

ORDINANCE NO. 2737

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13.07 OF THE MOSES LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "WATER REGULATIONS"

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 13.07 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Water Regulations" is amended as follows:

13.07.010 Water Rationing:

- A. Purpose: Water rationing may be necessary when the Municipal Services Director determines that the City water system is insufficient to meet the forecasted demand for any water distribution zone of the City water system.
- B. Notice to Begin Water Rationing: The Municipal Services Director will place a notice in the local newspaper and provide a public announcement to the radio stations that are in the area. The notice will state the restrictions for individuals or organizations for irrigating and washing vehicles. Water rationing will be effective immediately upon publication and broadcast.
- C. Restrictions: Addresses with odd numbers shall be allowed to irrigate and wash vehicles on odd-number calendar days. Addresses with even numbers will be allowed to irrigate and wash vehicles on even-numbered calendar days. Properties with irrigation meters that are two inches (2") and larger will be restricted to irrigate from midnight to 8:00 a.m. or on a schedule approved by the Municipal Services Director.
- D. Notice to End Water Rationing: The Municipal Services Director will place a notice in the local newspaper and provide a public announcement to the radio stations that are in the area that states water rationing is no longer required.

13.07.020 Connection to City Water System:

- A. Purpose: The requirement to connect to the City water system is to reduce the need for Group A and B water systems; and to reduce well bore holes, which are potential contamination sources.
- B. New Buildings: All newly constructed buildings that will have human occupancy, as defined in the building code, shall be connected to the City water system.
- C. Existing Buildings: Owners of all existing buildings that have human occupancy, as defined by the building code, that are within two hundred feet (200') of the City water system shall be required to connect to the City water system within six (6) months of City notification; provided that, single and duplex residences will not be required to connect if the cost of making the connection exceeds nine thousand dollars (\$9,000). All connections shall be at the owner's expense.
- D. Private Water Systems: Properties that are connected to a private water system that is approved by the Department of Health are exempt from MLCM Chapter 13.07.

13.07.040 Water Service Turn On and Off: Water services shall not be turned on until all system development charges, tapping fees, reimbursement, and other fees due to the City have been paid in full; any necessary extraterritorial agreements have been signed; and all zoning and building codes are met. The City may turn off water services that do not conform with any of the aforementioned requirements.

13.07.060 Water Use:

- A. Wasting water as a result of leaking pipes and using water for purposes other than what would be normally used to service the property is prohibited. The prohibition on wasting water shall be enforced by the Utility Service Supervisor pursuant to Chapter 1.20.
- B. No connection will be made to allow supplying water from one property to another property.

13.07.070 Water Service Connection:

- A. All water service connections shall be metered. All irrigation meters serving the planter areas within City right-of-way shall be connected to the City water system. Each lot or tax parcel shall be served individually from the City water system. All buildings shall be separately connected to the City water system; except
  1. Separate buildings that are under single ownership and are on one lot, or within a binding site plan, or planned unit development may be served by a master meter serving the property.
  2. Buildings within a binding site plan or a planned development district where private water mains are approved, or a commercial or industrial development where private mains are approved may connect the service lines to the private water main. The meters shall be on the private property at locations approved by the Municipal Services Director.
- B. The property owner is responsible to supply and install the service line, saddle, setter, tile, ring, lid, and all fittings for connecting to the water main per Community Street and Utility Standards. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to schedule the actual tap to the water main and the installation of the meter with the Water Division.
- C. Should water consumption exceed the rated capacity of the water meter, the City may replace the meter with a larger meter. Costs assessed shall be as listed in Moses Lake Municipal Code Chapter 3.58.
- D. Meters larger than two inches (2") shall be purchased and installed by owner, consistent with the Community Street and Utility Standards.
- E. The charges listed in Moses Lake Municipal Code Chapter 3.58 shall be made on newly constructed water mains for water purity samples, filling and flushing mains, and connecting to existing mains.
- F. The charges listed in Moses Lake Municipal Code Chapter 3.58 for a water service connection, shall be paid in full before a connection is made to the City-owned meter.

13.07.090 Insufficient Water Supply: The City reserves the right at any time, without notice, to shut off the water supply for repairs, extension, nonpayment of rate, or for any other reason; and the City shall not be responsible for any damage such as bursting of boilers supplied by direct pressure, the breaking of new pipes or fixtures, any damage to property caused by fire on account of insufficient water supply or pressure, or for any other damage resulting from the shutting off of water or from the insufficiency of the supply of water or pressure.

13.07.110 Liability for Expense or Damage:

- A. Damage resulting from an accident, from unauthorized use, or from improper use of the City water facilities shall become an obligation against the agency or person causing such damage.

- B. Additionally, any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall become liable to the City for all expense, loss, or damage occasioned to the City by reason of such violation. The City shall be compensated for such loss within thirty (30) days of notification to the violator of the costs. If not satisfied by that time, the costs shall be filed as a lien against the property.

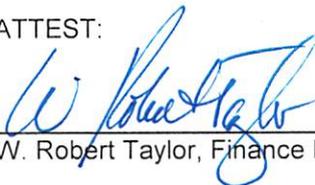
Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage and publication of its summary as provided by law.

Adopted by the City Council and signed by its Mayor on November 11, 2014.



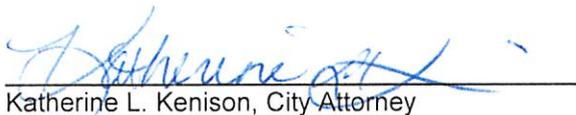
Dick Deane, Mayor

ATTEST:



W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Katherine L. Kenison, City Attorney