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STAGE 1 - DROUGHT WATCH
EFFECTIVE 11/10/2022

Enforcement: These drought restrictions will be enforced. Any person, firm, corporation or other entity found in violation shall be punished by a fine of \$100 for the first offense; not more than \$500 for each additional offense. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Stage 1 - drought watch. When the level of Lake Kickapoo reaches a capacity of 60-percent (or the demand exceeds design treatment capacity for three days, or the demand equals 105-percent of design treatment capacity), or the water supply system is unable to deliver water due to mechanical failure or damage of major water system components which will require more than 72 hours to repair when dry weather conditions exist and continued dry weather are expected over the course of the repair period a drought watch will be initiated. The following actions shall occur under the direction of the city manager:

Goal of Stage 1: Water Watch. The desired result of a five (5) percent reduction in overall water consumption.

Drought Watch Restrictions:

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or other entity, at any time of the year, to:

- **To run any type of outside watering on any day between the hours of 11 AM and 6 PM**
- Run outside irrigation systems (including sprinklers, automatic sprinkler systems and unattended hoses) except on the 2 days of the week permitted for the area as identified on the **water rationing zone map located on the home page at www.archercity.org**. Landscape watering is permitted any day, except between restricted hours, with a handheld hose, soaker hose, bucket (five gallons or less), watering can, bubbler or drip irrigation system. On days other than the days of the week permitted by the water rationing zone map, testing and troubleshooting of irrigation systems that involve the release of water is permissible any time, including between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., as long as a licensed plumber or irrigator is present on location during testing (and visible to the ticket writer). Testing and troubleshooting of irrigation systems by other than a licensed plumber or irrigator that involves the release of water is otherwise permissible only on the day of week and time of day permitted by the water rationing zone map. Water used for irrigation from private wells, aerobic septic systems, wastewater effluent or other nonpotable water will be exempt from all drought-related restrictions but must comply with all other city, state and federal regulations.
- Wash any motor vehicle at any location other than a commercial carwash or automotive shop unless the hose is equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle. Such nozzle shall stop the flow of water through the hose when released by the operator.
- Install new irrigation systems unless they are designed by a licensed professional recognized by the state to design such systems, and these systems shall be designed so as to be water conserving. Each new system shall utilize zonal irrigation, drip irrigation, subsurface irrigation and other water conserving features as appropriate. When application for the irrigation permit is made by other than a licensed irrigation specialist or landscape architect, or the irrigation system is designed by a licensed professional recognized by the state to design such systems plans shall be made available to the city building officials.
- Provide drinking water to customers of restaurants, bars, or clubs unless the customer requests such water.