

SPRING CITY, UTAH
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SPRING CITY, UTAH, ESTABLISHING
A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON NEW CULINARY WATER CONNECTIONS**

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2026, Spencer J. Cox, Governor of the State of Utah, issued Executive Order 2026-02, declaring a state of emergency throughout Utah; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Order 2026-02 Governor Cox recommended that impacted cities and counties “should consider developing and implementing water restriction plans and taking other steps to promote water conservation for the upcoming irrigation season in order to protect drinking water supplies;” and

WHEREAS, Spring City owns and operates a municipal culinary water system for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Spring City Public Works Department has advised the City Council that current drought conditions and ongoing water shortages have created significant concerns regarding the City’s ability to provide adequate culinary water service to existing and future users; and

WHEREAS, Spring City’s Director of Public Works has informed the City Council that in 2026, the mountain springs that produce most of the City’s culinary water are producing only fifty percent (50%) of their normal historical output; and

WHEREAS, reduced water supplies have also resulted in significant limitations on irrigation water availability throughout the area; and

WHEREAS, Horseshoe Mountain Irrigation Company has advised the City that current drought conditions may adversely affect the availability of pressurized secondary irrigation water to properties located within Spring City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is necessary to take temporary measures to protect the reliability and sustainability of the City’s culinary water system pending the City Council’s receipt and evaluation of additional information concerning available water supplies; and

WHEREAS, such measures may result in additional expense to Spring City due to additional culinary water pumping required during the state of emergency,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SPRING CITY,
UTAH:

Section 1. Existing Approvals. Any building permit, subdivision approval, or water connection approval lawfully issued prior to the effective date of this Resolution shall remain valid according to its terms.

Section 2. Temporary Moratorium. Effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution, the City shall not approve or authorize any new culinary water connections that have not previously received final approval.

Section 3. Review of Water Supply Conditions. During the period of this moratorium, the Public Works Department shall continue to monitor available culinary water supplies and shall periodically report its findings to the City Council. The Public Works Department shall study the financial impact of additional water pumping required by the state of emergency, and within thirty (30) days of this Resolution's effective date shall report to the City council the extent to which such pumping may require an increase in citizens' culinary water rates.

Section 4. Duration. This moratorium shall remain in effect for six (6) months from the date of adoption unless earlier modified, extended, or terminated by the City Council.

Section 5. Conditions for Termination. Prior to terminating this moratorium, the City Council shall consider reports and recommendations from the Public Works Department concerning the adequacy of available culinary water supplies and information concerning the availability of secondary irrigation water within the City.

Effective Date:

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Spring City, Utah, this 9th day of July, 2026.

SPRING CITY, UTAH

Paul Penrod, Mayor of Spring City

ATTEST:

Ruth Ann McCain, Spring City Recorder

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilmember	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Michael Broadbent				
James Baker				
Chris Anderson				
Laurel Workman				
Stan Soper				