Sample Lawn Watering Ordinance

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LAWN WATERING RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, the _____ Public Utilities municipal water supply system may reach critical levels due to summer peak usage; and

WHEREAS, a possibility of water shortage is made more critical by hot and dry weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, lack of adequate water pressure could cause serious fire protection problems; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a watering ban must be implemented in order to assure the safety and well being of the residents of the City of _____.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Utilities Commission of the City of _____, hereby establishes restrictions for all residential, commercial and industrial users of the Utilities' water system;

1. The Superintendent of Public Works shall be given the authority to implement emergency restrictions to restrict water use during emergency periods. The Superintendent of Public Works shall notify municipal system users of a watering ban by publishing notice in the _____ (newspaper) and on _____ (local television station).
2. Residents with an odd house number shall water lawns or wash cars when necessary only on odd-numbered calendar days, and those with even-numbered addresses shall water lawns or wash cars only on even-numbered days. Lawns shall not be watered between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.
3. An exception may be granted for recently established lawns. Those lawns may be watered daily for up to one month after installation, but only during the hours listed above.
4. In extreme emergency cases, the Superintendent of Public Works shall have the authority to issue a total watering ban until such time that the emergency situation ceases to exist.
5. The penalty for violating the Utilities' watering ban shall be a warning for the first day of violation, a $25.00 per day fine for the second violation, and a $50.00 per day fine for the third violation.

Adopted by the Public Utilities Commission of the City of _____, this date _____.

ATTEST: _____