

1 [Administrative Code - Water Conservation Reporting by City Departments]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require City departments to report**
4 **information to the Public Utilities Commission regarding water conservation efforts.**

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10 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
11 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
12 subsections or parts of tables.

13 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

14 Section 1. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Chapter 63A, to
15 consist of Sections 63A.1, 63A.2, and 63A.3, to read as follows:

16 **CHAPTER 63A: WATER CONSERVATION REPORTING.**

17 **SEC. 63A.1. FINDINGS.**

18 *(a) San Franciscans have some of the lowest rates of water use in California, and the City and*
19 *County of San Francisco has taken many steps over the last 30-plus years to help residents and*
20 *businesses, as well as municipal facilities and public landscapes, efficiently use water, rain or shine,*
21 *and to make conservation a way of life in San Francisco.*

22 *(b) Due to the growing impacts of climate change, cities across California must plan how they*
23 *will respond during prolonged drought conditions. Reducing water demand through conservation,*
24 *diversifying supplies, and expanding onsite reuse opportunities are important steps to building a more*
25 *climate-resilient water supply system. In addition, cities like San Francisco should be developing*
appropriate drought response plans for the City's entire water system, including municipal customers,

1 as well as individual customers. Prudent and forward-thinking investments and planning are essential
2 to improving the overall resiliency of the City's water system. City departments, as major water users,
3 must be prepared for scenarios where conservation alone will not be enough to prevent water shortage
4 concerns.

5 (c) The three-year period from October 2011 to September 2014 was the driest in California's
6 hydrologic record and, as a result, reservoir storage, snowpack, and reservoir inflows were
7 significantly lower than normal throughout the State. The unprecedented dry weather conditions
8 prompted the Governor to declare a drought emergency for the State of California. The City issued a
9 directive calling for all customers of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's Hetch Hetchy
10 Regional Water System to voluntarily reduce water use by at least 10%. The Mayor's Office issued
11 Executive Directive 14-01 requiring all City departments to develop individual water conservation
12 plans and take immediate steps to achieve a mandatory 10% reduction in their water consumption. In
13 July 2014, new emergency regulations issued by the State Water Resources Control Board required the
14 City to implement outdoor water waste restrictions and impose mandatory reductions in outdoor water
15 use.

16 (e) While the 2014 emergency drought directives were lifted for most areas of the State in April
17 2017, requirements for water suppliers to report monthly water use and implement outdoor water waste
18 prohibitions continued and are expected to become permanent. Additionally, in 2016, the Governor
19 directed the State to develop and transition to a long-term water use efficiency framework that makes
20 "water conservation a California way of life." (Executive Order B-37-16 dated May 9, 2016).

21 (f) In response to State actions, the City lifted its call for a 10% reduction in water use in April
22 2017, but continues to promote efficient water use and provide conservation assistance and incentives
23 to help customers save water and money. In response to the Mayor's Executive Directive 14-01, most
24 City departments have submitted water conservation plans and fixture inventories. Through these and
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1 other actions, City departments have reduced their water use by 30%, comparing the volume used
2 during 2017 to water used during 2013.

3 (h) Recognizing the need to build even greater resiliency for potential future droughts, the City
4 must continue to monitor its water conservation efforts and prepare for future dry conditions.

5 **SEC. 63A.2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 “City” shall mean City and County of San Francisco.

7 “State” shall mean State of California, or department of the State having jurisdiction over
8 managing or protecting California water resources.

9 “Department” shall mean any agency, board, commission, office, or department of the City
10 having jurisdiction over land and facilities owned or leased by the City that is billed for water supplied
11 by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

12 **SEC. 63A.3. REQUIRED REPORTS.**

13 (a) **Initial Report.** Within 90 days of the effective date of this Chapter 63A, all Departments
14 shall report the following information to San Francisco Public Utilities Commission:

15 (1) A summary of all water-saving practices the Department implemented to address the
16 City’s call for voluntary 10% indoor and mandatory 25% outdoor water reduction during the 2014-
17 2017 drought.

18 (2) The name and contact information of the Department representative or
19 representatives responsible for implementing the requirements of this Chapter 63A and coordinating
20 the Department’s water conservation efforts with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

21 (3) An inventory of the Department’s plumbing fixtures that do not meet the
22 requirements of Section 709 of the Environment Code.

23 (4) An inventory of all existing Landscape Areas, as defined in Section 63.3 of the
24 Administrative Code, under the jurisdiction of the Department that do not meet the requirements of
25 Chapter 63 of the Administrative Code.

1 (b) Drought Response Plan.

2 (1) Within 180 days of the effective date of this Chapter 63A, the five City departments
3 with the highest water consumption amounts in fiscal year 2017, as determined by the San Francisco
4 Public Utilities Commission, shall submit to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission a drought
5 response plan that includes the following information:

6 (A) The indoor and outdoor temporary water reduction measures the
7 Department would take when water rationing or reduction in excess of 20% is imposed by an action of
8 the State or the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission;

9 (B) The order in which the Department anticipates it would implement
10 the water reduction measures necessary to meet rationing or reduction requirements; and

11 (C) The estimated percent reduction in Departmental water use the
12 Department could achieve by implementing each of the water reduction measures identified under
13 subsection (b)(1)(A).

14 (2) The Departments shall consult with and seek technical assistance from the San
15 Francisco Public Utilities Commission during development and implementation of the drought
16 response plans required by this subsection (b).

17 (3) The Departments shall implement the drought response plans during drought
18 shortage conditions when rationing or reductions are required by State or San Francisco Public
19 Utilities Commission action.

20 (4) The Department shall review its drought response plan every five years. By July 1st
21 of the calendar year during which the five-year review is required, the Department shall submit to the
22 San Francisco Public Utilities Commission any updates to the plan, or a statement indicating that no
23 updates are necessary.

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1 Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
2 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
3 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
4 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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