

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT RELATING TO
LOW WATER FLOW FIXTURES AND DEVICES, AND
SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has found and determined that due to an existing condition of drought it is imperative that the District take all reasonable steps to conserve the use of water supplied by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is establishing a requirement of Low Flow Water Fixtures and Devices in order to promote water conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has been further informed and advised that in view of the dangerously-low levels of water available to the District for use by its customers, and the potential for increased demand on the Board of Directors has further found and determined that, in order to protect the public health, safety and general welfare, the Board of Directors must inhibit water consumers from increasing their uses of water through existing water meters.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District:

Section 1 - Certification.

The plumbing fixtures and devices required to be installed pursuant to this article shall be certified by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials and comply with all applicable American-National Standards Institute standards.

Section 2 - Specific low-flow fixtures and devices required.

The plumbing fixtures and devices specified in this section shall be installed, unless otherwise indicated herein, in every new building/remodel or addition to an existing building for which a building permit has been issued after the effective date of this ordinance, and when a replacement fixture or device is required in any building,

- A. Faucets (general): All lavatory, kitchen and bar sink faucets shall be designed, manufactured, installed or

equipped with a flow control device or aerator which will not allow a water flow rate in excess of 2.75 gallons per minute.

- B. Faucets (public restrooms): In addition to the general requirements set forth in Subsection A above, lavatory faucets located in restrooms intended for use by the general public shall be of the metering or self-closing type.
- C. Showerheads: Showerheads, except where provided for safety reasons, shall be designed, manufactured and installed with a flow limitation device which will not allow a water flow rate in excess of 2.5 gallons per minutes. The flow limitation device must be a permanent and integral part of the showerhead and must not be removable to allow flow rates in excess of 2.75 gallons per minutes.
- D. Urinals: Urinals shall be designed, manufactured and installed so the maximum flush will not exceed 1.6 gallons of water. Adjustable type flush-o-meter valves may be used provided they are adjusted so the maximum flush will not exceed 1.6 gallons of water.
- E. Toilets: Toilets shall be designed, manufactured and installed so the maximum flush will not exceed 1.5 gallons of water.

Section 3 - Violations - Penalties.

A violation of this chapter shall be a civil infraction. A single citation shall be issued for each building regardless of the actual number of non-compliances within the building. The owner of the building and/or person who acquired the building permit shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00 per citation. The court shall also order such person(s) to correct all non-compliances within the building for which the citation was issued.

Section 4 - Waiver of requirements.

In the event any low flow fixture or device, required by this chapter, will be unavailable from any reasonable source for

a period in excess of 90 days, the developer or contractor of a new building or addition to an existing building may request for a temporary waiver of the requirements of this chapter. The request for a temporary waiver shall be in writing, shall contain sufficient documentation to support the claim that the device or fixture will not be available for a period in excess of 90 days, and shall be delivered to the General Manager either personally or by certified mail. The General Manager may request or solicit additional information in order to determine if the request is valid. If the General Manager finds that the device or fixture will be unavailable from any reasonable source for a period in excess of 90 days, the General Manager may grant to the developer or contractor a permit waiving compliance with the requirements of this chapter for a period of 180 days from the date of issuance of the permit. If the fixtures or devices become available before the 180 day period expires, the waiver shall terminate automatically.

Section 5 - Administrative Allowance of Standard Fixtures.

The foregoing notwithstanding, the General Manager may allow the use of a standard fixture when, in his opinion, conformance would cause a health hazard or an unusual hardship, would not accomplish the intent of this ordinance or would require a greater quantity of water to be used to properly operate the fixture.

Section 6 - Effective Date.

The provisions of this section shall become effective on December 31, 1990. All new installations pursuant to building or plumbing permits issued on or after the effective date shall be in full compliance with this ordinance.

Section 7 - Conflict with the Provisions.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance or any part of the code adopted herein by reference, are hereby repealed.

Section 8 - Validity.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance or any part of the code adopted herein by reference, is for any reason held to be invalid or

unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED the 11 day of November, 1990, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Idyllwild Water District.


AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Janet McKeough
Mike Creighton
George Kretsinger
Carl Cripe
Manford Zuehlke


JANET E. MCKEOUGH - PRESIDENT
IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

ATTESTED


FRAN OVERMAN - BOARD SECRETARY