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REMINDER: PHASE 1 STILL ENACTED

Due to the start of construction on the new Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant on September 1, 2023, and current moderate to severe drought conditions (<https://www.drought.gov/states/iowa>), Iowa Regional Utilities Association (emergency water supplier) has requested that State Center enact Phase 1 – Water Advisory of State Center Code of Ordinances Chapter 93 Water Emergency Response Program. Iowa Regional Utilities Association will be supplying our water during the construction of the new plant and has determined that conservation efforts by the City of State Center are indicated by the current dry conditions.

Therefore, the State Center Mayor, Public Works Director and Public Works Committee Chair are hereby ordering implementation of State Center Code of Ordinances, Chapter 93 Water Emergency Response Program, Phase I:

93.04 CONDITIONS. The following conditions are defined for determining if a Water Emergency exists and the level of response by the City. The availability of water supply will be assessed and used as contributing information in determining the level of water emergency. The levels of emergency are as follows:

1. Phase I – Water Advisory. A Water Advisory may be declared when a water shortage or equipment failure poses a potential threat to the ability of the water system to meet the needs of its customers currently or in the foreseeable future. Indicators of the need to impose a Water Advisory include: system operation at 75% of pumping capacity; moderate decrease in the pumping water level of the water tower, or **other potential moderate threats to the reliable availability of water supply.**

93.05 RESPONSE. Upon determination of the level of Water Emergency, the City will respond with the actions described in this section. Each phase may encompass elements of the preceding phase. City staff will contact large water consumers first, and then implement other elements as the need arises.

1. Phase I – Water Advisory. Under a Water Advisory, all customers of the water utility are encouraged to limit or curtail all nonessential uses of water to conserve water resources during the time of shortage or equipment failure. **Customers may be encouraged to comply with the following voluntary standards:**

- A. No watering of lawns, shrubs, or gardens between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- B. No water should be used to fill private swimming pools, children’s wading pools, reflecting pools, or any other outdoor pool or pond. The city water splash pad would be shut down.

- C. No water should be used to wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks or building exteriors.
- D. No water should be used for nonessential cleaning of commercial and industrial equipment, machinery, and interior spaces.
- E. Water should be served at restaurants only upon the request of the customer.
- F. Water restrictions allowed for odd-even sprinkling by customers.

93.06 NOTIFICATION. The Public Works Director and other City employees will provide notice to the public when any phase of the water emergency response is made effective. Local radio, newspaper and social media will be used to the maximum extent possible. All City employees will be instructed to provide information to the public in the course of regular City business.

A complete copy of Ordinance 379 and including other possible phases of the response program can be obtained from city hall.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call State Center City Hall Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4pm. at 641-483-2559.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
