

**CITY OF BELLFLOWER**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1183**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER AMENDING CHAPTER 13.16 OF THE BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES**

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to establish guidelines for water conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the passage of this Ordinance will make the City eligible for grant funding from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD).

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 13.16 of the Bellflower Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**“13.16 WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES**

**13.16.010 Hose watering prohibition.**

No person shall hose water or wash down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, or other paved surfaces, except as is required for the benefit of public health and safety.

**13.16.020 Watering of lawns and landscaping.**

A. No person shall water or cause to be watered any lawn or landscaping between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

B. No person shall water or cause to be watered any lawn or landscaping more than once a day.

C. No person shall water or cause to be watered any lawn or landscaping more often than every other day.

D. No person shall water or cause to be watered any lawn or landscaping to such an extent that there is excessive runoff into adjoining streets, parking lots, or alleys occurs due to incorrectly directed or maintained sprinklers or excessive watering.

E. Adherence with the provisions of this Subsection shall not relieve any person of the legal obligation to maintain landscaping as otherwise required by the provisions of this Code.

**13.16.030            Indoor Plumbing and fixtures.**

It shall be the duty of all persons to inspect all hoses, pipes, faucets, plumbing fixtures, sprinklers, and other portions of plumbing systems for leaks and to cause all leaks to be repaired as soon as is reasonably practicable (with all required City approvals, permits, and inspections).

**13.16.040            Washing vehicles.**

No motor vehicle, boat, trailer, or other type of mobile equipment may be washed, except at a commercial carwash or with reclaimed water, unless such vehicle is washed by using a hand-held bucket or water-hose equipped with an automatic shutoff nozzle. No person shall leave a water hose running while washing a vehicle or at any other time.

**13.16.050            Public Eating Places.**

No restaurant, hotel, cafeteria, café, or other public place where food is sold or served shall serve drinking water to any customer unless specifically requested to do so by such customer.

**13.16.060            Decorative fountains.**

No person shall use water to clean, fill, or maintain levels in decorative fountains, ponds, lakes, or other similar aesthetic structures unless such water flows through a re-circulating system.

**13.16.070            Water Efficient Landscaping.**

The City Council may by resolution or ordinance establish certain provisions requiring a selection of water-efficient plants and irrigation systems which foster long-term water conservation while respecting the economic, environmental, and aesthetic and lifestyle choices of individuals and property owners.

**13.16.080            Adoption of Additional Water Conservation Measures.**

In addition to the foregoing regulations, the City Council may adopt, by resolution, additional water conservation measures designed to reduce water consumption by reason of any emergency, shortage of water supply, or water facility damage.

**13.16.090            Violations.**

Violation of any water conservation measure established pursuant to Chapter 13.16 shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation and shall be punishable pursuant to Chapter 1.08 of this Code for each subsequent violation.

Except the Bellflower Municipal Water System, the City will endeavor to provide the water purveyor of a person receiving a warning a copy of that warning.

**13.16.100**                    **Procedural requirements.**

The Director of Public Works shall periodically review the provisions of this Chapter and recommend necessary updates to the City Council. The review of these provisions and preparation of resulting recommendations, if any, shall be performed, at a minimum, every two years following the first review, which shall be completed by December 31, 2010."

**SECTION 2.** It is the intent of the City Council that after an initial written warning has been issued, violators may be cited without any further effort to seek voluntary compliance.

**SECTION 3.** The City Manager shall: a) provide a one-time by-mail notice of the above regulations to all water customers in the City of Bellflower, b) use the existing City website and newsletter to disseminate information about water conservation measures, and c) notify water system purveyors serving the City of Bellflower of any violations occurring within their respective service areas.

**SECTION 4.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, unconstitutional or unenforceable, then such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares this Ordinance and each section, subsection, division, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and portion thereof would have been adopted irrespective of the fact one or more portions of this Ordinance may be declared invalid, unconstitutional or unenforceable.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption. The City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, shall attest to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance to be posted in the manner required by law.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1183 HAD ITS FIRST READING ON JUNE 22, 2009, ITS SECOND READING ON JULY 13, 2009, AND WAS DULY PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER AT ITS REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 13, 2009.**

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ray T. Smith, Mayor

  
Debra D. Bauchop, City Clerk

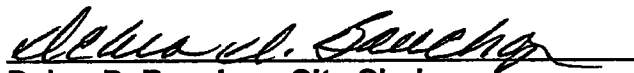
STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ) SS  
CITY OF BELLFLOWER )

I, **Debra D. Bauchop**, City Clerk of the City of Bellflower, California, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Ordinance No. 1183 had its first reading on June 22, 2009, its second reading on July 13, 2009, and was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its Regular Meeting of July 13, 2009, by the following vote to wit:

**AYES:** Council Members – Dunton, Bomgaars, Koops, Larsen, and Mayor Smith

Ordinance No. 1183 was posted at City Hall, the Clifton M. Brakensiek Library, John S. Simms Park, the Bellflower Sheriff's Substation, and T. Mayne Thompson Park; and the Ordinance, effective date, and vote will be published on Monday, July 20, 2009, in the Public Notices Section of the *Long Beach Press-Telegram*, pursuant to Government Code Section 36933 and City Council action of October 9, 2006.

**Dated: July 14, 2009**



**Debra D. Bauchop, City Clerk  
City of Bellflower, California**

**(SEAL)**