

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 23, 2002

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Larry M. Foster, General Manager, James City Service Authority

SUBJECT: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11, Section 11-65, Restrictions on Outdoor Watering and Section 11-66, Violation of Article

At the June 11, 2002, meeting the Board approved an Emergency Ordinance regulating the days and times of outdoor water use for the JCSA customers. Since the Ordinance was approved under emergency conditions it must be re-adopted within 60 days of its original adoption.

The attached Ordinance has been duly advertised as required by the Code of Virginia and includes the following provisions:

- Outdoor Water Use allowed for:
 - * Odd Street Number & Common Property on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
 - * Even Street Number and parcels with multiple street numbers on one parcel on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
- No outdoor water use between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Designated day for outdoor water use begins at 12:00 midnight.
- The Ordinance will be in effect between May 1 and September 30 each year.
- No outdoor water use on Monday.
- One time sixty-day exemption allowed as grow-in period for new lawn or turf.
- Allows watering of plants anytime using a container not to exceed three gallons.
- Commercial nurseries allowed to water nursery stock and plant material as needed.
- Violations constitute a Class I Misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$2,500 fine.

The Emergency Ordinance has been in place for approximately six weeks. Since approval there have been 110 warnings and no violations issued.

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The purpose of the Ordinance is to try to manage water demands to reduce water system pressure losses during peak demand periods. While the results have not been as successful as desired, we have seen positive results. Staff will continue to monitor the impacts through September 30, 2002, the end of the traditional high demand season, and report back to the Board of Supervisors on the effectiveness of the Ordinance.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the attached Ordinance.

Larry M. Foster

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Attachments