

ORDINANCE NO. 332

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER USAGE RESTRICTIONS IN THE CITY OF AURORA, SOUTH DAKOTA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF AURORA, SOUTH DAKOTA AS FOLLOWS:

I.

Section 1. Water Use Restrictions. The City Council may authorize water use restrictions for periods of time when the City is conducting inspections, maintenance or repairs of the water system. Such restrictions include mandatory reductions or restriction of lawn watering and other outdoor water uses, including but not limited to, car washing, filling of outdoor pools, hot tubs and use of water for outdoor recreation. If outdoor watering is prohibited during periods of conducting inspections, maintenance or repairs, homeowners and tenants will be notified. Any prohibited or restricted outdoor water use while watering is prohibited constitutes a violation of this ordinance. Any person in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty fee or fine as established in this ordinance.

Section 2. Notice. Notice of water use restrictions may be given by the City of Aurora through a variety of methods, as appropriate for the situation. These include: notification by City of Aurora utility personnel, phone calls, email, news releases and posting on the City's website and/or Facebook page.

Section 3. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this ordinance. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such under the Code of Ordinances of the City of Aurora. Any individual found in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty fee for each violation, payable within five business days of the time when the notice of violation was given to the City of Aurora. Upon failure of the individual to pay the penalty fee within the time period indicated, and upon conviction of a violation of this ordinance, the individual in violation shall be subject to a fine in Magistrate Court in the amount of \$200.00 plus court costs. The individual cited has the right to contest the penalty or citation and plead "not guilty" and have the matter transferred to Magistrate Court. The penalties in this ordinance may be adjusted by resolution of the City Council.

II.

This ordinance is for the purpose of protecting the safety, general welfare, and fire protection of the community and is declared to be an emergency and shall be effective upon passage and publication. Any or all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

FIRST READING: _____

SECOND READING: _____

PUBLISHED: _____

CITY OF AURORA, SOUTH DAKOTA

ATTEST:

Josh Jones, Mayor

Shannon Freng, Finance Officer