



City of Lewiston

Notice of Outdoor Irrigation Restrictions

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2023, a breach/failure of a water holding reservoir located near 16th Avenue in the City of Lewiston (hereinafter “High Reservoir”) resulted in the flooding of multiple homes and businesses and compromised potable water for over Twenty-Four Thousand (24,000) City of Lewiston residents, which resulted in an emergency Boil Water Alert Order to be issued by the City of Lewiston and a Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency to be issued by the Mayor of the City of Lewiston, which Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency was recorded with the Nez Perce County Recorder as Instrument No. 905244 (hereafter “Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency”);

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2023, the Boil Water Alert Order was lifted for some areas within the City of Lewiston, but the remaining areas within the City of Lewiston remained subject to the Boil Water Alert Order;

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2023, the Lewiston City Council passed Resolution 2023-8, consenting to the continuance of the Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency beyond seven (7) days of its inception, if necessary, in accordance with Idaho Code § 46-1011, which was recorded with the Nez Perce County Recorder as Instrument No. 905426;

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2023, the Boil Water Alert Order was lifted for the remaining areas within the City of Lewiston and, thus, fully lifted;

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2023, the Mayor of the City of Lewiston issued an Order Terminating Local Disaster Emergency;

WHEREAS, since the rupture of the High Reservoir occurred, the City of Lewiston staff and consultants have been analyzing interim solutions for water storage in the high zone of the City of Lewiston’s water system;

WHEREAS, the High Reservoir is still out of service since the rupture on January 18, 2023;

WHEREAS, peak irrigation season water usage begins increasing in April and peaks in the late spring and summer months;

WHEREAS, if irrigation restrictions are not put into place before an interim solution for water storage in the high zone of the City of Lewiston’s water system is completed, then the City of Lewiston’s water system capacity is likely to be exceeded, which may result in: (1) negative pressures

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within the water system; (2) collapsed pipes; (3) complete loss of water service for over Twenty-Four Thousand (24,000) City of Lewiston residents served by the water system; (4) another emergency Boil Water Alert Order; and/or (5) the City of Lewiston being required to implement strict irrigation elimination regulations;

WHEREAS, if the water system capacity is exceeded, then the City of Lewiston's fire protection measures would also be hindered or incapacitated, limiting the fire suppression capabilities of the City of Lewiston's Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, it is of the opinion of Dustin Johnson, Director of Public Works for the City of Lewiston, that it is necessary to impose outdoor irrigation restrictions to conserve water from the City's water supply system for domestic purposes and fire protection, in accordance with Lewiston City Code § 36-58(c).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dustin Johnson, Director of Public Works for the City of Lewiston, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Lewiston City Code § 36-58(c), do hereby issue the following outdoor irrigation restrictions:

1. All City of Lewiston water customers, as identified in the attached service area map, must hand water for outdoor irrigation purposes which requires the use of an automatic shut-off mechanism, such as a pistol nozzle, a trigger-spray hose nozzle, or other automatic positive shut-off nozzles as defined in Lewiston City Code § 36-58(b)(1).
2. This Notice of Outdoor Irrigation Restrictions shall be posted on the City of Lewiston's website, provided to all news media that have requested notification of outdoor irrigation restrictions, and published in the Lewiston Tribune at least one (1) week prior to the beginning date of such restrictions, in accordance with Lewiston City Code § 36-58(d)(1).
3. This Notice of Outdoor Irrigation Restrictions shall be in full force and effect as of May 2, 2023, and shall remain in effect until amended or repealed.

DATED this 25th day of April, 2023.

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By:


Dustin Johnson, Public Works Director