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## **PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, the City of Adel, Iowa recognizes that supplies of potable water are essential for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

Whereas, the City's Water Utility has limited capacity and, from time to time during peak seasons following drought-like conditions, the City's water supply may become significantly and seriously depleted such that there is an insufficient supply of water to meet all customary and usual demands; and

Whereas, chapter 93 of the City's Code of Ordinances outlines a Water Conservation Plan that may be implemented to encourage or restrict water usage as necessary; and

Whereas, using chapter 93.03, a Water Watch was proclaimed to be in effect on July 7, 2020 to encourage the reduction of water usage; and

Whereas, compliance with the Water Watch has been minimal, as usage spiked to 813,000 gallons for the 24-hour period that ended at 7:00 a.m. on August 21, representing a system operation capacity of 95.6%; and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire City is classified under the Severe Drought designation, with parts of Dallas County near Adel classified under the Extreme Drought designation; and

Whereas, the current weather and 7-day forecast call for intense heat with little precipitation.

Now, therefore, I, Anthony Brown, City Administrator of the City of Adel, and I, Kip Overton, Public Works Director of the City of Adel, under the authority of Chapter 93.03 of the City of Adel Code of Ordinances, do hereby proclaim that a

## **WATER WARNING – TIER I**

throughout the City of Adel is now in effect due to the significant system operation capacity, the drought conditions, and the current and forecasted hot and dry weather, which has increased demand, causing the water system to operate above 90% of its pumping capacity.

Under a Tier I Water Warning, no person shall use potable processed water of the municipal water service in any manner contrary to the following:

- A. Outdoor watering or irrigation of lawn is prohibited.
- B. Car washing is prohibited except in commercial establishments that provide that service.
- C. No water shall be used to fill private swimming pools, children's wading pools, reflecting pools, or any other pool or pond.
- D. No water shall be used to wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, or building exteriors.
- E. No water shall be used for nonessential cleaning of commercial and industrial equipment, machinery, and interior spaces.
- F. Water shall be served at restaurants only upon the request of the customer.
- G. Tank load water sales may be curtailed or eliminated.

Water reclaimed or recycled after some other primary use, such as water that has been used for washing or cooling, may be used without restriction. Additionally, water derived from sources other than the City water utility, such as water condensed from the atmosphere by air conditioners or collected from rain or snow, may be used without restriction.

Customers of Xenia Rural Water District are not included in this Water Warning.

The following surcharges shall be applied for violations of Water Warning – Tier I use restrictions:

1. First Violation. For a first violation, the City shall issue a written notice of violation to the water user violating the water use restrictions imposed during the Water Warning.
2. Second Violation. For a second violation within a twelve-month period, an administrative surcharge shall be imposed on the customer's account in an amount of \$100.00 plus 200 percent of the fiscal year's highest month's water bill.
3. Subsequent Violation: For any subsequent violation within a 12-month period, an administrative surcharge shall be imposed in an amount equal to \$500.00 plus 200 percent of the fiscal year's highest month's water bill, and, in addition, the utility shall interrupt water service to the customer at the premises at which the violation occurred. Service shall not be restored until the customer has paid the surcharge and the reconnection fee and has provided reasonable assurance that future violations of Water Warning use restrictions will not occur.

Any customer charged with a violation of the Water Warning use restriction may request a hearing before the Adel City Council. The Council may conclude that a violation did not occur or that the circumstances under which the violation occurred warrant a complete or partial mitigation of the administrative surcharge.

Further information is available in Chapter 93 of the City of Adel's Code of Ordinances. The Code is available online at [https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/adel\\_ia/latest/overview](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/adel_ia/latest/overview)

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the City of Adel to be affixed. Done on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2020.



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Anthony Brown, City Administrator

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Kip Overton, Public Works Director

Attest:

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Brittany Sandquist, Deputy City Clerk