

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF FULTON

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS,  
GEORGIA'S COMMITMENT TO WATER CONSERVATION AND  
EFFICIENCY; TO ADOPT WATER USE RULES FOR WATER  
CONSERVATION CONSISTENT WITH THOSE ESTABLISHED BY THE  
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION DIVISION AS MODIFIED BY THE CITY OF ATLANTA  
DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT; TO PROVIDE  
PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, water conservation is the beneficial reduction in water loss, waste, or use and includes all measures of water use efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, water conservation is a sound water management tool and can result in long-term economic, social, financial, and environmental benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, developing new sources of water and infrastructure is typically more expensive than extending the life of existing supplies through water conservation and efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, when coupled, energy and water efficiency can result in significant financial and natural resource savings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia (the "City") recognize that through water conservation and efficiency, other cities have achieved significant reductions in water use and the City can benefit from setting water conservation benchmarks and goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City recognize that water loss and unaccounted for water can lead to problems in water availability, cost of services, and delivery reliability;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in order to accomplish the foregoing, the Mayor and Council, pursuant to their authority, do hereby amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, by establishing Chapter 110, **WATER CONSERVATION**, to read as follows:

**Chapter 110**

**WATER CONSERVATION**

**Article I. In General**

**Sec. 110-1. Short Title.**

This chapter shall be cited as the Water Conservation Ordinance of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia.

**Sec. 110-2. Purpose.**

The purpose of this chapter is to promote water conservation by establishing water use rules for year round water conservation, to promote the efficient use of water, to reduce or eliminate the waste of water in the City, and to enable implementation of the City's water shortage contingency measures.

**Sec. 110-3. Adoption of Water Use Rules.**

The City hereby adopts by reference the outdoor water use rules mandated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division ("EPD"), from time to time, as the same may be modified by the City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management (the "EPD/Watershed Management Rules"). A copy of the current EPD/Watershed Management Rules is incorporated herein by reference, and a current copy of the same shall be maintained in the office of the City Clerk.

**Sec. 110-4. Water conservation incentives.** The City has developed and implemented economic incentives for conservative water use, identified as the "City of Sandy Springs Water Conservation Permit Incentive Program," a copy of which will be maintained on file with the City's Department of Community Development.

**Sec. 110-5. Additional water conservation measures.** In addition to the water conservation requirements established by this chapter, the City Manager or his or her designee is authorized to develop and promulgate additional water conservation plans and measures which shall be directed to achieve target goals for water conservation as determined by the City Council by resolution from time to time.

**Article II. Specific Water Conservation Requirements**

**Sec. 110-6. Rain Sensor Shut-off Switch required.**

(a) As used in this Code section, the term "rain sensor shut-off switch" means an electric device that detects and measures rainfall amounts and overrides the cycle of an irrigation system so as to turn off such system when a predetermined amount of rain has fallen or whether the temperature is 32 degrees Fahrenheit (zero degrees Celsius) or below.

(b)(1) No person shall install any landscape irrigation system equipped with an electronic controller that does not have a rain sensor shut-off switch.

(2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply to either landscape irrigation systems installed on golf courses or any system dependent upon a nonpublic water source.

**Article III. Enforcement**

**Sec. 110-7. Compatibility with other regulations**

This article is not intended to modify or repeal any other chapter, rule, regulation, or other provision of law. The requirements of this article are in addition to the requirements of any other chapter, rule, regulation, or other provision of law, and where any provision of this article imposes restrictions different from those imposed by any other chapter, rule, regulation, or other provision of law, whichever provision is more restrictive or imposes higher protective standards for human health or the environment shall control.

**Sec. 110-8. Violations.**

Any violation of this Chapter in effect from time to time shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance as set forth in Chapter 103, Article III, Section 103-10.

SO ORDAINED, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

Approved:

Eva Galambos  
Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Casey  
Michael Casey, City Clerk  
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