



ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE
OF THE CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE as follows:

SECTION I: That Chapter 322 of the City Code shall be amended as follows:

Chapter 322: Water Conservation Ordinance

Amended code as follows: **§ 322-1. Purpose.**

It is the purpose of this chapter to promote water conservation and grant authority to the City Manager or his/her designee to regulate the use of City water during periods of peak demand in order to conserve water and ensure adequate water pressure. Exempt from the requirements are sprinkler cans less than 2 gallons in size. Such regulations of water usage shall be enforced using a color coded system as follows:

Green Condition: Watering outside landscape and lawn watering is permitted only between the hours of 5:00am – 8:00am and 6:00pm – 9:00pm. There are no restrictions on other outdoor uses of water.

Yellow Condition: Watering outside landscape and lawn watering is permitted on odd/even days and between the hours of 5:00am – 8:00am and 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Property addresses ending in odd numbers shall be permitted to use water on odd numbered calendar dates and even number addresses on even numbered dates.

Red Condition: The outdoor use of water from a connection to the City's public water supply is prohibited.

§ 322-2. Prohibition.

- A. No person shall use water from the City water system for the sprinkling of streets or sidewalks during condition Yellow or Red as established by order of the City Manager or his/her designee.

- B. No person shall use water from the City water system during the period June 15 through August 31 for the following purposes:
- (1) Sprinkling of streets or sidewalks;
 - (2) Watering or sprinkling of seeded or sodded new lawns (except for patching or restoration up to 300 sq. ft.);
 - (3) Watering or sprinkling of lawns which have been more than 50% reseeded or resodded.
- C. The City Manager is authorized to determine, based on the demand for City water, periods other than June 15 through August 31 during which said activities shall be prohibited.

§ 322-3. Authority of City Manager.

The City Manager is authorized to determine, based on the demand for City water and condition of the supply system, when the condition of water use set forth in § 322-1 and the activities set forth in § 322-4 shall be allowed. It is intended that the sodding, seeding or laying of new lawns or the replacement of more than 50% of an existing lawn shall be prohibited during the period June 15 through August 31.

§ 322-4. Special permit for use of outside source of water for sprinkling.

Any person, firm or corporation intending to install or replace a lawn as set forth in § 322-3 which is to be watered by means of an outside source other than the City's water supply system, shall obtain a special permit from the City Manager or his/her designee, authorizing the sprinkling of the lawn by means of such outside source during the restricted period. Under special circumstances, the City Manager or his/her designee may authorize a special permit to use the City water during restricted water usages. Requests for such permits shall be made on a form provided by the City which shall include the identity of the proposed water source, together, with all other information requested on the permit application. The special permit, when issued, shall be conspicuously displayed on the property during the period of watering time.

§ 322-5. Notification of restrictions by property owner or builder.

It shall be the responsibility of the owner of the property or the builder to inform the prospective purchasers of the restrictions set forth in this chapter. The City Building Commissioner shall make as a condition for the issuance of all building and occupancy permits, compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

§ 322-6. Penalty.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the above provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not less than fifty (\$50.00) dollars or more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for each offense plus the cities cost of prosecution, including but not limited to attorneys fees. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

The City shall have the power to shut off or cause to be shut off the water from the premises of any person who violates or refuses to comply with the provisions of this chapter, in addition to any penalty which may be imposed under Chapter 1, Article II, General Penalty, of this Code.

§ 322-7. Enforcement.

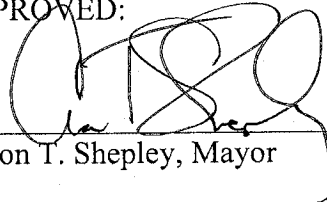
Designated City employees shall have the authority to issue a ticket and enforce the water regulations at all times.

SECTION II: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to law.

SECTION III: That all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

DATED at Crystal Lake, Illinois, this fifteenth day of July, 2008

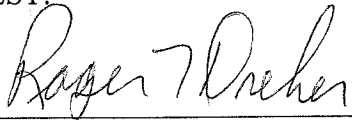
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Aaron T. Shepley, Mayor

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ATTEST:



Roger T. Dreher, City Clerk

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