

ORDINANCE #113

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION

Section 1 Purpose

It is declared to be in the best interest of the public health and safety of the Town of Plainfield to regulate and restrict the use of water from Town water supplies during emergencies caused by drought.

Section 2 Definitions

"Town" is the Town of Plainfield

"Person" is any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

"Town Water" is water utilized for domestic, commercial, or industrial use within the Town of Plainfield, from whatever source.

Section 3 General Provisions

- a. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Plainfield is hereby authorized to declare a state of water emergency in and for the Town at any time upon its determination that continuing drought conditions threaten the water supply. The Board may impose water conservation regulations from those set forth in paragraph b. of this section. Imposition shall be effective 24 hours after publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town.
- b. Water Conservation Regulations
 1. The sprinkling, watering or irrigating of landscaping, and lawns not used in the furtherance of a person's livelihood or enterprise.
 2. The filling or draining of pools, ponds, rivers or lakes used for private or public recreational purpose.
 3. The washing of automobiles if the same is not in the furtherance of a person's livelihood or enterprise.
 4. The allowance of plumbing to remain out of repair, resulting in the escape of water.
 5. The use of water from a fire hydrant, except by the fire departments or other person with permission granted by the Board of Selectmen.
 6. The flushing or wetting down of any streets, sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, roofs of any buildings of the Town.
 7. Any other use of water within the Town of Plainfield specifically designated by the Board of Selectmen in its imposition of water conservation regulations and specifically publicized as stated above.

Section 4 Enforcement and Penalty

- a. Any person, partnership or corporation who is found to have violated this ordinance shall be fined a definite sum not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each such violation. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.
- b. The Board of Selectmen, or their designee, shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this section.
- c. The fine will be issued by the Board of Selectmen, or their designee, and collected by the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of Plainfield.

Section 5 Savings Clause and Repeater

If, for any reason, any word, clause, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be held to make the same unconstitutional, this Ordinance shall not hereby be invalidated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall continue in effect. Any provision herein, which is in conflict with the Connecticut General Statutes, is hereby repealed, it being understood that said statutes shall take precedence over this Ordinance.

Section 6 Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication, in accordance with the Charter of the Town of Plainfield.