

9-4C-10: WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:

A. **Furnishing Water To Others:** No person, whether owner or occupant, in possession or control of any building, structure or premises into which water is supplied through the village water system shall be allowed, without permission from the director, to supply other persons or families, or to supply water from such building or premises to any building, structure or premises. If any person violates any of the foregoing provisions of this section, the supply of water to the building, structure or premises, shall be shut off and stopped forthwith, and the water shall not be turned on to such building, structure or premises from which it was cut off until there shall have been paid to the village such sum of money as the president and board of trustees shall deem properly due the village.

B. **Unauthorized Use Of Water:** No person not duly authorized shall turn on any service cock, or use water therefrom when so turned on, and the person so using or wasting water shall be liable to pay therefor at the regular water rates without discount.

C. **Using Water From Fire Hydrants:** All hydrants or plugs placed in the village for fire purposes are hereby declared to be the public hydrants, and no person, except such as have been authorized by the director, shall open or draw water therefrom, or in any manner interfere with same except in case of fire.

D. Fraudulent Representations, Misuse Or Waste Of Water: If after the water supply shall have been turned onto any building, structure or premises, it shall be found that fraudulent representations have been made by an applicant for such water supply or that water is being used in or upon such building, structure, or premises for purposes not set forth in the application for such water supply, or that there is wilful and unreasonable use or waste of water, the proper officer or employee of the village shall have the authority, and it shall be his duty, to cut off and stop the supply of water to such building, structure or premises forthwith, and the water shall not be turned on to such building, structure or premises until the person responsible for such fraudulent representation or for such use of water or wilful or unreasonable waste thereof shall pay to the village such additional sum of money for such water supply or on account of such unreasonable waste of water as the president and board of trustees shall find properly to be due the village.

E. Restrictions On Lawn Sprinkling And Other Water Uses:

1. Subject to the two (2) tier emergency restrictions set forth below, in order for the village to comply with the Illinois department of transportation's "Rules And Regulations For The Allocation Of Water From Lake Michigan" dated January 1985, as amended November 3, 1988, commencing from May 15 through September 15 of each year, it shall be unlawful for any person: a) to use water for the sprinkling or irrigation of lawns or gardens, except between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. and eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. or seven o'clock (7:00) P.M. and eleven o'clock (11:00) P.M. on an odd/even basis (on odd calendar days if the last digit in the street address is odd or on the even calendar days if the last digit in the street address is even); or b) to use an automatic lawn sprinkler or irrigation system for the purpose of watering lawns or gardens, except between the hours of twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight and five o'clock (5:00) A.M. on an odd/even basis.

Under emergency conditions, as determined by the president or the president and board of trustees based on the recommendation of the village's director of public works relative to the operational capacity of the village's water distribution system, the demands placed on the system by the users and the risk of damage to or failure of the system, it shall be unlawful for any person to use water for: a) the sprinkling or irrigation of lawns or gardens, or b) an automatic lawn sprinkler or irrigation system to water lawns or gardens, except during the permitted days and hours set forth below:

a. Tier I (Conservation Emergency): Sprinkling or irrigation of lawns or gardens shall be permitted only on an odd/even basis between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. and eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M.

b. Tier II (Total Ban): Sprinkling or irrigation of lawns or gardens (manually or by an automatic lawn sprinkler or irrigation system) is prohibited.

The president or the president and board of trustees of the village of Oak Lawn, or their designee, shall provide notice by telephone, facsimile transmission, e-mail, United States mail, messenger delivery or personal service to the mayor/president or the manager or administrator, or one of their designees, to each municipality that purchases water from the village whenever one of the tier I and tier II restrictions is in effect; the notice shall specify the type of tier emergency restriction and the duration of such restriction. Upon receipt of notice from the village that such an emergency restriction is in effect, the mayor/president, or his or her designee, shall provide the same notice in accordance with subsection E3 of this section of the necessity to limit or suspend the use of water within the municipality for sprinkling or irrigation of lawns and gardens or for any other special purpose(s) under the municipality's own code.

The president, or his or her designee, shall provide notice in accordance with subsection E3 of this section whenever the president or the president and board of trustees limit or suspend the use of water within the village for the sprinkling or irrigation of lawns and gardens or for any other special purpose(s) under this chapter.

2. The village reserves the right to further limit the use of water for the sprinkling or irrigation of lawns and gardens or for any other special purposes whenever the president and board of trustees shall determine that the public exigencies require such action. If public exigencies so require, the president may unilaterally take such action prior to the earliest opportunity available for consultation with the board of trustees.

3. Whenever the president or the president and board of trustees limit or suspend the use of water for the sprinkling or irrigation of lawns and gardens or for any other special purpose(s), it shall be unlawful for any person to use water for the sprinkling or irrigation of lawns and gardens or for any other special purpose(s) designated, other than during the times allowed for such use(s) of water, provided that said person has been given notice of said limitation on, or the suspension of, the use of water, from the village, by telephone, facsimile transmission, e-mail, United States mail, messenger delivery or personal service. In addition, the village shall post the notice of the water use restriction, including the type and duration of such restriction, within the customary posting place in the village hall, on the village's cable access television channel, its website and in any other medium normally used by the village to communicate information of public concern to the residents and public.

4. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each offense and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (1951 Code 5-2-2, 5-4-3, 5-7-3; Ord. 346; 1985 Code; Ords. 88-13-58, 89-7-15, 95-24-107, 02-09-25)