



## Office of the Mayor **PROCLAMATION**

**Whereas**, the OWASA Board of Directors adopted a Resolution Proclaiming a Stage I Water Shortage on April 10, 2008; and

**Whereas**, the Town Council of Chapel Hill on June 23, 2003 adopted an ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR YEAR-ROUND CONSERVATION OF WATER AND FOR TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS DURING WATER SHORTAGES AND EMERGENCIES, which ordinance is referenced in this proclamation as the "Water Shortage Ordinance"; and

**Whereas**, the Executive Director of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority has determined that a Stage I water shortage exists and the OWASA Board stressed that the drought is not over and that customers must continue to use water wisely.

**Whereas**, The OWASA Board said they would continue to monitor water supply and demand very closely and would return to more stringent restrictions if conditions warrant;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Kevin C. Foy, Mayor of the Town of Chapel Hill, do hereby:

1. Proclaim the existence of a Stage I Water Shortage, under the 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 I water use restrictions, as provided in the Town's ordinance. These restrictions include the following:
  - 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 one thousand (1,000) 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 using OWASA-supplied potable water shall not occur more than one (1) day per week with a maximum of one-half ( 1/2) inch of water applied to plant material in any given week. Even-numbered properties shall be allowed to spray irrigate only on Tuesdays; odd-numbered properties shall be allowed to spray irrigate only on Thursdays. Spray irrigation shall occur only between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. These restrictions shall not apply to the watering of containerized plants and commercial plant 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 may occur at any time or frequency, but 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 may be used to re-fill ornamental fountains, ponds, and like devices.
  - e. No OWASA-supplied potable water may be used for the routine cleaning or washing of paved areas, such as sidewalks, decks, driveways, roadways, or parking lots. This restriction shall not apply to the pressure cleaning of exterior building surfaces.

Notwithstanding the restrictions specified in subsections (2)a. through e., 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.



**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF  
THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS, THE  
14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, IN THE YEAR TWO  
THOUSAND AND EIGHT.**

*Kevin C. Foy, Mayor*