

TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. 05- 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.24.020 OF THE PALMER LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE AUTHORIZING THE WATER SUPERVISOR/ORC AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE THE AUTHORITY TO MODIFY WATER CONSERVATION GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Palmer Lake, Colorado, pursuant to Colorado statute and the Palmer Lake Municipal Code, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Town; and

WHEREAS, Section 13.24.020 of Palmer Lake Municipal Code establishes water conservation guidelines; and

WHEREAS, in times of water shortages it is desirable for certain Town staff members to have flexibility and authority to adjust the water conservation guidelines, as appropriate, and in the best interests of the Town of Palmer Lake;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 13.24.020 is hereby amended by adding the underlined language to read in its entirety as follows:

13.24.020. - Water conservation guidelines.

In order to avoid waste of water and to stagger the demand on the town's water system the following guidelines shall apply:

- (1) Odd-numbered building addresses are permitted to use water for watering landscapes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- (2) Even-numbered building addresses are permitted to use water for watering landscapes on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- (3) No landscape watering shall be permitted on Sunday.
- (4) Watering is allowed between the hours of 6:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
- (5) Exceptions may be considered as requested with the town administrator/clerk.
- (6) The foregoing guidelines may be modified and amended by the water supervisor/ORC and Town Administrator or designee of the Town Administrator, as conditions dictate and in the best interest of the Town.

Water conservation is a year-round responsibility of all town citizens; therefore, limit water usage for all activities such as landscaping, outdoor washing/cleaning of windows, decks, vehicles, etc.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to change, amend or preclude the provisions of the chapter sections which provide for the declaration of a water emergency, criteria for determining the stage thereof, the restrictions attendant thereto, and public notification and enforcement in times of a water emergency.

2. Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts thereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

3. Repeal. Existing ordinances or parts of ordinances covering the same matters embraced in this Ordinance are hereby repealed and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE ON THIS 14TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, COLORADO

Erica N. Romero
Town Clerk

BY: _____
Dennis Stern
Mayor