reduce their water use by the following suggested guidelines:

1. Outside watering reduced to three days a week. Odd numbered houses on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Even numbered houses on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
2. Watering should take place during the cool evenings and early mornings. Water only on the grass - not the sidewalks and street.
3. Use a broom, not a hose to clean sidewalks and driveway.
4. Reduce outside car washing to once per month.
5. Try to keep your monthly usage to the billed minimum of 6,000 gallons residential and 9,000 gallons commercial.
6. Do not implement changes in landscape or establish a new landscape.

These voluntary reductions in water use depend on your cooperation to succeed. If Phase I is successful in reducing the use of water there should be no need to go to Phase II Mandatory Restrictions.

SECTION 3: PHASE II - MANDATORY RESTRICTIONS - Town of Mills

In the event the Phase I program is unsuccessful the Town Council may by resolution implement Phase II water conservation measures which shall become mandatory upon all users of the Mills Water System. Upon the passage of any resolution implementing Phase II, the Town shall inform the public that Phase II of the Water Conservation Plan has been activated and emphasize that Phase II is Mandatory Restrictions and not voluntary reductions. A copy of the resolution shall be posted in the Town Hall and such other locations as deemed appropriate by the Town.

The Town may implement any or all of the following water conservation measures:

1. Raise water rates.
2. Continue all measures initiated in Phase I Plan.
3. Train and assign Town of Mills Personnel and Police to
 - a. Monitor outdoor water use
 - b. Issue warnings for violations
 - c. Issue citations for water waste, for violations of water use ordinance and non-compliance with restrictions.
4. Restrict outdoor water use to specified hours and days for all customers.
5. Restrict car, truck and boat washing on dealers lots and in company fleets both governmental and private sector.
6. Mail out a do it yourself "water waste reduction" brochure for households. Include information in the Newsletter.

SECTION 4: PHASE II - MANDATORY RESTRICTIONS - Customers

All customers of the Mills Water system shall reduce their water use by heeding the following requirements.

1. Outside watering shall be reduced to three days per week. Odd numbered houses on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Even numbered houses on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
2. Outside watering shall be conducted only during the hours of 7:00pm through 7:00 am.

2. Water only the grass - not the sidewalks or driveways.
3. Use a broom, not a hose to clean the sidewalks and driveways.
4. Reduce outside car washing to once per month.
5. The customer shall take every precaution to keep your monthly usage to the billed minimum of 6,000 gallons residential and 9,000 gallons commercial.
6. Do not implement changes in landscape or establish a new landscape.

Town of Mills personnel and Police Department will implement compliance with Phase II Mandatory Restrictions. Disregard of restrictions will result in a written warning. Repeated violations may result in a citation to appear before the Mills Municipal Court. Any person having been found guilty of violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined a minimum \$25.00 and a maximum of \$750.00 per day for each day or part of day in which the violation exists. Please cooperate with these restrictions for the good of all in the community.

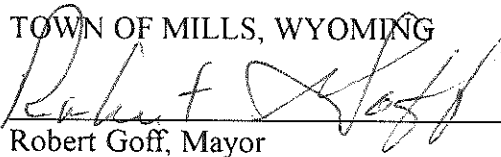
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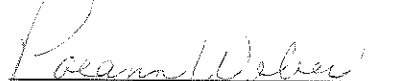
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on the 3rd and final reading on the 7th day of August, 2002.

TOWN OF MILLS, WYOMING

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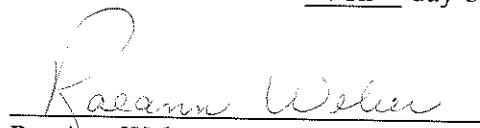

Robert Goff, Mayor

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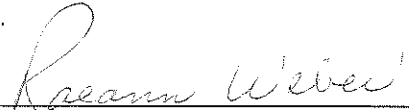

RaeAnn Weber
Town Clerk



I, RaeAnn Weber, Town Clerk of the Town of Mills, Wyoming, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 471, entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER USE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF MILLS, NATRONA COUNTY, WYOMING" passed on Third Reading by the Town Council of the Town of Mills, Wyoming, at a regular meeting held by the Council Members on the 7th day of August, 2002.


RaeAnn Weber, Town Clerk

I, the regularly appointed, duly qualified and action Town Clerk of the Town of Mills, Wyoming do hereby certify that signed, attested, sealed, and certified copies of this Ordinance No. 471 approved and passed as certified above, and following its passage by the Town Council, was posted in the Town Clerk's Office and at the Mills Post Office for a period of ten (10) days as required by law; that it took effect and became in force as a legal ordinance of the Town of Mills, Wyoming on the 7th day of August, 2002.



RaeAnn Weber, Town Clerk