

**CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 16, SERIES 2021**

**A Resolution Adopting Voluntary Water Restrictions and Establishing Conservation
Water Use Restrictions Due to Severe Drought Conditions**

WHEREAS, the Cortez City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1013, Series 2004, establishing water use restrictions due to severe drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cortez, and the surrounding community, has been undergoing severe drought for several years; and

WHEREAS, the Cortez City Council has the authority under Chapter 27, Section 6, of the Cortez City Code to impose emergency or conservation water use restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the City has the right to disconnect the service of anyone who violates its emergency restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the City has the right to establish, by Resolution, re-connect fees after water has been shut off; and

WHEREAS, the Cortez City Council feels that additional restrictions need to be enforced for water usage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTEZ, THAT THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTARY WATER RESTRICTIONS SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED UPON APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION:

I. DAYTIME WATERING RESTRICTIONS

- A. Watering restrictions will be enforced between April 1st and October 31st every year.
- B. Watering of yards and gardens will not be allowed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- C. Watering days are designated by address: properties having an even street address may water on even calendar days and properties having an odd street address may water on odd calendar days. On the 31st day of months that have 31 days, no watering will be allowed.

II. PROHIBITED WATER WASTING ACTIVITIES

- A. Landscape watering on the incorrect date and/or during the incorrect time.
- B. Allowing water to escape from any premises onto public property, such as alleys or streets, or upon any other person's property.

- C. Washing vehicles, structures, structures, driveways, sidewalks, parking areas, or other impervious surface areas with an open hose.
- D. Operating a permanently installed irrigation system with a broken head or emitter, or with a head that is spraying more than ten percent (10%) of the spray onto the street, parking lot, or sidewalk.
- E. Failing to repair a controllable leak, including a broken sprinkler head, a leaking valve, a leaking faucet, a leaking toilet, or a leaking supply line or pipe.

III. LAWN WATERING PERMITS

- A. Any person installing a new lawn that needs to be watered every day and during the restricted time of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. needs to obtain a "New Lawn Permit" from the Public Works Department.
- B. The permit will be valid for twenty-one (21) days of watering for newly-seeded lawns and fifteen (15) days of watering for sod.
- C. The City strongly recommends using alternative grass types, such as fescues, wheatgrasses, and Blue Grama in lieu of Kentucky Bluegrass.
- D. The "New Lawn Permit" fee will be in accordance with the currently adopted Council resolution. The permit shall be displayed in a prominent, visible area on the front lawn. Watering violations will be enforced for new lawns that do not have a permit.

MOVED, SECONDED AND ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF MAY 2021.


Michael J. Lavey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Linda L. Smith, City Clerk