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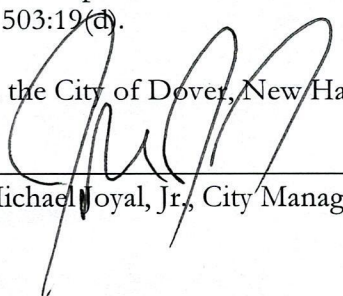
ORDER AND PUBLIC NOTICE OF WATER EMERGENCY RESTRICTIONS (2020 DROUGHT)

On August 21, 2020, the City Manager for the City of Dover issued a Declaration of Water Emergency (2020 Drought). Now, due to the ongoing water emergency, the City Manager for the City of Dover, New Hampshire, by the authority vested in him pursuant to Dover Code § 121-51 *et seq.*, does hereby order and give public notice of the following:

1. Water Restrictions and Exceptions: As of the effective date of this public notice, all users of the City of Dover's public water system shall, until further notice, refrain from and cease the following non-essential uses of water drawn from the City of Dover's public water system:
 - a) All outside or outdoors use of water, including but not limited to lawn watering, irrigation, washing of vehicles and trailers of any kind. This foregoing restriction applies to automatic sprinklers, automatic irrigations systems, and any unattended lawn watering. The only exceptions to this restriction are:
 - i. Use for commercial car washes, cash crops, farms or commercial agriculture, flower shops or garden centers;
 - ii. Use for limited irrigation by hose or hand-held watering can for newly seeded areas and vegetable gardens, provided a person performing the watering is present using a hose or hand-held watering can.
 - b) Filling of any swimming pools of or greater than 100 gallons capacity. The foregoing restriction includes re-filling in any way or "topping off" existing swimming pools. The only exceptions to this restriction are:
 - i. Use for children's inflatable or plastic pools under 100 gallons.
2. Enforcement and Penalties: Authorized City staff shall undertake monitoring for compliance. Enforcement and penalties for violations shall be as set forth in Dover Code § 121-51 and the City's accompanying fine schedule: \$100 for the first violation; \$250 for subsequent violations. If warranted, further action may be taken to address continued violations, including suspension of water service, *see, e.g., N.H. Code of Admin. Rules, Env-Dw 503:09*, and/or assessment of civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per day of any violation, *see RSA 38:26, II*. However, when responding to and addressing a complaint or suspected violation, City staff shall have the discretion to issue a warning for a first offense, in which case the next offense would be treated as the first offense for purposes of issuing a fine.

The City Clerk shall immediately cause this notice to be publicly issued as required by Dover Code § 121-51(C). Notice shall also be given to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services as may be required by *N.H. Code of Admin. Rules, Env-Dw 503:19(d)*.

Given under my hand on this 21st day of August, 2020, in the City of Dover, New Hampshire.



J. Michael Roy, Jr., City Manager