

NOTICE

Due to the current low level (Mean Sea Level Elevation 418.92 Feet) in Navarro Mills Reservoir, the City is currently considered to be in a **MODERATE WATER SHORTAGE CONDITION**.

MANDATORY water reduction practices are in effect to conserve valuable water supplies. The City's goal is a ten percent (10%) mandatory reduction in system demand.

CHAPTER 9 SECTION 11 of the Kerens City Code states:

PART 1: DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES

Stage 2 - Moderate Water Shortage Conditions

Water Use Restrictions. Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

- a. Customers with even numbered street addresses may water on even numbered days of the month, and customers with odd numbered street addresses may water on odd days of the month between the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 a.m.
- b. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days and times. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rises. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
- c. Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days and times.
- d. Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the City of Kerens.
- e. All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to its patrons except when requested.
- f. The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
 - (i) wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
 - (ii) use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
 - (iii) use of water for dust control;
 - (iv) flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
 - (v) failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

PART 2: ENFORCEMENT

- A. No person shall knowingly or intentionally allow the use of water from the City of Kerens for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, governmental, or any other purpose in a manner contrary to any provision of this Plan, or in an amount in excess of that permitted by the drought response stage in effect at the time pursuant to action taken by the mayor, or his/her designee, in accordance with provisions of this Plan.
- B. Any person who violates this Plan is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) and not more than two hundred dollars (\$200). Each day that one or more of the provisions in this Plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense. If a person is convicted of three or more distinct violations of this Plan, the City of Kerens shall, upon due notice to the customer, be authorized to discontinue water service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connection charge, hereby established at \$25 and any other costs incurred by the City of Kerens in discontinuing service. In addition, suitable assurance must be given to the City of Kerens that the same action shall not be repeated while the Plan is in effect. Compliance with this plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court.