

**URGENCY ORDINANCE NUMBER 1318**

**AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 14.06 TO  
THE PERRIS MUNICIPAL CODE FOR WATER  
CONSERVATION REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, on January 17, 2014, the Governor issued a proclamation of a state of emergency under the California Emergency Services Act based on drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 25, 2014, the Governor issued a proclamation of a continued state of emergency under the California Emergency Services Act based on continued drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 14, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted emergency drought regulations for statewide urban water conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board amended and re-adopted the emergency drought regulations for statewide urban water conservation due to continuing drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2015, the Governor issued an Executive Order directing the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt emergency drought conservation regulations that result in a collective statewide 25% reduction in potable urban water usage as compared to 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board amended and re-adopted the emergency drought regulations for statewide urban water conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 18, 2015, the amended emergency drought regulations were approved by the Office of Administrative Law and became effective; and

**WHEREAS**, the amended emergency drought regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board require the City of Perris to impose restrictions that limit outdoor watering of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water to no more than two days per week; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Perris is required to impose these restrictions beginning in June 2015 pursuant to the emergency drought regulations of the State Water Resources Control Board; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Sections 36934 and 36937 of the California Government Code, the City may adopt an urgency ordinance if it is for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety.

***THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:***

**Section 1. Recitals.** The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2. Additions to Perris Municipal Code.** Chapter 14.06 is hereby added to Title 14 of the Perris Municipal Code to read in its entirety as follows:

“Chapter 14.06  
WATER CONSERVATION REGULATIONS

Sections:

- 14.06.010 Watering of Lawns and Landscaping.
- 14.06.020 Prohibitions on the Use of Water.
- 14.06.030 Violation – Penalties.

**Section 14.06.010 – Watering of Lawns and Landscaping.**

Outdoor watering of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water is limited to the following time periods:

- A. Saturday after six p.m. and Sunday before eight a.m.
- B. Tuesday after six p.m. and Wednesday before eight a.m.

**Section 14.06.020 – Prohibitions on the Use of Water.**

Each of the following actions are prohibited, except where necessary to address an immediate health and safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency:

- A. Watering of outdoor landscapes with potable water that causes runoff to adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures;
- B. Using a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use;
- C. Applying potable water to driveways and sidewalks;
- D. Using potable water in a fountain or decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system;
- E. The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within forty-eight (48) hours after measureable rainfall;
- F. The serving of drinking water other than upon request in eating or drinking establishments, where food or drink are served and/or purchased;
- G. The irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians; and

- H. The irrigation with potable water of landscapes outside of newly constructed homes and buildings in a manner inconsistent with regulations or other requirements established by the California Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

**Section 14.06.030 – Violation – Penalties.**

The following penalties shall apply to any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter:

- A. A written warning shall be issued for the first offense.
- B. A written warning shall be issued for the second offense occurring within a one year period.
- C. A civil penalty not to exceed one hundred dollars for the third offense occurring within a one year period.
- D. A civil penalty not to exceed three hundred dollars for the fourth offense occurring within a one year period.
- E. A civil penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars for the any additional offense beyond four offenses occurring within a one year period.”

**Section 3. Effectiveness of Ordinance.** This Urgency Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption pursuant to the authority conferred upon the City Council by California Government Code Section 36937.

**Section 4. Urgency Findings.** The City Council finds and determines that adoption of this Ordinance is for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, as those terms are defined in California Government Code Section 36937(b).

**Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

**Section 6. Certification.** The City Clerk shall certify as to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be posted at the designated locations in the City of Perris.

***PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED*** as an ***URGENCY ORDINANCE*** at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015.

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Daryl R. Busch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nancy Salazar, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE   ) §  
CITY OF PERRIS            )

I, Nancy Salazar, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Urgency Ordinance Number 1318 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting held the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015, by the following called vote:

AYES: RABB, ROGERS, BURKE, BUSCH  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE

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Nancy Salazar, City Clerk