

ORDINANCE NO. 1319

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY, FLORIDA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1194; CREATING SECTION 51.20 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "WATER CONSERVATION FOR LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION", PROVIDING FOR LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER CONSERVATION RULE FOR LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SCHEDULES; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO THE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SCHEDULES; PROVIDING FOR VARIANCES FROM THE SPECIFIC DAY OF THE WEEK LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lake Mary previously adopted Ordinance No. 1194 imposing water conservation rules, but the ordinance was not codified; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River Water Management District has amended those rules; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to repeal Ordinance No. 1194 and adopt a new ordinance imposing water conservation rules and provide for codification; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River Water Management District has responsibility and exclusive authority under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, for regulating the consumptive use of water; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River Water Management District has amended Rule 40C-2.042, F.A.C., its General Consumptive Use Permit by Rule that regulates small irrigation uses below consumptive use permit thresholds in Rule 40C-2.041(1), F.A.C.; and

WHEREAS, Rule 40C-2.042(2)(a), F.A.C., grants a general permit to each person located within the District to use, withdraw or divert water for small landscape irrigation uses, provided that irrigation occurs in accordance with Sections 3 and 5, subject to the exceptions set forth in Section 4; and

WHEREAS, Rule 40C-2.042(2), F.A.C., applies to landscape irrigation

regardless of whether the water comes from ground or surface water, from a private well or pump, or from a public or private utility; and

WHEREAS, Rule 40C-2.042(2)(b), F.A.C., strongly encourages a local government to adopt an ordinance to enforce Rule 40C-2.042(2)(a), F.A.C., within its jurisdiction by adopting a landscape irrigation ordinance that incorporates each of the provisions set forth in Rule 40C-2.042(2)(a), F.A.C.; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lake Mary to adopt such an ordinance in accordance with 40C-2.042(2)(a) and (b), F.A.C.; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lake Mary, Florida hereby finds and declares that the adoption of this ordinance is appropriate, and in the public interest of the citizens of this community.

IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY THE CITY OF LAKE MARY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Ordinance No. 1194 is hereby repealed.

SECTION II. Section 51.20 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby created.

51.20 WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE FOR LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION

A. INTENT AND PURPOSE

It is the intent and purpose of this Ordinance to implement procedures that promote water conservation through the more efficient use of landscape irrigation.

B. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Article the following terms, phrases, words and their derivatives shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural include the singular, and words in the singular include the plural.

- (1) "Address" means the house number of a physical location of a specific property. This includes "rural route" numbers but excludes post office box numbers. If a lot number in a mobile home park or similar community is used by the U.S. Postal Service to determine a delivery location, the lot number shall be the property's address. An "even numbered address" means an address ending in the numbers 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 or the letters A-M. An "odd numbered address" means an address

ending in the numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 or the letters N-Z.

- (2) "District" means the St. Johns River Water Management District.
- (3) "Eastern Time" means when the clocks are moved back in the fall of each year.
- (4) "Person" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind.
- (5) "Landscape irrigation" means the outside watering of plants in a landscape such as shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, ground covers, plants, vines, gardens and other such flora that are situated in such diverse locations as residential areas, public, commercial, and industrial establishments, and public medians and rights of way.

"Landscape irrigation" does not include agricultural crops, nursery plants, cemeteries, golf course greens, tees, fairways, primary roughs, and vegetation associated with intensive recreational areas such as, but not limited to, playgrounds, and football, baseball and soccer fields.
- (6) "Residential landscape irrigation" means the irrigation of landscape associated with any housing unit having sanitary and kitchen facilities designed to accommodate one or more residents, including multiple housing units and mobile homes.
- (7) "Non-residential landscape irrigation" means the irrigation of landscape not included within the definition of "residential landscape irrigation", such as that associated with public, commercial and industrial property, including commercial or transient housing units, hotels and motel units, and public medians and rights-of-way.

C. LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SCHEDULE

1. When **Daylight Savings Time** is in effect, landscape irrigation shall occur only in accordance with the following irrigation schedule:

a. Residential landscape irrigation at odd numbered addresses must only occur on Wednesday and Saturday and must not occur between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily.

b. Residential landscape irrigation at even numbered addresses or no address must only occur on Thursday and Sunday and must not occur between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily.

c. Non-residential landscape irrigation may occur only on Tuesday and Friday and shall not occur between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; and

d. No more than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of water may be applied per irrigation zone on each

day that irrigation occurs, and in no event shall irrigation occur for more than 1 hour per irrigation zone on each day that irrigation occurs.

2. When **Eastern Standard Time** is in effect, landscape irrigation shall occur only in accordance with the following irrigation schedule:

a. Residential landscape irrigation at odd numbered addresses or no address may occur only on Saturday and shall not occur between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; and

b. Residential landscape irrigation at even numbered addresses may occur only on Sunday and shall not occur between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; and

c. Non-residential landscape irrigation may occur only on Tuesday and shall not occur between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; and

d. No more than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of water may be applied per irrigation zone on each day that irrigation occurs, and in no event shall irrigation occur for more than 1 hour per irrigation zone on each day that irrigation occurs.

3. All landscape irrigation shall be limited in amount to only that necessary to meet landscape needs.

D. EXCEPTIONS TO LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SCHEDULE

Landscape irrigation shall be subject to the following irrigation schedule exceptions:

1. Irrigation using a micro-spray, micro-jet, drip or bubbler irrigation system is allowed anytime.

2. Irrigation of new landscape is allowed at any time of day on any day for the initial 30 days and every other day for the next 30 days for a total of one 60-day period, provided that the irrigation is limited to the minimum amount necessary for such landscape establishment.

3. Watering in of chemicals, including insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, fungicides, and herbicides, when required by law, the manufacturer, or best management practices is allowed any time of day on any day within 24 hours of application. Watering in of chemicals shall not exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of water per application except as otherwise required by law, the manufacturer, or best management practices.

4. Irrigation systems may be operated any time of day on any day for maintenance and repair purposes not to exceed 20 minutes per hour per zone.

5. Irrigation using a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle is allowed anytime of day on any day.

6. Discharge of water from a water-to-air air-conditioning unit or other water-

dependent cooling system is not limited.

7. The use of water from a reclaimed water system is allowed anytime. For the purpose of this paragraph, a reclaimed water system includes systems in which the primary source is reclaimed water, which may or may not be supplemented from another source during peak demand periods.

8. The use of recycled water from wet detention treatment ponds for irrigation is allowed anytime provided the ponds are not augmented from any ground or off-site surface water, or public supply sources.

E.. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT

Any person who irrigates landscape with an automatic lawn sprinkler system installed after May 1, 1991, shall install, maintain and operate a rain sensor device or switch that overrides the irrigation system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

F. VARIANCE FROM SPECIFIC DAY OF THE WEEK LIMITATIONS

A variance from the specific landscape irrigation days or day set forth in Section C may be granted if strict application of the scheduled days or day would lead to unreasonable or unfair results in particular instances, provided that the applicant demonstrates with particularity that compliance with the scheduled days or day will result in a substantial economic, health or other hardship on the applicant requesting the variance or those served by the applicant. Where a contiguous property is divided into different zones, a variance may be granted hereunder so that each zone may be irrigated on different days or day than other zones of the property. However, in no event shall a variance allow a single zone to be irrigated more than two days per week during Daylight Savings Time or more than one day per week during Eastern Standard Time.

G. APPLICATION OF ORDINANCE

The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to each person located within the City of Lake Mary.

H.. ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

Law Enforcement Officials having jurisdiction in the City of Lake Mary are hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. In addition, the City Manager may also delegate additional enforcement responsibility for this ordinance to departments of the City of Lake Mary, Florida.

I. PENALTIES

Violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

First violation	Written Warning
Second violations	\$50.00
Subsequent Violations	Fine not to exceed \$500

Each day in violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense. Enforcement officials shall provide violators with no more than one written warning. In addition to the civil sanctions contained herein, the City of Lake Mary, Florida, may take any other appropriate legal action, including, but not limited to, injunctive action to enforce the provisions of this Article.

SECTION III. CODIFICATION

It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake Mary, Florida and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or other appropriate word or phrase and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention.

SECTION IV. ORDINANCES REPEALED

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed and all ordinances or parts of ordinances not in conflict with this ordinance are hereby continued in full force and effect.

SECTION V. SEVERABILITY

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE


This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.

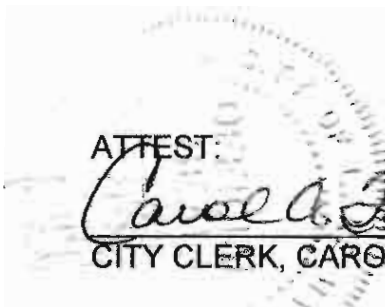
PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Lake Mary, Florida, Florida this 7th day of May, 2009.

FIRST READING: April 16, 2009

SECOND READING: May 7, 2009

CITY OF LAKE MARY, FLORIDA

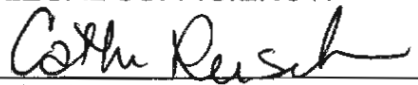

MAYOR, DAVID J. MEALOR



ATTEST:

CITY CLERK, CAROL A. FOSTER

FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY ONLY. APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


CATHERINE D. REISCHMANN, CITY ATTORNEY