

WATER WASTE ORDINANCE

The City of Santa Rosa adopted this ordinance in 1999 to prohibit water waste due to unattended open hoses, broken irrigation heads or lines, plumbing leaks, and excessive irrigation running off property or spraying on sidewalks or gutters.

ORDINANCE NO.3426

ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING SECTION 14-04.210 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE BY ADDING SUBSECTION (E) TO PROVIDE FOR DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE FOR WATER WASTE AND ADDING CHAPTER 14-21 ENTITLED "WATER WASTE REGULATIONS"

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 14-04.210 of the Santa Rosa City Code is amended by adding subsection (E) to read as follows:

“(E) If the utility customer who has received notice of violation of the water waste provisions of Chapter 14-21 fails to correct the conditions which caused the violation within fifteen days, or other reasonable time as determined by the Director of Utilities.”

Section 2. Chapter 14-21 is added to the Santa Rosa City Code to read as follows:

“Chapter 14-21

WATER WASTE REGULATIONS

Sections:

- 14-21.010 Purpose.**
- 14-21.020 Water waste B Definition.**
- 14-21.030 Prohibition of water waste.**
- 14-21.040 Requirements for certain recirculating systems in new water services.**
- 14-21.050 Notice and disconnection.**
- 14-21.010 Purpose.**

The purpose of this chapter is to promote the efficient use of water by prohibiting water uses which constitute water waste. The sections of this chapter encourage reasonable use of the water supply by eliminating all intentional or unintentional water waste when a reasonable solution is available and discouraging use of equipment which is wasteful.

14-21.020 Water waste - definition.

Water waste means:

- (A) Water use in outdoor areas resulting in runoff; or

(B) Breaks or leaks in the water delivery system.

14-21.030 Prohibition of water waste.

A customer shall not allow water waste.

14-21.040 Requirements for certain recirculating systems in new water services.

New water services shall be equipped with recycling or reuse systems for the following water service receiving equipment: evaporative cooling systems, decorative water fountains, conveyer car washes and industrial clothes washers.

14-21.050 Notice and disconnection.

The Director of Utilities may issue a written warning to anyone who violates the provisions of this chapter. If a customer does not correct the violation within fifteen days of notification, or such other time as specified by the Director, the City may disconnect water service.”

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause phrase, or word of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected.

Section 4. Environmental Determination. The Council determines that this ordinance is a Class 7 categorical exemption under section 15307 of the California Environmental Quality Act, which exempts actions by regulatory agencies for protection of natural resources.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect on the 31st day following its adoption.