

ARTICLE V

EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION PROVISIONS

25 – 500 WHEN RESTRICTION IS EFFECTIVE.

“The use and withdrawal of water from the Pittsboro Water System by any person for the following purposes shall be restricted in accordance with the schedule of stages hereinafter set forth. The stages of restrictive uses shall be based upon the water level of the storage capacity in the Town of Pittsboro’s 1,000,000 gallon storage facility and the production of less than 400 gallons per minute of treated water into the system.”

25 – 501 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY MANDATED – STAGE I.

In the event that the water level in the Town of Pittsboro’s 1,000,000 gallon storage facility is less than 13.5 feet and the Pittsboro Water System is producing less than 400 gallons per minute of treated water into the system a Stage I water shortage “WARNING” shall be deemed to exist, and the following moderate mandatory water restrictions shall be in effect. During existence of said restrictions it shall be unlawful:

- 25 – 501.1 To water lawns, shrubbery, flower and vegetable gardens except during the hours between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday.
- 25 – 501.2 To introduce water into swimming pools except to the extent necessary to maintain operation.
- 25 – 501.3 To operate water cooled air conditioners or other equipment that do not recycle cooling water, except when the health and safety are adversely affected.
- 25 – 501.4 To wash a motor vehicle including commercial washing.
- 25 – 501.5 To wash down outside areas such as sidewalks, patios or driveways or to use water for other similar purposes.
- 25 – 501.6 To use or introduce water into any decorative fountain, pool, or pond.
- 25 – 501.7 To serve water in any public restaurant except upon request.
- 25 – 501.8 To use water for any unnecessary purposes or to intentionally waste water.

25 - 502 STAGE II EMERGENCY MANDATED

In the event that the water level of the Town of Pittsboro's 1,000,000 gallon storage facility shall be less than 10.5 feet and the Town's system shall produce less than 400 gallons per minute of treated water into the system a Stage II water shortage "DANGER" shall be deemed to exist and in addition to the restrictions heretofore imposed, the following severe mandatory water restrictions shall be in effect. During the existence of said restrictions it shall be unlawful to:

- 25 - 502.1 To water or sprinkle any lawn.
- 25 - 502.2 To water any vegetable garden or ornamental shrubs except during the hours of 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday.
- 25 - 502.3 To fill any swimming pool or replenish any filled pools except to the minimum essential for operation.
- 25 - 502.4 To make any nonessential use of water for commercial or public use. The use of single service plates and utensils is encouraged and recommended in restaurants.

25 - 503 STAGE III EMERGENCY MANDATED

In the event the level of the storage capacity in the 1,000,000 gallon facility is less than 8.5 feet and the Town produces less than 400 gallons per minute of treated water into its system, a Stage III water shortage "EMERGENCY" shall be deemed to exist and in addition to the restrictions heretofore imposed, the following stringent mandatory water restrictions shall be in effect. During the existence of said restrictions it shall be unlawful:

- 25 - 503.1 To use water outside of structures for any use other than an emergency involving fire.
- 25 - 503.2 To operate an evaporative air conditioning unit which recycles water except during the operating hours of the business.
- 25 - 503.3 To introduce water into any swimming pool.
- 25 - 503.4 To use water for any non-residential business and industrial use other than for domestic purposes.

25 - 504 STAGE IV EMERGENCY MANDATED

In the event the level of the storage capacity in the Town's 1,000,000 gallon facility shall be less than 7.0 feet and the Town produces less than 400 gallons per minute of treated water into the system, a Stage IV water shortage "CRISIS" shall be deemed to exist and it shall be unlawful to use water for any residential use located outside the Town limits and water rationing shall be put into effect in addition to all previously imposed restrictions. Such rationing shall supply water in the minimal quantity required for the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the Town of Pittsboro in accordance with a program determined by the Town.

25 - 504.1 It shall be unlawful to fail to act in accordance therewith or use water in any manner or to attempt to evade or avoid such water rationing restrictions.

25 - 504.2 Fire protection shall be maintained, but where possible, tank trucks shall use raw water.

Adopted this 14th day of July, 1986.

ARTICLE VI

CROSS CONNECTIONS BETWEEN A PRIVATE SUPPLY AND THE PITTSBORO WATER SYSTEM

It shall be unlawful for any person to install or permit installation of a cross connection between a private supply and any part of a plumbing system and the Pittsboro water system.

25 - 600 Definitions.

25 - 600.1 Air-Gap Separation - An unobstructed vertical distance through the atmosphere between the lowest opening from any pipe or faucet supplying water to a tank, plumbing fixture, or other device and the flood level rim of the receptacle. An approved air-gap vertical separation shall be at least double the diameter of the supply pipe. In no case shall the air-gap be less than one (1) inch.

25 - 600.2 Approved - Certified in writing by the Director as an acceptable device or methodology for the purpose of backflow prevention.

25 - 600.3 Backflow - Any flow of water into the public water supply from any other source due to a cross-connection, auxiliary intake, interconnection, backpressure, back-siphonage, any combination thereof, or other cause.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25, ARTICLE V OF THE TOWN
CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING EMERGENCY WATER
CONSERVATION PROVISIONS.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pittsboro as follows:

Section 1. Section 25-500 of the Town Code of Ordinances, "WHEN RESTRICTION IS EFFECTIVE", is hereby amended as follows:

The criteria for imposing mandatory water restriction for the Town of Pittsboro are temporarily suspended in response to the October, 15, 2007 appeal from the Governor of the State of North Carolina for all municipalities in the State to impose mandatory water conservation measures. Upon the effective date below, the Town of Pittsboro shall be under Stage III Emergency Mandated (modified) water conservation restrictions. During the existence of said restrictions is shall be unlawful to:

1. To use water outside of any structure for any use other than an emergency involving fire.
2. To operate an evaporative air conditioning unit which recycles water except during the operating hours of the business.
3. To introduce water into any swimming pool.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective November 1, 2007.

This the 22nd day of October, 2007.