

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
LEGAL NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4063
Adopted by the City Council on JULY 20, 2015**

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH AMENDING CHAPTER 14.18 OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM”

SYNOPSIS:

At the May 18, 2015 regular City Council meeting, the City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 4060, amending the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Relating to the Water Management Program. The amendment was presented as an emergency ordinance so that it would go into effect immediately.

The urgency was the result of Governor Brown's Executive Order dated April 1, 2015, which set forth a number of requirements for local water agencies regarding water use. The City's Water Management Program contains most of the items in the Executive Order, but some adjustments were needed for compliance. The ordinance needed to go into effect immediately because the proposed changes included modifications to Level 2 of the Water Management Program. The City Council was considering, and subsequently adopted, a resolution to implement Level 2 of the Water Management Program at that same meeting. This ordinance was presented to make the amendments permanent, as the emergency ordinance would expire on September 16, 2015, 120 days following the May 18, 2015, adoption.

The following changes to the Water Management Program are included in the permanent amendments:

- Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area with potable water is prohibited during a measurable rainfall event, or within forty-eight (48) hours following the cessation of a measurable rainfall event.
- The duration of watering time for sprinklers is reduced from 15 minutes to 10 minutes per station.

In addition, the revised ordinance eliminates the Level 2 water measure that prohibits the filling of more than one foot of residential swimming pools or spas with potable water and prohibits the initial filling of pools and spas. Initial filling of new pools and spas would be allowed provided an appropriate cover is in place to minimize evaporation. The refilling of existing pools or spas would only be permitted if a repair or a leak was made or if the pool was drained to address a health or safety concern.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting held July 20, 2015 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Katapodis, Hardy, Sullivan, Delgleize

NOES: Posey, Peterson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: O'Connell

THE FULL TEXT OF THE ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

This ordinance is effective 30 days after adoption.

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