

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Part 4 of Chapter 11.38 of Title 11 – Health and Safety of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to water conservation requirements for the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, by revising the fines for violations thereof from One Hundred Dollars (\$100) to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) and clarifying that fines are assessed for each day of violation. The amendment also expands prohibited water runoff areas to include adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, and structures.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2015-0004

An ordinance amending Part 4 of Chapter 11.38 of Title 11 — Health and Safety of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to water conservation requirements for the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 11.38.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11.38.620 Hose wWatering pProhibition.

No person shall hose water or wash down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas or other paved surfaces, except as is required for the benefit of public health and safety. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$1500.00 for each subsequent day thereafter on which a violation occurs.

SECTION 2. Section 11.38.630 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11.38.630 Watering of lLawns and lLandscaping.

A. No person shall water or cause to be watered any lawn or landscaping between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

B. No person shall water or cause to be watered any lawn or landscaping more than once a day.

C. No person shall water or cause to be watered any lawn or landscaping to such an extent that runoff into adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, structures, adjoining streets, parking lots or alleys occurs due to incorrectly directed or maintained sprinklers or excessive watering.

D. It shall be the duty of all persons ~~to inspect~~who own or rent premises that ~~have all~~ hoses, faucets and sprinkling systems to inspect for leaks, and to cause all leaks to be repaired as soon as is reasonably practicable.

E. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$~~1~~500.00 for each ~~subsequent~~day thereafter on which a violation occurs.

SECTION 3. Section 11.38.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11.38.640 Indoor ~~p~~lumbing and ~~f~~ixtures.

A. It shall be the duty of all persons ~~to inspect~~who own or rent premises that have ~~all~~-accessible indoor plumbing and faucets to inspect for leaks, and to cause all leaks to be repaired as soon as is reasonably practicable.

B. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$~~1~~500.00 for each ~~subsequent~~day thereafter on which a violation occurs.

SECTION 4. Section 11.38.650 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11.38.650 Washing ~~v~~ehicles.

No motor vehicle, boat, trailer, or other type of mobile equipment may be washed, except at a commercial carwash or with reclaimed water, unless such vehicle is washed by using a hand-held bucket or a water hose equipped with an automatic shutoff nozzle. No person shall leave a water hose running while washing a vehicle or at any other time. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the

first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$4500.00 for each subsequent day thereafter on which a violation occurs.

SECTION 5. Section 11.38.660 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11.38.660 Public eEating pPlaces.

No restaurant, hotel, cafeteria, café, or other public place where food is sold or served shall serve drinking water to any customer unless specifically requested to do so by such customer. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$4500.00 for each subsequent day thereafter on which a violation occurs.

SECTION 6. Section 11.38.670 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11.38.670 Decorative fFountains.

No person shall use water to clean, fill, or maintain levels in decorative fountains, ponds, lakes, or other similar aesthetic structures unless such water flows through a recycling system. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$4500.00 for each subsequent day thereafter on which a violation occurs.

SECTION 7. Section 11.38.680 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11.38.680 Procedural rRequirements.

The Director of Public Works, with input and concurrence from the Director of Public Health, shall periodically review the provisions of this Part and recommend necessary updates to the Board of Supervisors. The review of these provisions and

preparation of resulting recommendations, if any, shall be performed, at a minimum, every two years following the first review, which shall be completed by December 31, 2010.

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SECTION 8. This ordinance shall be published in The Daily Commerce a newspaper printed and published in the County of Los Angeles.



Mike Antonovich

Mayor

ATTEST:

Patrick Ogawa

Patrick Ogawa
Acting Executive Officer -
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

I hereby certify that at its meeting of February 17, 2015 the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County of Los Angeles by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes

Noes

Supervisors Hilda Solis
Sheila Kuehl
Don Knabe
Michael D. Antonovich

Supervisors None

Effective Date: March 19, 2015

Operative Date: _____

Patrick Ogawa

Patrick Ogawa
Acting Executive Officer -
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 25103 of the Government Code, delivery of this document has been made.

PATRICK OGAWA
Acting Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By *Patrick Ogawa*
Deputy



APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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