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City Council Agenda Information

To: Mayor Steve Miller and City Council
From: Stephanie Fricke, City Recorder
Date: April 13, 2026
Subject: Resolution 26-14 – A resolution encouraging outdoor water conservation and providing for potential outdoor water restrictions in response to drought conditions in 2026.

Summary:

The proposed resolution is being presented to ensure that Hyrum City is prepared to respond quickly and effectively to potential water shortages resulting from current drought-like conditions.

At this time, Hyrum City is not implementing mandatory water restrictions. The City is only encouraging residents to begin conserving water, particularly for outdoor use, in anticipation of possible reduced water availability due to low snowpack and uncertain stream flows. Early conservation efforts will help extend available water supplies and reduce the likelihood of more severe restrictions later in the season.

However, water conditions can change rapidly depending on stream levels, weather patterns, and runoff. If water supplies become limited, the City must be in a position to act quickly to protect essential water resources and maintain system stability.

This resolution is necessary because it formally authorizes the Mayor to determine when water restrictions are required and to implement appropriate measures without delay. Due to the possibility of extreme drought conditions this summer, the resolution grants the Mayor authority to determine when water restrictions are necessary and to establish the type and extent of such restrictions based on existing water conditions, consistent with Hyrum City Code Section 13.20.400.

The resolution also establishes a clear enforcement process if restrictions become necessary. When water restrictions are in place, any person observed using water in violation of the restrictions or engaging in wasteful use of water will receive an initial warning. If the same water user is found to be in violation a second time, the City will take enforcement action, including termination of the water user's connection for the remainder of the irrigation season and issuance of a fine of up to \$299.00, consistent with applicable provisions of the Hyrum City Code.

Importantly, water restrictions will not be implemented unless and until stream levels and water supply conditions indicate that such measures are necessary. This resolution simply provides the framework and authority to act when needed.

In summary, Hyrum City is currently advocating for voluntary water conservation. Approval of this resolution is a proactive step that allows the City to be prepared, responsive, and responsible in managing its water resources should conditions worsen.

Recommendation:

Mayor Miller has requested staff prepare literature, signs, and social media advertisements on water conservation this year and is asking the City Council to approve this resolution so that if water restrictions are necessary the City can enforce those restrictions.

City Council Meeting Details:

- Meeting Date: April 16, 2026
- Council Role: Discussion and roll call vote

RESOLUTION 26-14

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION AND PROVIDING FOR POTENTIAL OUTDOOR WATER RESTRICTIONS IN RESPONSE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN 2026.

WHEREAS, Hyrum City relies on both culinary and pressurized irrigation water systems to serve its residents; and

WHEREAS, the State of Utah is experiencing drought-like conditions due to low snowpack levels this year; and

WHEREAS, reduced snowpack, river flows, and precipitation levels are expected to impact the availability of water for outdoor use during the upcoming summer season; and

WHEREAS, Hyrum City is preparing for a potential shortage of outdoor water and finds it necessary to encourage residents to conserve water; and

WHEREAS, the City may need to implement outdoor watering restrictions for both culinary and irrigation water systems depending on changing weather conditions, river flow, and water availability; and

WHEREAS, such restrictions may include limiting outdoor watering to two (2) to three (3) times per week or less, based on available water supply; and

WHEREAS, residents west of 800 East are encouraged to avoid outdoor watering between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to reduce evaporation and improve efficiency; and

WHEREAS, residents are further encouraged to begin conservation efforts by reducing watering frequency to maintain lawns at minimal levels necessary for survival; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Hyrum City Code Section 13.20.400 (Scarcity of Water), whenever it is deemed necessary by the Mayor and City Council, the Mayor may, by proclamation, limit the use of water to such extent as may be required, and it is unlawful to violate such proclamation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Hyrum City Code Section 13.20.420 (Wastefulness), it is unlawful for any water user to waste or misuse irrigation water, and users are required to exercise good judgment and make all possible efforts to conserve water; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Hyrum City Code Section 13.20.570 (Violation - Penalty), violations of water regulations may be subject to penalties, including fines or other enforcement actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Hyrum City, Cache County, State of Utah, as follows:

1. Water Conservation Encouraged

Residents of Hyrum City are strongly encouraged to conserve outdoor watering with both culinary and pressurized irrigation water in anticipation of potential drought conditions.

2. Recommended Watering Practices

Residents are encouraged to:

- Limit outdoor watering to two (2) to three (3) times per week or less;
- Residents west of 800 East are to avoid watering between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; and
- During restrictions, use only the minimum amount of water necessary to sustain landscaping.

3. Potential Water Restrictions

Based on snowpack, river flow, and precipitation conditions, Hyrum City may implement mandatory outdoor watering restrictions. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to, limitations on watering frequency, duration, and timing for both culinary and secondary water irrigation systems.

4. Authority to Implement Restrictions

Due to the possibility of extreme drought conditions for the 2026 irrigation season, the Hyrum City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of Hyrum City to determine when water restrictions are necessary and to establish the type and extent of such restrictions based on existing water conditions, consistent with Hyrum City Code Section 13.20.400.

5. Enforcement of Water Restrictions

When water restrictions are in place, any person observed using water in violation of the restrictions or engaging in wasteful use of water shall receive an initial warning. If the same water user is found to be in violation a second time, the City may take enforcement action, including:

- Termination of the water user's connection for the remainder of the irrigation season; and
- Issuance of a fine of up to \$299.00, consistent with applicable provisions of the Hyrum City Code.

6. Compliance with City Code

When water use restrictions are in place, all water users shall comply with Hyrum City Code provisions related to water conservation and wastefulness. Continued violations may result in additional enforcement actions, including penalties or termination of service as provided by law.

7. Public Awareness

City staff are directed to promote public awareness regarding water conservation practices and any implemented restrictions.

8. Administration

City staff are authorized to administer, implement, and adjust event logistics consistent with this Resolution. Any future fee modifications shall be approved by the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the City Council this 16th day of April, 2026.

HYRUM CITY

BY: _____
Steve J. Miller
Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Fricke
City Recorder

Posted: _____

Roll Call Vote -	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Rebecca Foulger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Michael Nelson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Nalyn Nelson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Craig Rasmussen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember James L. Wright	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>