



NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULEMAKING Water Curtailment

Public Works	109-800-003	
City Department	Administrative Rules Chapter Number	
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ADMINISTRATIVE RULE SUMMARY

The proposed administrative action to be taken is to adopt Administrative Rule 109-800-003 Water Curtailment.

Salem Revised Code (SRC) 72.250 authorizes the City to curtail the use of water when it is determined that a critical water supply shortage exists or is imminent or any other emergency exists or is imminent which threatens the ability of the City to deliver essential water to its customers.

The proposed administrative rule outlines proactive measures the City may take to reduce demand and to find alternative supplies during short term water supply shortages. There are four curtailment levels, each with its own set of curtailment measures, based on the severity of the event. The levels of curtailment and some of the potential measures are:

- Level 1: Alert.** Retail and wholesale customers are notified. The City disseminates messages asking customers to use water wisely.
- Level 2: Voluntary Curtailment.** Customers are notified of an actual water supply shortage and asked to voluntarily curtail water usage. The City will limit the use of water for irrigation, hydrant flushing, street sweeping, and other intensive water uses.
- Level 3: Mandatory Curtailment.** A critical water supply shortage has been declared. Mandatory restrictions are placed on all lawn watering and other non-essential water uses.
- Level 4: Severe Curtailment.** Water use is restricted to only that necessary for life and health. Water usage may be restricted for large industrial and institutional customers as determined by the City Manager.

The Draft Administrative Rule 109-800-03 is available for review online at:

<http://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/administrative-rules.aspx>

A hard copy is available for viewing at the following two locations during normal business hours at:

Central Library Reference Desk
585 Liberty Street SE

and

Public Works Department
555 Liberty Street SE Room 325

AUTHORITY

The authority to promulgate this administrative rule is set forth in SRC 2.200 and SRC 20J.030.

DOCUMENTS, REPORTS AND STUDIES

The City relied upon some of the requirements found in Oregon Administrative Rules in preparing this proposed administrative rule.

A copy of the Oregon Administrative Rules can be found online at <http://www.leg.state.or.us/oar/> and in the Salem Public Library located at 585 Liberty Street, SE, Salem, Oregon.

Salem Revised Code can be found online at:

<http://www.cityofsalem.net/departments/legal/pages/salemrevisedcodes.aspx><http://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/salem-revised-code.aspx>

PUBLIC COMMENT

Interested Persons must submit written comments to **Jason Pulley at City of Salem Public Works Department, 555 Liberty Street SE, Room 325, Salem OR 97301 or via e-mail to jpulley@cityofsalem.net.**

ALL COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 5, 2017, TO BE CONSIDERED.

Peter Fernandez, PE, Public Works Director

Department Head Signature

Printed Name

Date