Ordinance No. 1438

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IOWA PARK, TEXAS IMPLEMENTING STAGE 1 DROUGHT WATCH FOR ALL POTABLE WATER.CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY.

Whereas, the City of Iowa Park purchases treated water from the City of Wichita Falls by contract; and

Whereas, the City Iowa Park Public Water Supply is regulated by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ); and

Whereas, the Texas Water Code (Sec. 11.1272) requires wholesale and retail public water suppliers to develop drought contingency plans consistent with the appropriate approved regional water plan to be implemented during periods of shortages and drought; and

Whereas, the Iowa Park Code of Ordinances (Article 13.05) contains the drought contingency plan for the Iowa Park Public Water Supply; and

Whereas, on October 21, 2024, the City of Wichita Falls notified wholesale water customers that the combined lake levels have dropped below 65%, which automatically triggers a mandatory Stage 1 Drought Watch; and

Whereas, the declaration of a stage 1 drought by the City of Wichita Falls is a triggering criterium (Sec. 13.05.007) for the City of Iowa Park to initiate a stage 1 drought.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IOWA PARK, TEXAS that:

Section 1.

(1) Stage 1 – Drought Watch Conditions

(A) Goal: Achieve a five percent (5%) reduction in the daily water demand.

(B) Water Use Restrictions: Under the threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all water customers:

All potable water customers of the city are hereby limited three (3) days per week for the irrigation of any and all landscaped areas as follows:

Water customers south of Loop 370/Old Iowa Park Highway are allowed to irrigate landscaped areas on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only;

Water customers north of Loop 370/Old Iowa Park Highway but south of U.S. Highway 287 North are allowed to irrigate landscaped areas on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only; and

Water customers north of U.S. Highway 287 North are allowed to irrigate landscaped areas on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only.

(ii) All sidewalk, driveway and/or parking lot washings are prohibited except to alleviate immediate health or fire hazards.

(iii) The addition of potable water for architectural features is restricted to Tuesdays and Fridays only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

(iv) The filling, refilling or adding of potable water to privately owned pools, spas and/or Jacuzzis are limited to the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight on Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays only.

(v) The Parks Department will reduce their use of potable water for irrigation purposes to no more than two (2) times per week.

(vi) Any water use restrictions imposed by the City of Wichita Falls upon its potable water customers, including its wholesale water customers.

Section 2.

These temporary outdoor water use restrictions shall take effect immediately upon adoption of this ordinance and shall remain in effect until such time this ordinance is rescinded by the City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 28th day of October, 2024.

Mayor Jeff Pogatshnik

ATTEST:

City Secretary Janice Newman