

ORDINANCE NO. 2996

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORONA,
CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13.26 (WATER
CONSERVATION) OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL CODE
TO AMEND EXISTING WATERING RESTRICTIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Corona is facing a significant water shortage, caused in part by drought conditions and partly by increased demand, and this shortage is expected to continue indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code Section 375, the City of Corona has previously adopted a Water Conservation Program to reduce the quantity of water used by persons within its jurisdiction for the purpose of conserving the water supplies of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City's Water Conservation Program allows the City Council to declare any of the five stages of water conservation, requiring progressively greater conservation measures as water shortages become more severe; and

WHEREAS, the City's existing restrictions on watering lawns and landscaping during Water Conservation Stages 2, 3 and 4 allow all customers to water a limited number of days per week, with the specific days based upon a property's street address; and

WHEREAS, the existing restrictions are imposing an undue hardship on public agencies, including the Corona-Norco Unified School District and City of Corona, by prohibiting watering on Fridays and requiring watering on weekend days, when parks and athletic fields are heavily used and public agencies are unlikely to have staff available to monitor watering; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and appropriate for the City to amend the existing Water Conservation Program to allow public

agencies more flexibility during Water Conservation Stages 2, 3 and 4 in determining which days will be watering days, without allowing public agencies to water more days per week than other customers.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA,
CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The City Council adopts the recitals set forth above as its findings in connection with the adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Section 13.26.060 of the Corona Municipal Code is hereby amended by amending subsection (C)(2) to read as follows:

“(2) Lawns and/or ground covers may be watered and landscaping may be irrigated, including construction meter irrigation, for a maximum of 20 minutes per day only during the following designated watering windows and designated days:

(a) Except as specified in division (C)(2)(d), lawns and/or ground cover may be watered and landscaping may be irrigated for properties with odd number street addresses, parks and the public right-of-ways, only on Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.;

(b) Except as specified in division (C)(2)(d), lawns and/or ground cover may be watered and landscaping may be irrigated for properties with even number street addresses only on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.;

(c) Except as specified in division (C)(2)(d), watering lawns and/or ground cover and irrigating landscaping is prohibited on Fridays and on any day of the week outside of the designated watering windows set forth in divisions (C)(2)(a) and (b) hereof; and

(d) Notwithstanding divisions (C)(2)(a), (b) and (c), a government agency may water lawns and/or ground cover and

irrigate landscaping on three days per week of the agency's choosing, only between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.”

SECTION 3. Section 13.26.070 of the Corona Municipal Code is hereby amended by amending subsection (C)(2) to read as follows:

“(2) Lawns and/or ground covers may be watered and landscaping may be irrigated, including construction meter irrigation, for a maximum of 20 minutes per day only during the following designated watering windows and designated days:

(a) Except as specified in division (C)(2)(d), lawns and/or ground cover may be watered and landscaping may be irrigated for properties with odd number street addresses, parks and public right-of-ways, only on Saturdays and Wednesdays between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.;

(b) Except as specified in division (C)(2)(d), lawns and/or ground cover may be watered and landscaping may be irrigated for properties with even number street addresses only on Sundays and Thursdays between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.;

(c) Except as specified in division (C)(2)(d), watering lawns and/or ground cover and irrigating landscaping is prohibited on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and on any day of the week outside of the designated water windows set forth in divisions (C)(2)(a) and (b) hereof; and

(d) Notwithstanding divisions (C)(2)(a), (b) and (c), a government agency may water lawns and/or ground cover and irrigate landscaping on two days per week of the agency's choosing, only between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.”

SECTION 4. Section 13.26.080 of the Corona Municipal Code is hereby amended by amending subsection (C)(2) to read as follows:

“(2) Irrigation of landscaping shall be limited to supporting minimal survival of trees and shrubs. Landscaping may be irrigated, including construction meter irrigation, for a maximum of 20 minutes per day only during the following designated watering windows and designated day:

(a) Except as specified in division (C)(2)(d), properties with odd number street addresses, parks and public right of ways may irrigate landscaping only on Saturdays between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.;

(b) Except as specified in division (C)(2)(d), properties with even number street addresses may irrigate landscaping and pastures only on Sundays between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.; and

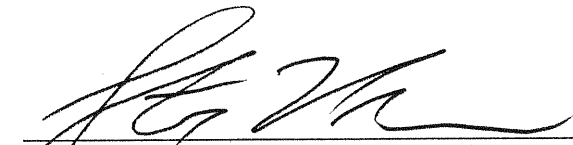
(c) Except as specified in division (C)(2)(d), irrigating landscaping is prohibited on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and outside the designated watering windows set forth in divisions (C)(2)(a) and (b).

(d) Notwithstanding divisions (C)(2)(a), (b), and (c), a government agency may water lawns and/or ground cover and irrigate landscaping on one day per week of the agency's choosing, only between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m."

SECTION 5. This Ordinance supersedes and voids all prior ordinances, resolutions, and other Council actions, which are inconsistent with its terms.

SECTION 6. The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall attest thereto and shall within fifteen (15) days of its adoption cause it, or a summary of it, to be published in the Press Enterprise, a newspaper published and circulated in the City of Corona; and thereupon and thereafter this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force according to law.

ADOPTED this 1st day of July, 2009.



Mayor of the City of Corona, California

ATTEST:




City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

CERTIFICATION

I, VICTORIA J. WASKO, City Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was regularly introduced at an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Corona, California, duly held on the 17th day of June, 2009, and thereafter at a regular meeting held on the 1st day of July, 2009, it was duly passed and adopted by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:	MONTANEZ, NOLAN, SCOTT, SKIPWORTH, SPIEGEL
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAINED:	NONE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this 1st day of July, 2009.



City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

(SEAL)

SUMMARY

On July 1, 2009, the Corona City Council will consider adopting an ordinance changing the days of the week on which public agencies are permitted to water during a water shortage. A certified copy of the full text of this proposed ordinance is posted in the City Clerk's Office.

The Corona City Council meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Corona City Hall, located at 400 South Vicentia Avenue. The City Clerk's office is located in City Hall near the Council Chambers.