

RESOLUTION NO. 427

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKINGS
GOVERNING CONSERVATION OF THE CITY WATER SUPPLY.**

Whereas, recent rains have done nothing to alleviate the drought conditions which are continually predicted to worsen by late summer and fall; and

Whereas, work is proceeding as rapidly as is humanly possible on the relocation of the municipal water intake, but unfortunately, this work cannot be completed in time to assure a continuous and adequate domestic water supply; and

Whereas, it is absolutely necessary that the City adopt a program to conserve available water resources and educate water users in the need for responsible conservation; and

Whereas, Ordinance No. 3-243.18 provides as follows:

"The city council is hereby authorized and empowered, in any case of emergency, to establish such hours as it may find necessary for the use of water for irrigation of lawns and other irrigation purposes, and is authorized and empowered to otherwise limit the amount of water used by consumers, in order to conserve the city water supply."

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Brookings that the following three-step program be implemented so as to provide appropriate enforcement capability under the ordinance if it becomes necessary.

Step I. Water Conservation. The City Manager is authorized and empowered to establish and to publish water use schedules in order to prevent the intake of salt water or the drawdown of the City water supply whenever the threat of salt water intake is imminent.

Step II. Water Restrictions. In order to assure an adequate supply of water for domestic consumption and fire protection, the City Manager is authorized and empowered to declare a critical water shortage requiring the cessation of all water use other than water required for in-house domestic use and municipal storage for fire protection. In the event of the official imposition of water restrictions following declaration of a critical water shortage persons who continue to improperly use or waste water after having been officially notified either verbally or in writing shall have the water service to property which they own or occupy summarily terminated.

Step III. Water Rationing. In order to insure a minimum supply of water for domestic consumption and fire protection the City Manager shall declare a water emergency and request the City Council to approve a list of non-essential businesses and other water uses which shall be terminated in order to ensure a sufficient water supply to protect life and property.

Be it further resolved that the following policies shall be immediately initiated and applied to all water users:

Irrigation and lawn-watering discounts shall not be allowed during the summer of 1988.

Outside use of water such as lawn, shrub, tree and flower watering; car and equipment washing; sidewalk, deck, driveway, parking lot and other hose-down, will be discouraged if conditions warrant and may be prohibited.

Re-use and re-cycling of water is strongly recommended and encouraged.

Commercial washing establishments, deriving income primarily from the business of washing cars or equipment, are strongly encouraged to promote voluntary curtailment and conservation of water by all customers. Such use will obviously be terminated only after careful consideration and with justification.

The City staff will join with the Brookings Garden Club and the Curry County Extension Agent to provide training and information to promote voluntary water conservation.

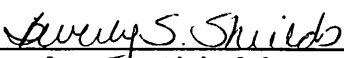
Resolution No. 427 shall expire April 30, 1989.

Passed by the Council and approved by the Mayor this 16th
day of MAY, 1988.



Bob Kerr
Mayor

ATTEST:



Beverly S. Shields
City Recorder