

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**Sec. 114-1. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Each customer, in sections applicable to multiple units, means each meter, rather than the number of units so connected.

(Code 1974, § 22-41; Code 1995, § 106-1)

State law reference—Damaging, injuring or interfering with property of public utility companies, municipalities or political subdivisions, O.C.G.A. § 16-7-25.

Sec. 114-2. Emergency gas procedure plan.

There is instituted the emergency gas procedure plan, whereby this city will go to the aid of another city in this vicinity, under reciprocal agreement, in the case of necessity. This shall cover the lending of materials and supplies in the time of emergency, the recipient city to reimburse for such materials and supplies furnished or labor needed.

(Code 1974, § 22-2; Code 1995, § 106-3)

Sec. 114-3. Use of utilities without authority.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any city utility service unless he is a duly registered customer of such utility.

(Code 1974, § 22-3; Code 1995, § 106-4)

State law reference—Theft of services, O.C.G.A. § 16-8-5.

Sec. 114-4. Septic tanks may be authorized in low areas.

The building inspector and county health department shall have the right to give permission to homeowners and contractors to install septic tanks in low areas where there may be sewage problems.

(Code 1974, § 22-21; Code 1995, § 106-5)

Secs. 114-5—114-15. Reserved.**ARTICLE II. OUTDOOR WATERING RESTRICTIONS****Sec. 114-16. Definitions.**

When used in this article:

Address means the "house number" (a numeric or alphanumeric designation) that, together with the street name, describes a physical location of a specific property. The term "even numbered address" means a house number ending with the number 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, or no house number. The term "odd numbered address" means a house number ending with the number 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9.

Declared drought response level means one of four levels of drought that can be declared based on the severity of drought conditions, with one being the least severe and four being the most severe.

Sec. 114-17. Applicability of article.

The rules provided for in this article apply to any entity, and its customers, permitted by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for water withdrawal or for operation of a drinking water system.

Sec. 114-18. Outdoor water use schedule during non-drought periods.

(a) Outdoor water use other than exempted activities shall occur only as follows:

- (1) Odd-numbered addresses: Outdoor water use is allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
- (2) Even-numbered addresses: Outdoor water use is allowed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

(b) During non-drought periods, outdoor water use, may occur on scheduled days within the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

Sec. 114-19. Outdoor water use schedule during declared drought response levels.

(a) The director of the environmental protection division is authorized to make drought declarations.

(b) During declared drought conditions, outdoor water use other than activities exempted in section 114-20, shall occur only during scheduled hours on the scheduled days.

(c) Declared drought response level one. Outdoor water use may occur on scheduled days within the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

- (1) Scheduled days for odd-numbered addresses are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
- (2) Scheduled days for even-numbered addresses are Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- (3) Use of hydrants for any purpose other than firefighting, public health, safety or flushing is prohibited.

(d) Declared drought response level two. Outdoor water use may occur on scheduled days within the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m.

- (1) Scheduled days for odd-numbered addresses are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
- (2) Scheduled days for even-numbered addresses and golf course fairways are Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

- (3) The following uses are prohibited:
- a. Using hydrants for any purpose other than firefighting; public health, safety or flushing.
 - b. Washing hard surfaces, such as streets, gutters, sidewalks and driveways, except when necessary for public health and safety.
- (e) Declared drought response level three. Outdoor water use may occur on the scheduled day within the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m.
- (1) The scheduled day for odd-numbered addresses is Sunday.
 - (2) The scheduled day for even-numbered addresses and golf course fairways is Saturday.
 - (3) The following uses are prohibited:
 - a. Using hydrants for any purpose other than firefighting, public health, safety or flushing.
 - b. Washing hard surfaces, such as streets, gutters, sidewalks, driveways, except when necessary for public health and safety.
 - c. Filling installed swimming pools except when necessary for health care or structural integrity.
 - d. Washing vehicles, such as cars, trucks, boats, trailers, motorbikes, airplanes, golf carts.
 - e. Washing buildings or structures except for immediate fire protection.
 - f. Noncommercial fundraisers, such as car washes.
 - g. Using water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains, reflecting pools, and waterfalls except when necessary to support aquatic life.
- (f) Declared drought response level four - No outdoor water use is allowed, other than for activities exempted in section 5-5-5, or as the EPD director may order.

Sec. 114-20. Exemptions.

- (a) This article shall not apply to the following outdoor water uses:
- (1) Capture and re-use of cooling system condensate or stormwater in compliance with applicable local ordinances.
 - (2) Re-use of gray water in compliance with applicable local ordinances.
 - (3) Outdoor irrigation using water obtained exclusively from a private well.
- (b) The following established landscape water uses are exempt from the outdoor water use schedules of this article:
- (1) Use of reclaimed wastewater by a designated user from a system permitted by EPD to provide reclaimed wastewater.
 - (2) Irrigation of personal food gardens.

- (3) Drip and soaker hose irrigation systems.
- (4) Hand watering with a hose that has an automatic cutoff nozzle, or with hand-held containers.
- (c) Newly (in place less than 30 days) installed landscapes are subject to the following:
 - (1) Irrigation of newly installed landscapes is allowed any day of the week, but only during allowed hours for the drought response level in effect, for a period of 30 days following installation. No watering is allowed during drought response level four.
 - (2) For new landscapes installed by certified or licensed professionals, commercial exemptions apply.
- (d) The following golf course outdoor water uses are exempt from the outdoor water use schedules of this article:
 - (1) Use of reclaimed wastewater by a designated user from a system permitted by EPD to provide reclaimed wastewater.
 - (2) Irrigation of fairways during times of non-drought and declared drought response level one.
 - (3) Irrigation of tees during times of non-drought and declared drought response levels one, two and three.
 - (4) Irrigation of greens.
- (e) The following commercial outdoor water uses are exempt from the outdoor water use schedules of this article:
 - (1) Professionally certified or licensed landscapers, golf course contractors, and sports turf landscapers, during installation and 30 days following installation only. Professional landscapers must be certified or licensed for commercial exemptions to apply.
 - (2) Irrigation contractors, during installation and as needed for proper maintenance and adjustments only.
 - (3) Sod producers.
 - (4) Ornamental growers.
 - (5) Fruit and vegetable growers.
 - (6) Retail garden centers.
 - (7) Hydro-seeding.
 - (8) Power-washing.
 - (9) Construction sites.
 - (10) Producers of food and fiber.
 - (11) Car washes.
 - (12) Other activities essential to daily business.

- (13) Watering-in of pesticides and herbicides on turf.

Sec. 114-21. Regional options.

(a) Local and regional water providers are authorized to implement additional outdoor water use restrictions within their jurisdictions.

(b) Local and regional water providers may request approval of alternative days for outdoor water use for purposes of enforcement, peak water usage, timing of recovery days, and other valid reasons. Approval shall be contingent upon:

- (1) Written notification to, and approval by, EPD of the alternate watering schedule;
- (2) Enactment of a local ordinance allowing no more than three days a week outdoor watering during times of day consistent with the level of drought as set forth in sections 114-118 and 114-119; and
- (3) Regional consistency.

Secs. 114-22—114-30. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. TAPS AND CONNECTIONS

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 114-31. Sewer connections required when available.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this article, all houses on premises within 90 feet of the city sanitary sewer shall be connected thereto.

(b) Where property may be served by a city sanitary sewer, every building shall be connected thereto. If there should be more than one building on the property, each building shall be connected separately to the sewer if the number of fixtures in all buildings exceeds ten. The term "fixtures" as used in this section, are any water appliances emptying water into the sewer.

(Code 1974, § 22-20; Code 1995, § 106-31)

Cross reference—Health and sanitation, ch. 58.

Sec. 114-32. Supervision of work.

A tap or connection with the city sewer, water or gas line shall be made by the superintendent of the gas department, the street and public works department or the water department, as the case may be, or a city employee designated by him, who shall have authority to require the tap or connection to be made in accordance with the required regulations of the gas department, the street and public works department or the water department, as the case may be.

(Code 1974, § 22-25; Code 1995, § 106-32)