

ORDINANCE NO. 91-0046U

An urgency ordinance amending Title 11 - Health and Safety of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to water conservation requirements for the Unincorporated Los Angeles County Area.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 11.38, Part 4, is hereby readopted as amended to read as follows:

**Part 4. Water Conservation Requirements for the Unincorporated
Los Angeles County Area**

11.38.620 Hose watering prohibition.

No person shall hose water or wash down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas or other paved surfaces, except as is required for the benefit of public health and safety. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.00 for each subsequent violation.

11.38.630 Watering of lawns and landscaping.

- A. No person shall water or cause to be watered any lawn or landscaping between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- B. No person shall water or cause to be watered any lawn or landscaping more than once a day.
- C. No person shall water or cause to be watered any lawn or landscaping to such an extent that runoff into adjoining streets, parking lots or alleys

occurs due to incorrectly directed or maintained sprinklers or excessive watering.

- D. It shall be the duty of all persons to inspect all hoses, faucets and sprinkling systems for leaks, and to cause all leaks to be repaired as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- E. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.00 for each subsequent violation.

11.38.640 Indoor plumbing and fixtures.

- A. It shall be the duty of all persons to inspect all accessible indoor plumbing and faucets for leaks, and to cause all leaks to be repaired as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- B. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.00 for each subsequent violation.

11.38.650 Washing vehicles.

No motor vehicle, boat, trailer, or other type of mobile equipment may be washed, except at a commercial carwash or with reclaimed water, unless such vehicle is washed by using a hand-held bucket or a water-hose equipped with an automatic shutoff nozzle. No person shall leave a water hose running while washing a vehicle or at any other time. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a

fine of \$100.00 for each subsequent violation.

11.38.660 Public eating places.

No restaurant, hotel, cafeteria, café, or other public place where food is sold or served shall serve drinking water to any customer unless specifically requested to do so by such customer. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.00 for each subsequent violation.

11.38.670 Decorative fountains.

No person shall use water to clean, fill, or maintain levels in decorative fountains, ponds, lakes, or other similar aesthetic structures unless such water flows through a recycling system. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.00 for each subsequent violation.

11.38.680 Procedural requirements.

The Director of Public Works, with input and concurrence from the Director of Public Health, shall periodically review the provisions of this Part and recommend necessary updates to the Board of Supervisor. The review of the provisions and preparation of resulting recommendations, if any shall be performed, at a minimum, every two years following the first review, which shall to be completed by December 31, 2010.

SECTION 2. Due to the severity of the drought in the State of California, there is an immediate need to prohibit the wasting of water in the Los Angeles County unincorporated area to better utilize the available water supplies. This ordinance is urgently needed for the preservation of the public health, safety, and general welfare, and shall take effect immediately.