

TOQUERVILLE CITY
ORDINANCE 2021.08



AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROMOTE WATER USE EFFICIENCY IN LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Toquerville City desires to promote efficient sprinkler irrigation practices for all lawns and landscapes using culinary water; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that irrigating landscapes only during the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. significantly increases irrigation efficiency; and

WHEREAS, conservation of water through more efficient use is in the public interest and enhances the community's economic, environmental, recreational, and aesthetic resources; and

WHEREAS, Toquerville City has the authority to adopt this ordinance pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 10-3-702, and hereby exercises its legislative powers in doing so;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the City Council of Toquerville City, Utah, as follows:

1. **Time-of-Day Watering Parameters**

Sprinkler irrigation of all lawns and landscapes using culinary water is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Secondary (untreated or reclaimed wastewater) water systems have limited capacity and are therefore exempt from this ordinance. Facilities irrigated with secondary water systems include public amenities (parks, golf courses, schools, cemeteries) and some residential neighborhoods. Using secondary water for irrigation extends our water resources and saves residents millions of dollars in annual treatment costs.

Applicability of Time-of-Day Watering Ordinance

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all landscapes watered with culinary water within the city. This ordinance does not apply in the following situations:

- A. New lawns that require frequent irrigation for establishment purposes within 90 days of planting.
- B. Short cycles required for testing, inspecting, and maintaining irrigation systems.
- C. Other situations as permitted by the city.

2. **REPEALER.** This Ordinance shall repeal and supersede all prior ordinances and resolutions governing the same.

3. **SAVINGS CLAUSE:** If any provision or clause in this Ordinance or the application thereof to any



person or entity or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other sections, provisions, clauses, or applications hereof which can be implemented without the invalid provision, clause, or application hereof, and to this end the provisions and clauses of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF MAY, 2021.

John 'Chuck' Williams	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent/Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>
Keen Ellsworth	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent/Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>
Justin Sip	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent/Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>
Gary Chaves	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent/Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>
Ty Bringhurst	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent/Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>

TOQUERVILLE CITY
a Utah Municipal Corporation



Lynn Chamberlain, Mayor

5/19/21
Date

Attest:



Ruth Evans, City Recorder

