Time-of-Day Watering Ordinance

_____ City
A Municipal Corporation

ORDINANCE NO._____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROMOTE WATER USE EFFICIENCY IN LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION

Section 1. Preamble

A. WHEREAS, [the City] desires to promote efficient sprinkler irrigation practices for all lawns and landscapes using potable (treated) water; and
B. WHEREAS, research has shown that irrigating landscapes only during the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. significantly increases irrigation efficiency; and
C. WHEREAS, conservation of water through more efficient use is in the public interest and enhances the community's economic, environmental, recreational and aesthetic resources; and
D. WHEREAS, [the City] has the authority to adopt this ordinance pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 10-3-702, and hereby exercises its legislative powers in doing so;

Section 2. Ordaining Clause

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by [the City] that the following ordinance be enacted.

Section 3. Time-of-Day Watering Parameters

Sprinkler irrigation of all lawns and landscapes using potable (treated) water is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Secondary (untreated or reclaimed wastewater) water systems have limited capacity and are therefore exempt from this ordinance. Facilities irrigated with secondary water systems include public amenities (parks, golf courses, schools, cemeteries) and some residential neighborhoods. Using secondary water for irrigation extends our water resources and saves residents millions of dollars in annual treatment costs.

Section 4. Applicability of Time-of-Day Watering Ordinance

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all landscapes watered with potable water within the city. This ordinance does not apply in the following situations:

A. New lawn that require frequent irrigation for establishment purposes within 90 days of planting.
B. Short cycles required for testing, inspecting and maintaining irrigation systems.
C. Other situations as permitted by the city.

Section 5. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective as of _____ 20___.