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ORDINANCE NO. 30

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING WATER CONSERVATION POLICIES IN LANDSCAPING IN ORDER TO MITIGATE SEVERE IMPACTS ON LANDSCAPES DURING DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION AND THE EFFICIENT USE OF WATER

WHEREAS, the waters in the State of California and County of San Bernardino are in limited supply and are subject to ever increasing demands; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District to promote the conservation and efficient use of water and to prevent the waste of this valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of economic prosperity in Lake Arrowhead is dependent on adequate supplies of water being available for users; and

WHEREAS, landscape design, installation, and maintenance can and should be water efficient, while respecting the economic, environmental, aesthetic, and lifestyle choices of individuals and property owners; and

WHEREAS, landscapes are essential to the quality of life in Lake Arrowhead since they provide areas for active and passive recreation and also enhance the environment by cleaning air and water, preventing erosion, offering fire protection, and replacing ecosystems lost to development; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has considered the most recent information on efficient landscape irrigation technolo-

gies, those elements of existing water efficient landscape knowledge which have proven successful in reducing water consumption, and also the climatic, geologic and topographical conditions existing in the Lake Arrowhead area;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District that the following regulations are enacted:

1. The use of water for any purpose shall not result in flooding, or run off in gutters, driveways, streets or adjacent lands.

2. Sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, patios, porches, verandas or any other like area shall not be washed off with water from hoses or by any other means for dust control or any decorative reason.

3. Irrigation of all landscapes, plants, trees, and land shall be done between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. with the exception of newly seeded plants which may be watered throughout the day intermittently until rooting is established.

4. Water lines, faucets, and other facilities shall be maintained so that they do not leak water.

5. All water customers requiring a one inch meter or greater shall have a separate meter to monitor landscaping.

6. Lawns, trees, shrubs, and other landscaping shall not be watered beyond what is needed for natural growth and to sustain life. Water shall not be permitted to pool to the point of run off. New irrigation systems, for both residential and commercial uses, shall install the proper irrigation systems appropriate to the area and terrain. Any planting within the drip line of any tree shall be compatible with the proper water needs

of the tree. Plantings shall be grouped according to their water requirements. One to two inches of mulch is strongly encouraged for water retention.

7. Turf application in commercial or residential areas shall be limited to 30% of the area to be landscaped. Use of water conserving plants adapted to this climatic region is encouraged.

8. Automatic electric irrigation controllers shall be required on all new installations, unless an exception is granted by the Board of Directors.

9. Parks, schools, golf courses, and all public use lands shall be irrigated only between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

10. Landscaping which is part of a registered historical site shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance.

11. Lake level drought stages are as follows:

Full - Normal - 5,106.7 - 5,100

First Stage of Drought - 5,100 - 5,093.6

Second Stage of Drought - 5,093.6 - 5,087

Third Stage of Drought - 5,087 - 5,080

In the event the lake level by June 1 of any year, reaches a level that without precipitation could cause the lake level to fall below 20 feet (5,087 elevation) by the end of summer, the District shall notify the public in order that proper measures can be taken in preparing plants and landscapes for drought conditions. In the event the lake level becomes 5,087 elevation, watering shall be reduced to three times a week at their normal cycles. In the event the lake level drops 25 feet, there will be no new landscaping constructed until the lake level

returns to 5,089 elevation or greater. In severe drought (5,087 elevation or lower) the watering of all landscapes outside of 30 feet from structures for fire protection shall be prohibited, with the exception of pine and native trees.

12. Information material concerning this ordinance shall be made available at the District office to help the community understand and comply with its provisions.

13. This ordinance, which has been endorsed by the local licensed landscape professionals, shall be provided by the District to all new property owners upon issuance of a permit for any new construction or development. To ensure that landscapes meet the requirements of this ordinance customers will be asked to consult with a licensed professional landscaper.

14. Misuse of any water at any time shall be grounds for shut off of water service after proper notification and recommendations for solutions have been offered by the District by mail on one occasion, and one written warning has been given thereafter.

15. Violations of this ordinance shall result in the following penalties:

- a) First Offense: Surcharge of 25% of affected month's total water bill.
- b) Second Offense: Surcharge of 50% of affected month's total water bill.
- c) Third Offense: Surcharge of 100% of affected month's total water bill.
- d) Fourth Offense: Termination of water service.

16. The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to cause this Ordinance to be published once in full in the Moun-

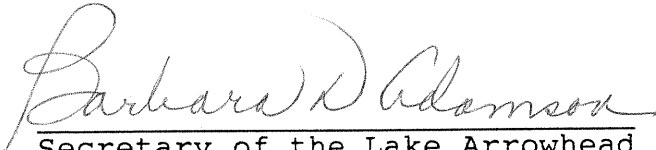
tain News and to have it posted in at least three (3) public places within the District, said publication to be completed no later than seven (7) days prior to its adoption.

ADOPTED this 1 day of Aug, 1991.



President of the Lake Arrowhead
Community Services District
and of the Board of Directors thereof.

ATTEST:



Secretary of the Lake Arrowhead
Community Services District
and of the Board of Directors thereof.

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