

## Water Conservation/Waste of Water/Regulation of Use

### Sec. 41-60. Purpose.

The purpose of this division is to conserve the water supply of the city, to meet the needs and demands of the citizens, to eliminate waste in the use of such water, and provide for the declaration of a water watch, water warning or a water supply emergency and the implementation of voluntary and mandatory water conservation measures throughout the city in the event such a watch, warning or emergency is declared.

(Ord. No. 89-9341, § 2, 9-11-89; Ord. No. 97-9833, § 1, 10-27-97, Ord. No. 08-10451, § 1, 6-9-08)

### Sec. 41-61. Definitions and classes of usage established.

(a) *Definitions.* The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation, implementation and enforcement of this division:

- (1) *Customer*, as the term is used in this division, shall mean the customer of record using water for any purpose from the city's water distribution system and for which either a regular charge is made or, in the case of coin sales, a cash charge is made at the site of delivery.
- (2) *Domestic uses*, as the term is used in this division, shall mean the use of water by any person or by a family unit or household for household purposes, or for the watering of livestock, poultry, farm and domestic animals used in operating a farm, and for the irrigation of lands not exceeding a total of two acres in area for the growing of gardens, orchards and lawns.
- (3) *Outdoor watering*, as the term is used in this division, shall mean the irrigation with potable or private domestic well water of lawns, shrubs, flowers, trees, gardens and other outdoor vegetation for personal, private, commercial, or governmental purposes.
- (4) *Person*, as the term is used in this division, shall mean and include a natural person, a partnership, an organization, a corporation, a municipality and any agency of the state or federal government.
- (5) *Private domestic well water*, as the term is used in this division, shall mean groundwater utilized for domestic uses.
- (6) *Waste of water*, as the term is used in this division, includes, but is not limited to, permitting substantial amounts of water to escape down a gutter, ditch or other surface drain or failure to repair a controllable leak of water due to defective plumbing.
- (7) *Water*, as the term is used in this division, shall mean water available to the City of Salina for treatment by virtue of its water rights or any treated water introduced by the city into its water distribution system, including water offered for sale at any coin-operated site.

(b) *Classes of usage.* The following classes of uses of water are established:

#### *Class 1*

Water used for outdoor watering, either public or private, for gardens, lawns, trees, shrubs, plants, parks, golf courses, playing fields, swimming pools or other recreational areas, or the washing of motor vehicles, boats, trailers or the exterior of any building or structure.

#### *Class 2*

Water used for commercial or industrial, including agricultural, purposes, except water actually necessary to maintain the health and personal hygiene of bona fide employees while such employees are engaged in the performance of their duties at their place of employment.

#### *Class 3*

Domestic usage, other than that which would be included in either classes 1 or 2.

#### *Class 4*

Water necessary only to sustain human life and the lives of domestic pets and maintain standards of hygiene and sanitation.

(Ord. No. 89-9341, § 2, 9-11-89; Ord. No. 08-10451, § 1, 6-9-08; Ord. No. 13-10684, § 1, 4-1-13)

**Sec. 41-61.1. Regulation of use.**

(a) Outdoor watering shall be prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., effective between June 1 and September 30. Upon application, a special permit shall be issued by the Director of Utilities to allow watering newly seeded lawns between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., effective June 1 through September 30.

(b) No customer or private domestic well owner shall allow substantial amounts of water to escape or drain from private property onto public property, including, but not limited to, public sidewalks, rights-of-way, streets, alleys, and highways; provided that the term "substantial" shall mean an amount sufficient to cause a discernible flow of water reaching the street, gutter or other drainage system.

(Ord. No. 08-10451, § 2, 6-9-08; Ord. No. 13-10684, § 1, 4-1-13)