

ORDINANCE 4-2026
HUNTINGTON CITY

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE USE OF SECONDARY WATER AND PROHIBITING OUTDOOR USE OF CULINARY WATER WITHIN HUNTINGTON CITY DUE TO SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS; ESTABLISHING CONSERVATION MEASURES; AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.

WHEREAS, Huntington City is experiencing severe drought conditions resulting in a significantly reduced supply of secondary water; and

WHEREAS, the limited availability of secondary water requires immediate conservation measures to ensure equitable distribution and continued service; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to implement temporary restrictions to protect the public health, safety, and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Huntington City, Utah:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to address severe drought-related shortages in secondary water supply by establishing conservation measures to ensure the continued availability of water for all users.

SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY

This ordinance applies to all persons, properties, and entities within Huntington City utilizing secondary and/or culinary water.

SECTION 3. SECONDARY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

1. Limited Watering Days:
 - All properties are limited to irrigation using secondary water no more than two (2) days per week, or as otherwise determined by the Huntington City Council.
 - Watering is prohibited on Saturdays and Sundays, unless otherwise modified by action of the City Council.
2. Hours of Use:
 - Irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
3. Runoff and Waste:
 - No person shall allow water to run off onto streets, sidewalks, or adjacent properties.
4. System Maintenance:

- All irrigation systems must be maintained in good working order. Leaks, broken sprinkler heads, or other malfunctions must be repaired promptly.

SECTION 4. PROIBITION ON CULINARY WATER FOR OUTDOOR USE

Due to severe drought conditions and limited secondary water supply, the use of culinary (potable) water for outdoor irrigation—including lawns, landscaping, gardens, and washing of exterior surfaces—is strictly prohibited, except as follows:

- Residents who have a valid and approved agreement with Huntington City allowing the use of culinary water for outdoor irrigation may continue such use; however: they must comply with all restrictions set forth in this ordinance, including watering days, prohibited weekend use, and restricted hours; and
- Any such user shall be subject to overage charges for culinary water usage exceeding 25,000 gallons, as established by the City’s current fee schedule or resolution.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS

1. Warnings:
 - A violator shall receive up to three (3) written warnings for noncompliance.
2. Service Termination:
 - Upon the fourth violation, the City shall shut off water service to the property.
3. Fine and Reconnection:
 - A \$1,000.00 fine shall be assessed.
 - Water service shall not be restored until the fine is paid in full and compliance with this ordinance is verified.
4. Separate Offenses:
 - Each day a violation occurs constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 6. DURATION

These restrictions shall remain in effect for the duration of the severe drought conditions or until modified or repealed by the Huntington City Council.

SECTION 7. AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER

The Mayor or designee, including public works or code enforcement personnel, is authorized to administer and enforce this ordinance.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage, approval, and posting as required by law.

PASSED and approved by the Huntington City Council at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of April, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

HUNTINGTON CITY

(SEAL)

Mayor, Leonard Norton

ATTEST:

Brandy Wagner, City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Judd Beagley AYE _____ NAY _____

Tom Kay AYE _____ NAY _____

Lesa Miller AYE _____ NAY _____

Devin Wilson AYE _____ NAY _____

Gloria Wilson AYE _____ NAY _____