



# Town of Johnstown

## TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

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**AGENDA DATE:** June 21, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Resolution No. 2021-19: Declaring Level 2 Drought Condition

**ACTION PROPOSED:** Consider Approval of Resolution 2021-19 as Presented

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. Resolution 2021-19

**PRESENTED BY:** Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

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### AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Enclosed for your review and consideration is Resolution 2021-19 which will officially declare a Level 2 Drought Condition. Adoption of this Resolution will in general require the following shown below with the assumption that Ordinance 2021-201 was approved as an emergency measure (represented below in italics).

#### **Sec. 13-151. - Levels of drought condition.**

(c) Level 2 shall be a moderate drought year limiting outdoor irrigation as hereinafter provided and shall become effective as provided by resolution adopted by the Town Council. Under Level 2 conditions, no person or property owner shall utilize water from Town's water system for the purpose of spray irrigation or hand-watering of lawns, gardens or other landscapes unless such usage complies with all of the following restrictions:

*(1) Spray irrigation shall occur only between the hours of 9:00 p.m. on the appropriate watering day and 2:00 a.m. the following morning. Hand-watering shall occur only between the hours of 6:00 p.m. on the appropriate watering day and 10:00 a.m. the following morning;*

*(2) Spray irrigation and hand-watering shall occur only on the designated property watering days indicated by either an even- or odd-numbered address. The last digit of the address of the property shall determine whether an address is even- or odd-numbered. Except as otherwise provided by resolution adopted by the Town Council, "even addresses" may only water on even dates of the calendar month and "odd addresses" may only water on odd dates of the calendar month;*

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- (3) No person or property owner shall utilize water from the Town's water system for the purpose of washing sidewalks, driveways, patios or similar hardscapes;
- (4) Vehicles may be washed only on a property owner's assigned watering days, but shall be washed with a bucket or a hose running with an automatic shut-off nozzle. If possible, persons are encouraged to park vehicles on their lawns while washing occurs, but such vehicles may be on the lawn only while they are being washed and shall be immediately removed from the lawn upon completion. Commercial vehicle washing facilities are exempt from this regulation;
- (5) There shall be no lawn watering from October 15 through April 15. Trees and shrubs may be watered on either a Saturday or Sunday in accordance with the Level 2 irrigation schedule;
- (6) Watering of newly planted grass shall only occur subject to a permit issued by the Town. The cost of the permit shall be the amount set forth by resolution of the Town Council in the Town Fee Schedule;
- (7) Irrigation with well water may occur subject to the premises being clearly posted with a notice visible from the street indicating that irrigation is with well water;
- (8) Only non-potable water may be used for construction purposes;
- (9) The Town Manager, when warranted, may provide appropriate measures for watering large areas, such as open space and parks by schools and homeowners associations;
- (10) In addition to the restrictions set forth herein, Town Council may by resolution impose time restrictions on the use of municipal water for irrigation purposes; and
- (11) The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to:
  - a. Irrigation of land used for commercial agriculture; or
  - b. Irrigation of land using non-potable water sources that do not directly apply water from the treated municipal water utility system.

Implementation of the Level 2 Drought Condition is due to the fact that the Town's Water Treatment Plant has a permitted level of 5 MGD and we are currently operating a daily flow of 4.7 MGD. As part of the operation of the water plant, we have a peak demand (1 hour time period) currently of 6 MGD. Currently with these high water use levels we want to try and control the water use during each day to ensure we have proper pressures on the system.

**LEGAL ADVICE:**

The Resolution presented was drafted by the Town Attorney.

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**FINANCIAL ADVICE:**

This may have an impact on water revenues in the water fund for 2021.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the Resolution as presented

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**SUGGESTED MOTIONS:**

**For Approval:** I move to approve Resolution No. 2021-19: Declaring Level 2 Drought Condition as presented.

**For Denial:** I move we deny Resolution No. 2021-19: Declaring Level 2 Drought Condition as presented.

*Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,*



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Town Manager

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