

ORDINANCE NO. 20-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING CHAPTER 111 OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND LAWS (WATER CONSERVATION); AMENDING THE DAYS AND TIMES WHEN THE IRRIGATION OF NEW AND EXISTING LAWNS AND LANDSCAPING CAN OCCUR WITHIN A DESIGNATED AREA WITHIN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the water pressure in the southern part of the County’s water and wastewater service area is becoming dangerously low primarily associated with the irrigation of new and existing lawns and landscaping during increased potable water demand periods associated with irrigation practices in the impacted areas; and

WHEREAS, if the water pressure becomes low due to the increased peak potable water demand periods associated with the irrigation of new and existing lawns and landscaping in the referenced area, this may result in a “Precautionary Boil Water Notice” event; and

WHEREAS, if the water pressure becomes low due to the increased peak potable water demand associated with the irrigation of new and existing lawns and landscaping in the referenced area, the fire flow pressure may be affected, which may hinder the County’s ability to combat fires in the referenced area; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County Water Resources Department has initiated a capital project to construct improvements to the South Central Potable Water System to provide sufficient water quality and pressure to meet the substantial growth and the increased peak potable water demands in this portion of the County which is anticipated to be completed by the end of the fourth quarter of 2022; and

WHEREAS, if the Board of County Commissioners limits the days and adjusts the timeframe for the irrigation of new and existing lawns and landscaping to provide relief during the current peak demand periods associated with the irrigation practices in the impacted area, the problems with low water pressure can be improved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR MEETING THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2020.

1) Section 111-7 (a) and (b) of Chapter 111 of the Hillsborough County Code of Ordinances and Laws is amended to read as follows:

(a) The irrigation of existing lawns and landscaping is allowed during a single period of either the hours of 12:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. or during the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m., on each allowable watering day. However, upon the effective date of the ordinance from which this amended subsection is derived through ~~June 30, 2020~~December 31, 2022, the irrigation of existing lawns and landscaping in the area designated in the map below, is only allowed during a single period of either the hours of 8:30 a.m. to ~~10:00 a.m., or 12:00 noon~~ as ~~otherwise~~-allowed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District upon approval of a petition for variance by Hillsborough County, ~~to 12:00 noon and or~~ during the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight on each allowable watering day. A user may irrigate existing lawns and landscaping zones during only one of the specified time periods on any allowable watering day.

(b) Except in the area depicted in the map below, Irrigation of existing lawns and landscaping shall be limited to twice per week, as follows:

- (1) At addresses ending in the number 0, 1, 2 or 3 on Mondays and/or Thursdays;
- (2) At addresses ending in the number 4, 5 or 6, on Tuesdays and/or Fridays;
- (3) At addresses ending in the number 7, 8 or 9 and at locations with no address and locations with mixed addresses, on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays.

(c) Upon the effective date of the ordinance from which this subsection is derived through December 31, 2022 the irrigation of existing lawns and landscaping in the area depicted in the map below, shall be limited to once per week, as follows:

- (1) At addresses ending in the number 0 or 1 on Mondays;
- (2) At addresses ending in the number 2 or 3, on Tuesdays;
- (3) At addresses ending in the number 4 or 5, on Wednesdays;
- (4) At addresses ending in the number 6 or 7, on Thursdays;
- (5) At addresses ending in the number 8 or 9, on Fridays;
- and at locations with no address and locations with mixed addresses on Saturdays.

~~(e)~~(d) Irrigation by use of reclaimed water is allowed on any day of the week, except between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to modify the terms of existing contracts for the supply of reclaimed water by the County.

2) Section 111-7(l) of Chapter 111 of the Hillsborough County Code of Ordinances and Laws is amended to read as follows:

(l) Irrigation of new lawns and landscaping is restricted to the following:

1 (1) During the initial 30 days, new lawns and landscaping may be watered in
2 any day but not between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. However, upon the
3 effective date of the ordinance from which this amended subsection is derived
4 through ~~June 30, 2020~~December 31, 2022, the irrigation of new lawns and
5 landscaping in the area designated in the map below, is allowed any day for 30
6 days only during either the hours of 8:30 a.m. to ~~10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon~~, ~~or~~ as
7 ~~otherwise~~ allowed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District upon
8 approval of a petition for variance by Hillsborough County, ~~to 12:00 noon and or~~
9 during the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

10 (2) Following the initial 30-day period, irrigation of new lawns and
11 landscaping may occur on alternating days for an additional 30 days with:

- 12 a. even-numbered addresses on Tuesday, Thursdays and Sundays;
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- 14 b. odd-numbered addresses on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays;
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- 16 c. common areas, mixed addresses, and locations with no address on
- 17 Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays;
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- 19 d. and not between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
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- 21 e. however, upon the effective date of the ordinance from which this
- 22 amended subsection is derived through ~~June 30, 2020~~December
- 23 31, 2022, the irrigation of new lawns and landscaping in the area
- 24 designated in the map below, is allowed only on the above
- 25 referenced days and only during either the hours of 8:30 a.m. to
- 26 ~~10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon~~, ~~or~~ as ~~otherwise~~ allowed by the Southwest
- 27 Florida Water Management District upon approval of a petition for
- 28 variance by Hillsborough County, ~~to 12:00 noon and or~~ during the
- 29 hours of 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.
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31 This establishment period begins the day the new plant material is installed and is limited
32 to areas containing new plant material only. An entire zone of an irrigation system may only be
33 used for establishment period watering if the zone in question is for an area that contains at least
34 50 percent new plant material. If a zone contains less than 50 percent new plant material or if the
35 new plant material is in an area that will typically not be watered by an irrigation system, only
36 the new plant material is eligible for this 60-day exemption. Targeted watering may be
37 accomplished by hand watering or any appropriate method which isolates and waters only the
38 new plant material.

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40 3) The current map referenced in Chapter 111 of the Hillsborough County Code of
41 Ordinances and Laws is replaced with the following map.

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44 4) This Ordinance becomes effective upon filing with the office of the Secretary of State.

