

8-1-5: USE OF WATER:

- A. **Waste Prohibited:** It shall be unlawful for any water user to waste water or to allow water to be wasted by imperfect stops, taps, valves, leaky joints or pipes, or to allow tanks or water troughs to leak or overflow, or to wastefully run water from hydrants, faucets or stops, or through basins, water closets, urinals, sinks or other apparatus, or to use water in violation of the rules, regulations or ordinances for controlling the water supply. (1995 Code § 91-5-1)
- B. **Termination Of Service:** If, in the judgment of the city council, a user of municipal water engages in practices which result in the needless waste of water and continues to do so after reasonable notice to discontinue said wastefulness has been given, they may thereupon terminate the right of said individual to use culinary water. (1995 Code § 91-5-2)
- C. **Scarcity Of Water:** In time of scarcity of water, whenever in the judgment of the city council it shall be necessary, the mayor shall, by proclamation, limit the use of water for other than domestic purposes to such extent as may be necessary for public good. It shall be unlawful for any person by himself, his family, or agents, to violate any proclamation made by the mayor in pursuance of this chapter. (1995 Code § 91-5-3)
- D. **Nonliability For Damages:** The city shall not be liable for any damage to a water service user by reason of stoppage or interruption of his water supply service caused by fires, scarcity of water, accidents to the water system or its mains, or as the result of maintenance and extension operations, or from any unavoidable cause, unless the city is found to be grossly negligent. (1995 Code § 91-5-4)
- E. **Unauthorized Users:** It is unlawful for any water service user to permit any person from other premises or any person other than those authorized by the city to use or obtain water services from their premises. (1995 Code § 91-5-5)
- F. **Fire Hydrants:** All public hydrants shall be under the control of, and shall be kept in repair by, the city; and, in case of fire, the fire department shall have free access to said hydrants. It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct the approach to a fire hydrant or to open or operate a fire hydrant or attempt to draw water therefrom without first obtaining permission from the city council or fire department. (1995 Code § 91-5-6)

