

# DECLARATION OF A WATER EMERGENCY

The Mayor of the City of Tarrant has declared the existence of a water emergency in the City of Tarrant, effective October 21, 2016 as set forth in Ordinance Number 781, Sections 9-84 through 9-87. *(Ord. No. 781, § 3, 8-1-1988)*

- **Sec. 9-84. - Certain uses of water prohibited.**

The use and withdrawal of water by any person [during emergency conditions] for the following purposes is hereby prohibited:

(1) **Watering yards.** The sprinkling, watering or irrigating of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, ground covers, plants, vines, gardens, vegetables, flowers, or any other vegetation.

(2) **Washing mobile equipment.** The washing of automobiles, trucks, trailers, trailer-houses, railroad cars, or any other type of mobile equipment, except as to motor vehicles where such washing is accomplished by a commercial automatic car wash installation engaged in the business of washing motor vehicles.

(3) **Cleaning outdoor surfaces.** The washing of sidewalks, driveways, filling station aprons, porches and other outdoor surfaces.

(4) **Cleaning buildings.** The washing of the outside of dwellings; the washing of the inside and outside of office buildings.

(5) **Cleaning equipment and machinery.** The washing and cleaning of any business or industrial equipment and machinery.

(6) **Ornamental fountains.** The operation of any ornamental fountain or other structure making a similar use of water.

(7) **Swimming pools.** Swimming and wading pools not employing a filter and recirculating system.

(8) **Escape through defective plumbing.** The escape of water through defective plumbing, which shall mean the knowing permission for defective plumbing to remain out of repair.

*(Ord. No. 781, § 4, 8-1-1988)*

- **Sec. 9-85. - Exception to maintain sanitation.**

The health officer shall have the authority to permit a reasonable use of water in any case necessary to maintain adequate health and sanitation standards, but such reasonable use shall not include any use prohibited by [section 9-84](#) of this article.

*(Ord. No. 781, § 5, 8-1-1988)*

- **Sec. 9-86. - Enforcement.**

Upon publication of a declaration of a water service emergency by the mayor under [section 9-82](#) hereof:

(a) **Police officers to enforce.** Every police officer of the city shall, in connection with his duties imposed by law, diligently enforce the provisions of this article.

(b) **Discontinuation of service.** The board shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this article by the discontinuation of water service, subject to the immediately preceding [section 9-85](#), in the event of violation of this article.

*(Ord. No. 781, § 6, 8-1-1988)*

- **Sec. 9-87. - Penalties.**

Any person who shall violate any provision of this article or shall do any act prohibited hereby shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or by imprisonment not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day on which a violation occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate offense. *Ord. No. 781, § 7, 8-1-1988*