

July 9, 2024
Town Council
Regular Meeting

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WARRENTON, VIRGINIA
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO DECLARE A WATER EMERGENCY AFFECTING THE
USE OF WATER BY PERSONS AND PROPERTIES SERVED BY TOWN WATER, INSIDE AND
OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN BOUNDARIES, AND TO CONTROL AND RESTRICT THE USE OF
WATER DURING AN EMERGENCY CAUSED BY A WATER SHORTAGE.**

WHEREAS, As of Thursday, June 20, 2024, the Virginia Drought Monitoring Task Force (DMTF) convened to discuss drought indicators that have surfaced across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, according to the Virginia Drought Monitoring Task Force, surface and groundwater indicators such as precipitation, groundwater, stream flows have continued to decline throughout the past fourteen-day monitoring period; and

WHEREAS, one of the predominant concerns is the onset of a flash drought between June 27th and July 3rd, a flash drought is the rapid onset or intensification of drought, it is attributable to lower-than-normal rates of precipitation coupled with abnormally high temperatures, wind, and radiation, these sustained higher temperatures increase evapotranspiration and further lowers soil moisture, based on its geographic location, Warrenton is on the cusp of a D1 moderate drought.

WHEREAS, Section 17-146 of the Warrenton Town Code authorizes the Town Manager to declare water Emergencies with the approval of the Town Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Town Council of the Town of Warrenton hereby authorizes the Town Manager to declare a water emergency affecting the use of water by persons and properties served by town water, inside and outside of the town boundaries, authorizes the publication of such emergency declaration pursuant to Section 17-147 of the Warrenton Town Code as needed and authorizes the Town Manager to take all necessary actions to implement conservation and other restrictions authorized under Sections 17-148 and 17-150 of the Warrenton Town Code to control and restrict the use of water during an emergency caused by a water shortage, including, but not limited to, imposition of penalties as provided under Section 17-151 of the Warrenton Town Code.

ATTACHMENT: Staff Report and Supporting Documents

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Town Manager

**Assistant Director Public Utilities
Emergency / Risk Manager**

ATTEST: _____
Town Recorder