

**THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GILMER**  
**DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN**  
**STAGE 3**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Gilmer Mayor finds under present circumstances in all or part of the unincorporated areas of the City of Gilmer recognized that the amount of water available to the City and its water utility customers is limited and subject to depletion during periods of extended drought.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** by the City of Gilmer Mayor that the City enter into **Stage 3 – Severe Water Shortage Conditions**. Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain non-essential water uses for Stage 3 of the Plan. All requirements of Stage 2 shall remain in effect during Stage 3. Achieve a 25% reduction in total water use.

- Irrigation of landscaped areas shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for water customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, or 9),
- Irrigation shall be limited to designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 am and between the hours of 8:00 pm and 12:00 midnight and shall be by means of hand-held hoses, hand-held buckets, drip irrigation, or permanently installed automatic sprinkler system only.
- The use of hose-end sprinklers is prohibited at all times.
- Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane, or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated water days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 AM and between 8:00 PM and 12:00 midnight. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses.
- Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
- Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 AM and between 8:00 PM and 12:00 midnight.
- Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a re-circulation system.
- Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to firefighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare.
- All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to its patrons except when requested.
- The use of water for construction purposes from designated fire hydrants under special permit is to be discontinued.
- The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
  - 1) wash down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
  - 2) use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
  - 3) use of water for dust control;
  - 4) flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
  - 5) failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

Any person who violates this order is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and not more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for each day that one or more of the provisions in this order is violated and shall constitute a separate offence.

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024

Tim Marshall, Mayor