

**TOWN OF HUGO
ORDINANCE NO. 298**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE TOWN OF HUGO, COLORADO AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON WATER USAGE**

WHEREAS, to preserve water usage within the Town, the Board of Trustees desires to have the authority to declare a water shortage and impose water restrictions within the Town; and

WHEREAS, due to current water shortages, to promote the public health, safety and welfare, the Board desires that this ordinance be effective immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hugo as follows:

Section 1. Restrictions on usage.

A. At such time as the Board of Trustees, or the Town Clerk Administrator or their delegate, if so authorized by the Board of Trustees via motion or resolution, finds and determines that a shortage exists in the supply of water for the use of the public such as to require the restriction of water use, the Board of Trustees shall, by resolution, or the Town Clerk Administrator shall, by written order, declare the existence of a water shortage and announce the imposition of one of the following levels of restriction on the use of water:

1. Level One Restrictions. Upon the adoption of a resolution imposing level one restrictions, outdoor watering at properties with even-numbered addresses shall be restricted to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and outdoor watering at properties with odd-numbered addresses shall be restricted to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Outdoor watering at properties south of Highway 40/287 and not having assigned street number addresses shall be restricted to dates allowed for outdoor watering at properties having even-numbered addresses. Outdoor watering at properties north of 4th Street and not having assigned street number addresses shall be restricted to dates and times allowed for outdoor watering at properties having odd-numbered addresses. During a level one restriction, outdoor watering is permitted for a maximum of three hours on a day on which watering is permitted, and such watering is permitted only between the hours of five a.m. to eight a.m. or seven p.m. to ten p.m. (either three-hour period, not both). To maximize irrigation efficiency, area watering shall be limited to twenty minutes per zone or location. Outdoor watering other than at permitted times or on permitted days is prohibited. Outdoor watering for longer than the time allowed on such days is prohibited, except for refilling ornamental pools, hot tubs and swimming pools. Hand watering from a hose equipped with automatic shut-off is

permitted at any time, so long as it is attended. Unrestricted drip irrigation is permitted at any time.

2. Level Two Restrictions. Upon the adoption of a resolution imposing level two restrictions, outdoor watering of properties with even-numbered addresses shall be restricted to Tuesdays and Saturdays and outdoor watering at properties with odd-numbered addresses shall be restricted to Wednesdays and Sundays. Outdoor watering at properties south of Highway 40/287 and not having assigned street number addresses shall be restricted to dates allowed for outdoor watering at properties having even-numbered addresses. Outdoor watering at properties north of 4th Street and not having assigned street number addresses shall be restricted to dates and times allowed for outdoor watering at properties having odd-numbered addresses. During a period of Level Two restricted water use, outdoor watering is permitted for a maximum of two hours on a day on which watering is permitted and such watering is permitted only between the hours of five a.m. to eight a.m. or seven p.m. to ten p.m. (either two-hour period, not both). To maximize irrigation efficiency, area watering shall be limited to twenty minutes per zone or location. Outdoor watering other than at permitted times or on permitted days is prohibited. Outdoor watering for longer than the time allowed on such days is prohibited, except for refilling ornamental pools, hot tubs and swimming pools. Hand watering from a hose equipped with automatic shut-off is permitted at any time, so long as it is attended. Unrestricted drip irrigation is permitted at any time.

3. Level Three Restrictions. Upon the adoption of a resolution imposing level three restrictions, outdoor watering of properties with even-numbered addresses shall be restricted to Tuesdays and outdoor watering at properties with odd-numbered addresses shall be restricted to Fridays. Outdoor watering at properties south of Highway 40/287 and not having assigned street number addresses shall be restricted to dates allowed for outdoor watering at properties having even-numbered addresses. Outdoor watering at properties north of 4th Street and not having assigned street number addresses shall be restricted to dates and times allowed for outdoor watering at properties having odd-numbered addresses. During a period of level three restricted water use, outdoor watering is permitted for a maximum of two hours on a day on which watering is permitted and such watering is permitted only between the hours five a.m. to eight a.m. or seven p.m. to ten p.m. (either two-hour period, not both). To maximize irrigation efficiency, area watering should be limited to twenty minutes per zone or location. Outdoor watering other than at permitted times or on permitted days is prohibited. Outdoor watering for longer than the time allowed on such days is prohibited, except for refilling ornamental pools, hot tubs and swimming pools. Hand watering from a hose equipped with automatic shut-off is permitted at any time, so long as it is attended. Unrestricted drip irrigation is permitted at any time. No applications for residential or

commercial water taps will be accepted during a period of level three restricted water use.

4. Level Four Restrictions. During a period of level four restricted water use, outdoor watering is prohibited, except for the third Saturday of each month when outdoor watering is permitted between the hours of seven p.m. and ten p.m. At all days and times the filling or refilling of ornamental pools, hot tubs and swimming pools is prohibited. No applications for residential or commercial water taps will be accepted during a period of level four restricted water use. Outdoor watering other than at permitted times or on permitted days is prohibited. Outdoor watering for longer than the time allowed on such days is prohibited. Hand watering or drip irrigation is only allowed during the permitted times, so long as it is attended.

B. Conservation of Water and Use of Xeriscaping Encouraged. Everyone is strongly encouraged to manage outdoor watering so as to avoid wasting water. When planting new or replacing existing landscaping use xeriscaping strategies whenever possible. The Board of Trustees acknowledges that the maintenance and establishment of turf requires the application of much more water than the installation of native, ornamental landscape. Accordingly, we encourage all citizens to think carefully before installing new turf.

C. Restrictions on Washing Motor Vehicles. The washing of motor vehicles during a period of level one, level two or level three restricted water use is permitted only with a hose equipped with a shut-off valve at or adjacent to the nozzle, and the shut-off valve must be engaged at all times when the hose is not directed at the vehicle being washed. During a period of level four restricted water use, the washing of motor vehicles is permitted only at commercial car washes.

D. Restrictions on Washing Sidewalks. The washing of sidewalks, awnings, decks, exteriors of buildings and windows during a period of level one, level two or level three restricted water use is permitted only with a hose equipped with a shut-off valve at or adjacent to the nozzle, and the shut-off valve must be engaged at all times when the hose is not actively in use for washing. During a period of level four restricted water use, the washing of sidewalks with water is not permitted.

E. Restrictions on Bulk Water Station Use. During any period of restricted water use, the Town's bulk water station shall be closed to public use.

F. Penalties for Violations. Violation of any provision of this section is punishable in accordance with the general penalty ordinance; provided, however, that violation of a level one restriction is subject to a minimum fine of one hundred dollars; violation of a level two restriction is subject to a minimum fine of two hundred fifty dollars; violation of a level three restriction is subject to a minimum

fine of five hundred dollars; and violation of a level four restriction is subject to a minimum fine of one thousand dollars.

Section 2. Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts hereof irrespective of the fact that anyone, or part, or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 3. Safety. The Board of Trustees finds that the adoption of this Ordinance is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Adopted and ordered published this 13th day of April, 2026.

(Seal)

Kara Emmerling, Mayor

Attest:

Sara Lancaster, Town Clerk Administrator