

RESOLUTION 2014-03

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STAGE 2 DROUGHT WATER EMERGENCY - WATER WARNING IN EFFECT FOR CITY OF BURLINGTON, KANSAS AND ITS WATER CONSUMERS, INCLUDING RURAL WATER DISTRICT 2 AND 3 AND THE CITIES OF GRIDLEY, LEROY, AND NEW STRAWN, KANSAS; AS REQUIRED BY CITY OF BURLINGTON'S EMERGENCY WATER OPERATIONS/SUPPLY PLAN- DROUGHT/EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN AND CITY ORDINANCE NO. 536.**

**WHEREAS**, the Burlington Water Treatment Plant receives water from the Cottonwood and Neosho River Basins Water Assurance District No. 3; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the recent rains, drought conditions in Kansas continue to worsen; therefore on May 23, 2014, Governor Sam Brownback updated the Drought Declaration for Kansas Counties with Executive Order 14-04, to declare all 105 Kansas counties to be in a drought emergency, drought warning, or drought watch. Governor Brownback issued a Media Release which declared Coffey County to be in a Drought Water Emergency Warning; and therefore, Kansas Water Office is issuing a Water Warning for the Cottonwood and Neosho River Basins Water Assurance District No. 3 reservoirs; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Ordinance 536 is to provide for the declaration of a water supply watch, warning or emergency and the implementation of voluntary and mandatory water conservation measures throughout the City in the event such a watch, warning or emergency is declared; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 536, Section 4: Declaration of Water Warning states: Whenever the Governing Body of the City finds that drought conditions or some other condition causing a major water supply shortage are present and supplies are starting to decline, it shall be empowered to declare by resolution that a Water Warning exists and that it will recommend restrictions on nonessential water uses during the period of the warning. Such a warning shall be deemed to continue until it is declared by resolution of the Governing Body to have ended. The resolution declaring the beginning and ending of the Water Warning shall be effective upon their publication in the official city newspaper; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 536, Section 6. Voluntary Conservation Measures states: Upon the declaration of a water watch or water warning as provided in this ordinance, the Mayor is authorized to call on all water consumers to employ voluntary water conservation measures to limit or eliminate nonessential water uses including, but not limited to, limitation on certain uses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, KANSAS THAT:**

**SECTION 1. In accordance with Ordinance 536, Section 6, Voluntary Conservation Measures, The Mayor of City of Burlington hereby declares City of Burlington and all its water consumers, including Rural Water Districts 2 and 3, and the Cities of Gridley, LeRoy, and New Strawn to be under a WATER WARNING.**

**SECTION 2. Education Actions:**

1. City of Burlington will keep the public informed.
2. City of Burlington will provide water conservation information for the public.

**SECTION 3. Management Actions by City of Burlington:**

- 1) The City water supply will be monitored daily.
- 2) Leaks will be repaired within 12 hours of detection.
- 3) System pressure will be maintained between 60-70 pounds per square inch.

- 4) Pumpage at river intakes will be reduced to decrease drawdown and to maintain water levels over well screens.
- 5) The City will curtail its water usage, including operation of fountains, watering of City grounds, and washing of vehicles.

**SECTION 4.** Mayor Gene L. Merry hereby calls on all water consumers to employ mandatory water conservation measures to limit or eliminate nonessential water uses including, but not limited to the following:

- 1) Watering: An odd/even lawn watering system will be imposed on City residents. Residents with odd-numbered addresses will water on odd days, and even-numbered addresses will water on even days. (See item 2 for times.)
2. Outdoor water use, including lawn watering and car washing, will be restricted to before 10 a.m. and after 9 p.m.
3. Golf courses will restrict watering to tees and greens after sunset.
4. Refilling of swimming pools will be allowed one day a week after sunset.
5. Penalties: Excess water use charges for usage of water over the amount used in winter will be imposed.
6. Waste of water will be prohibited.

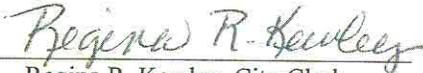
**SECTION 5.** This Resolution 2014-03 is in full force from time of passage.

**APPROVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Burlington, Coffey County, Kansas, on this 4th day of June 2014.

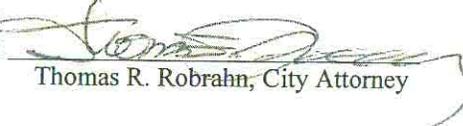
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William C. Scott, President of City Council

ATTEST:

  
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Regina R. Kewley, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Thomas R. Robrahn, City Attorney