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To: River Oaks Water Consumers

Pursuant to Section 13.07.037 of the River Oaks Code, the mayor shall have the authority to initiate or terminate the appropriate drought response stage. When emergency or trigger conditions occur, the director of the water department or his/her designee shall make recommendations to the mayor of the appropriate stage of the plan to order.

REASON: The raw water supply in Lake Worth Reservoir has dropped below 75%. On July 31, 2012 the capacity of Lake Worth was at 68.63% (31.37% deleted).

RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, with concurrence of the Public Works Director, finds that conditions warrant the declaration of a Stage 1 drought.

I, *Herman D. Earwood*, Mayor of the City of River Oaks have considered the Factors which may influence the recommendation, including, but are not limited to, the time of the year, weather conditions, anticipation of replenished water supplies, or anticipation that facilities will be placed on line to serve demand.

With the factor that the raw water supply has dropped below 75% storage capacity, **it is my decision to hereby implement the Stage 1 Water Watch effective Saturday, August 4, 2012 prohibiting** outdoor watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily and limit outside landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each water service address to twice per week (Includes landscape watering of parks, golf courses and sports fields) as follows:

MONDAY: No outside watering allowed

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: Non-Residential Sites (Apartments, businesses, parks, common areas; etc.)

WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY: Residential addresses ending in 0,2,4,6 & 8.

THURSDAY & SUNDAY: Residential addresses ending in 1,3,5,7 & 9.

Also, Initiate mandatory restrictions to prohibit non-essential water use as follows:

1. Prohibit hosing of paved areas, such as sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other impervious surfaces, except to alleviate an immediate health or safety hazard.
2. Prohibit hosing of buildings or other structures for purposes other than fire.
3. Protection or surface preparation prior to painting.
4. Prohibit using water in such a manner as to allow runoff or other waste.



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5. Foundations may be watered up to two hours on any day by handheld hose; or using a soaker hose or drip system placed within 24-inches of the foundation that does not produce a spray of water above the ground.
6. Newly installed shrubs (first year) and trees may be watered up to two hours on any day by handheld hose, drip irrigation, soaker hose, or tree bubbler. Tree watering is limited to an area not to exceed the drip line of a tree.
7. Establishing new turf is discouraged. If new hydro mulch, grass sod, or grass seed is installed for the purpose of establishing a new lawn, there are no watering restrictions for the first 30 days while it is being established. After that, the watering restrictions set forth in this stage apply. (This exception does not include over seeding with rye since turf already exists.)
8. Outdoor watering at service addresses with large multi-station irrigation systems may take place in accordance with a variance granted by the City Council.
9. Twice per week watering restrictions do not apply to locations using well water for irrigation.
10. Washing of any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane, or other vehicle shall be limited to the use of a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station.
11. All users are encouraged to reduce frequency of draining and refilling swimming pools.
12. All users are encouraged to use Texas native and drought tolerant plants in landscaping.

Termination of the drought measure will be announced when the trigger conditions that initiated the drought measures have subsided, and an emergency situation no longer exists.

With everybody's continued efforts, we can continue to meet the daily water demand in the city and to maintain an adequate water supply. For more information and helpful tips on water conservation methods you can go on line to www.riveroakstx.com.

BY ORDER OF:

Mayor Herman D. Earwood
City of River Oaks