



Office of the Mayor PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2007 the OWASA Board of Directors issued a Water Supply Advisory, and on September 27, 2007 the Board declared a Stage One Water Shortage; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the ongoing exceptional drought, our reservoir levels and total water storage on-hand have continued to decline and there has been no inflow to our reservoirs for more than two months; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Drought Monitor rates the ongoing drought as "Exceptional," and the long-term weather forecast indicates that drought conditions are expected to continue into 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Cane Creek Reservoir and University Lake, which are the Carrboro-Chapel Hill-southeast Orange County community's primary public water sources, were 51.7% full as of October 17, 2007, and recent demand has not yet achieved the Stage One Water Shortage goal of reducing demand to 8.2 million gallons per day or less; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2007 North Carolina Governor Mike Easley requested that local governments in the State take immediate action to achieve greater conservation due to the severe and continuing drought;

WHEREAS, the OWASA Board of Directors adopted a Resolution Proclaiming a Stage II Water Shortage on October 18, 2007 and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin C. Foy, Mayor of the Town of Chapel Hill, do hereby:

1. Proclaim the existence of a Stage II Water Shortage, under the Stage Two Water Shortage Ordinance of the Town of Chapel Hill,
2. Call upon all customers and users of OWASA water in the Town of Chapel Hill to follow the Stage II water use restrictions set by OWASA, with the goal of reducing overall local water demand to a level of at least 15 percent below OWASA's pre-drought demand projections for the coming months. In accordance with the Stage Two Water Shortage Ordinance these restrictions include:
 - a. Water use by individually metered residential customer accounts and by individually metered single-family residential irrigation only accounts shall be limited to no more than an average of eight hundred (800) gallons per day during any monthly billing cycle beginning after the declaration of a water supply shortage or water supply emergency and ending while such restrictions are still in effect.
 - b. Spray irrigation with OWASA-supplied potable water shall not be permitted, except by persons regularly engaged in the sale of plants, who shall be allowed to irrigate their commercial stock in trade.
 - c. Irrigation by underground, drip irrigation, micro spray, low precipitation bubblers, soaker hose systems with automatic shutoffs, or by hand held hoses or watering cans shall be limited to a maximum of one-half (1/2) inch of water applied to plant material in any given week.
 - d. No OWASA-supplied potable water shall be used to re-fill ornamental fountains, ponds, and like devices.
 - e. No OWASA-supplied potable water shall be used for washing vehicles, except at commercial or institutional car washes in which at least fifty (50) percent of the water has been recycled.
 - f. No OWASA-supplied potable water shall be used for filling or re-filling empty swimming pools. OWASA-supplied potable water may be used to top off operating swimming pools.
 - g. No OWASA-supplied potable water shall be used for the routine cleaning or washing of exterior building surfaces, decks, or paved areas, such as sidewalks, driveways, roadways, and parking lots. This restriction shall not apply to the pressure cleaning of exterior building surfaces or decks prior to painting or re-painting that is necessary to protect or maintain the physical integrity of the structure.
 - h. No OWASA-supplied potable water may be used for fire department training or equipment testing unless required by state or federal regulations.

Notwithstanding the restrictions specified in subsections (3)a. through (3)h., the protection of public health, safety, and welfare may, under special circumstances, require the use of limited amounts of OWASA-supplied potable water for such purposes as washing out garbage trucks, cleaning up hazardous or other unsanitary materials, etc. Such uses shall be permitted during declared water shortages or emergencies, provided that other practical alternatives are not available and water is used in the least practical amount.

Violation of the Town's Water Shortage Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine not exceeding \$50 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days. In addition, violation of the ordinance may be enjoined and restrained as provided in N.C. General Statute 160A-175.

A violation of any of the provisions of this division shall subject the offender to a civil penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first offense, fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the second offense within a thirty-day period, and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the third or any additional offense that occurs within any thirty-day period. The town may seek to recover the penalty by filing a civil action in the nature of a debt if any penalties are not paid within thirty (30) days.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS, THE 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN.

Kevin C. Foy, Mayor