



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Ken Griffin, P.E., Director of Engineering and Public Works

**Date:** April 22, 2014

**Reference:** Consider approval of an Ordinance of the City of Coppell amending Chapter 3, Section 3-1-12 of the Code of Ordinances by amending the daily Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans.

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Excellent and Well-maintained City Infrastructure and Facilities

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### Introduction:

This agenda item is being presented for adoption by City Council in order to satisfy Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules governing Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans as required by Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 288, Subchapters A & B.

### Analysis:

Every 5 years, water suppliers are required to perform a thorough review of their Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans and make any necessary updates to their plans. The governing body is then required to adopt the plans. The 5-year review is performed in order to coincide with the review performed by the Texas Water Development Board. This review has been performed by City staff and all required updates have been made.

There is only one change to the plan. This change will require Stage 1 of the Drought Contingency Plan to remain in effect on a year-round basis. This change is necessary due to the requirements in our wholesale water contract with the City of Dallas. Back in December of 2011, the City of Dallas enacted Stage 1 of their plan and required contracted cities to take similar measures. Following a briefing to City Council on December 13, 2011, the City of Coppell also enacted Stage 1 of our plan and it continues to remain in effect due to the drought conditions that continue to exist.

Our Stage 1 is found in Section 6.6 of the plan and states that “*No outside watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., except for the use of non-spray irrigation systems and hand watering.*” All other conservation measures in Stage 1 are voluntary measures only. This time restriction has

been adopted by most other metroplex cities as well. While Dallas has enacted even stronger restrictions to their plan recently, they have not required contracted cities to take like measures.

TAC Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 288, Subchapter A, Rule 288.2 lists the minimum requirements for Water Conservation Plans for municipal uses. TAC Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 288, Subchapter B, Rule 288.20 lists the minimum requirements for drought contingency plans for a retail public water supplier.

**Legal Review:**

This agenda item was submitted to David Dodd for legal review.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is not any fiscal impact.

**Recommendation:**

The Engineering Department and Utility Operations Division recommends adoption of the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans.