

WATER REGULATION BYLAW

Amendments April 18, 2016



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WATER REGULATION BYLAW:

1. Implement Water Use Restrictions
2. Simplify Landscape Irrigation requirements
3. Improve temporary water use process
4. Other “housekeeping” items

Detailed summary of changes in Appendix 1

1. WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

- ▶ October 5, 2015 Council directed staff to:
 - ▶ bring forward bylaw amendments to implement ongoing water use restriction program
 - ▶ Bring forward amendments to provide for enforcement options when voluntary compliance efforts have been unsuccessful

WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

- ▶ Effective program:
 - ▶ Is consistent with other programs across the Okanagan and within BC
 - ▶ Is consistent across the City of Kelowna (among 5 water purveyors)
 - ▶ Is simple and easy to understand
 - ▶ Does not require ongoing maintenance from users

PROPOSED PROGRAM SUMMARY

- ▶ For Residential & Commercial Properties
 - ▶ Odd numbered addresses water Tuesday / Thursday / Saturday
 - ▶ Even numbered addresses water Wednesday / Friday / Sunday
- ▶ Drought Response
 - ▶ No significant change for Stage 1
 - ▶ Eliminate Thur/Fri for Stage 2
 - ▶ Eliminate Tue / Wed for Stage 3
 - ▶ Eliminate ALL for Stage 4

PROPOSED PROGRAM - ENFORCEMENT

- ▶ Primary goal is compliance through education
- ▶ Proposed enforcement tool if required include issuance of “tickets”
 - ▶ During “Normal” and Stage 1 times: \$50
 - ▶ During Stage 2: \$200
 - ▶ During Stages 3 or 4: \$400

2. LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Water regulation bylaw specifies irrigation system requirements
- ▶ Goal is to improve compliance
 - ▶ Simplify the requirements and application process
 - ▶ Reduce cost of compliance
 - ▶ Reduce enforcement provisions

3. TEMPORARY WATER USE FOR CONSTRUCTION

- ▶ Use of city water for construction, in particular single family, without permit is commonplace
 - ▶ Water quality risk
 - ▶ Cost of water
 - ▶ Cost of infrastructure
- ▶ Goal is user equity. Users contribute to the system

TEMPORARY WATER USE FOR CONSTRUCTION

- ▶ Proposed changes are consistent with existing bylaw intent
 - ▶ Assign water account with approved BP
 - ▶ Charge Temp Use fee after 2 months
 - ▶ Fixed fee. No consumption component
 - ▶ Temp Use ends when meter installed
 - ▶ No meter after completion increases fee 20x

TEMPORARY WATER USE FOR CONSTRUCTION

- ▶ Consultation with UDI / CHBA
 - ▶ Email Correspondence
 - ▶ Meeting on February 17, 2016
 - ▶ Meeting notes distributed February 29, 2016
 - ▶ UDI Letter received March 16, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Removing language that is not consistent with practice
 - ▶ Remove dedicated fire service lines
 - ▶ Remove reference to Bare Land Stratas
- ▶ Using a map to define the “Beaver Lake Industrial Area” – unique water rates
- ▶ Clarify ownership of space housing water meters

PROPOSED PROGRAM

- ▶ With approval Water Utility will work with Communications to inform our clients:
 - ▶ Blanket information
 - ▶ Information with utility bills
 - ▶ Information on website, including resources to help manage change
 - ▶ Access to Waterkind for technical / landscaping issues.