

RESOLUTION NO. PC-2025 - 0040

A RESOLUTION BY THE OREM CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ADD THE PROPOSED
“CHAPTER 9: WATER USE AND PRESERVATION” TO THE
OREM CITY GENERAL PLAN

WHEREAS on August 14th, 2025, The Orem City Planning Department submitted a document to the Planning Commission requesting the City add the proposed “Chapter 9: Water Use and Preservation” chapter to Orem’s General Plan; and

WHEREAS a public hearing considering the subject application was held by the Planning Commission on August 20th, 2025; and

WHEREAS a notice of the Planning Commission public hearing for this Text Amendment application was posted in all required locations and within the timeline mandated by the State of Utah and by Orem City Code; and

WHEREAS the agenda of the Planning Commission meeting at which the subject application was heard was posted at the Orem Public Library, on the Orem City webpage and at the City offices at 56 North State Street; and

WHEREAS the matter having been submitted and the Planning Commission having fully considered the request as it relates to the health, safety, and general welfare of the City; the orderly development of land in the City; the effect upon the surrounding neighborhood; the compliance of the request with all applicable City ordinances and the Orem General Plan, and the special conditions applicable to the request.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OREM, UTAH, as follows:

1. The Planning Commission finds this request will not negatively affect the health, safety, and general welfare of the City.
2. The Planning Commission hereby recommends the City Council add the proposed “Chapter 9: Water Use and Preservation” chapter to Orem’s General Plan as shown on Exhibit “A” which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.
4. If any part of this resolution shall be declared invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this resolution.

5. All other resolutions or policies in conflict herewith, either in whole or part, are hereby repealed.

PASSED and APPROVED this 20th day of August 2025.



CITY OF OREM, by
Madeline Komen, Chairman

ATTEST:



Gary McGinn, Planning Commission Secretary

PLANNING COMMISSION
MEMBER

AYE NAY ABSTAIN ABSENT

Mike Carpenter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gerald Crismon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Hawkes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rod Erickson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Madeline Komen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Britton Runolfson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Haysam Sakar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EXHIBIT 1 - Proposed Chapter 9 - Water Use and Preservation, Orem General Plan



INTRODUCTION

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Orem City General Plan

Chapter 9 - Water Use and Preservation

INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides:

- A description of water system basics.
- A snapshot of current and future water use in Orem.
- Existing and proposed water planning goals and strategies.
- Recommendations for additional goals and policies to reduce water demands in current and future developments.

Between 2010 and 2020, Utah State was ranked by the US Census Bureau as the fastest growing state in the nation¹. By 2065, the population is expected to double, increasing demand for and stretching finite water resources even further.²

“Utah ranked driest on record for 2020 with two additional western states ranking second driest. In fact, Utah’s 7.23 inches of annual precipitation was 0.89 inches less than the previous record set in 1956.”³ with much of Utah under “extreme” or “exceptional drought.”

Although the water situation has improved since 2020, as of November, 2024, most of Utah is still classified as “abnormally dry” by the U.S. Drought Monitor.⁴

In Utah, water conservation is an issue that touches everyone. Ensuring adequate water for the future is a major concern for state and local leaders, water providers, and the public.

¹ U.S. Census Bureau. (2021, August 25). *Utah: 2020 Census*.

<https://www.census.gov/library/stories/state-by-state/utah-population-change-between-census-decade.html>

² Utah Governor’s Office of Management and Budget. (2016). *Population projections 2015–2065*. Retrieved https://d36oiwf74r1rap.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/2016_10_07_StateProjections-Final-for-Print.pdf

³ National Centers for Environmental Information. (2021, January 12). *Annual 2020 National Climate Report*. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/monitoring/monthly-report/national/202013>

⁴ National Drought Mitigation Center. (2024). *U.S. Drought Monitor*. University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Retrieved from <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>