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### **Water Restrictions – Stage 2 Ordered**

Copperas Cove, Texas – Mayor Dan D. Yancey previously signed an order for Stage I Water Restrictions on August 8, 2022, encouraging voluntary water conservation measures for the City of Copperas Cove. Bell County Water Control & Improvement District #1 (BCWCID1) has now notified the City of Copperas Cove and its other customers that the Belton Lake level has fallen to a level triggering Stage 2 water conservation measures, as necessary to manage the responsible use of this precious resource by the City's residents, businesses and other entities.

Effective immediately, Mayor Dan D. Yancey has signed an Order for Stage Implementation, Water Restrictions – Stage 2 Ordered. All citizens are encouraged to review and be familiar with the Stage 2 Drought Response and associated restrictions as they are outlined in the attached document. Notification will be provided when Stage 2 restrictions are either terminated or revised. Updates will be shared with local media, as well as posted on the City's website at [www.copperascovetx.gov](http://www.copperascovetx.gov) and various social media pages.

The Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan may be found in its entirety on the City's website at:

[https://library.municode.com/tx/copperas\\_cove/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH6CIDIPREMM\\_ARTIIWACODRCOPL](https://library.municode.com/tx/copperas_cove/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH6CIDIPREMM_ARTIIWACODRCOPL)

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(Order for Stage Implementation Attached)

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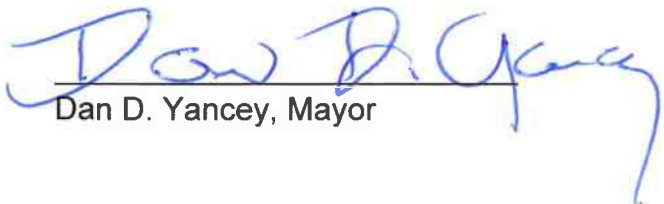
**COPPERAS COVE WATER CONSERVATION  
AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY**

**ORDER FOR STAGE IMPLEMENTATION**

- WHEREAS,** The City of Copperas Cove receives all of its treated potable water from Belton Lake through agreement with Bell County Water Control and Improvement District #1; and
- WHEREAS,** Bell County Water Control and Improvement District #1 has notified the City and its other customers that the Belton Lake level has fallen to a level triggering Stage 2 water conservation measures, as necessary to manage the responsible use of this precious resource by the City's residents, businesses and other entities; and
- WHEREAS,** Bell County Water Control and Improvement District #1 has advised that the current lake levels and Bell County Water Control and Improvement District #1's ability to deliver treated potable water do not require the implementation of more stringent measures; and
- WHEREAS,** The City Council approved Ordinance 2019-33, adopting the City's amended Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan ("Plan"); and
- WHEREAS,** The Plan authorizes the Mayor to implement stages of the Plan upon determination that it is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Copperas Cove will provide notice to all residents and business owners of the need for water restrictions as required by the implemented stage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS ORDERS** the implementation of STAGE 2 water restrictions effective on August 1, 2023. Water restrictions consistent with this stage, as specifically detailed on the attachment hereto, will continue until terminated or revised by the Mayor.

**ORDERED** on this 1st day of August, 2023 as authorized by the City's adopted Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.

  
Dan D. Yancey, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lisa Wilson, City Secretary

## Stage 2 - Drought Response Stages

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Pursuant to Chapter 6, Division 2, Section 6-46 (Drought response stages) of the City's Adopted Code of Ordinances:

- (3) Stage 2 response—Severe water shortage conditions.
- a. **Goal.** Achieve a fifteen (15) percent reduction in daily water demand.
  - b. **Supply management measures.** The City of Copperas Cove will reduce or discontinue flushing of water mains, reduce or discontinue irrigation of public landscaped areas; use of reclaimed water for non-potable purposes will be allowed.
  - c. **Water use restrictions.** Under threat of penalty for violating, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:
    1. Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to designated days as listed in the table below. Irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at any time if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.

Last Digit of Street Address Ends in:	Designated Watering Day
0 or 1	Monday
2 or 3	Tuesday
4 or 5	Wednesday
6 or 7	Thursday
8 or 9	Friday

2. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket. Washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.

- 3. Use of water to fill, and/or refill, any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.**
- 4. Operations of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes are prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculating system.**
- 5. Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to firefighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the City of Copperas Cove.**
- 6. Use of water for the irrigation of golf course greens, tees and fairways is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. However, if the golf course utilizes a non-potable water source such as reclaimed water, the facility shall not be subject to these regulations.**
- 7. All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.**
- 8. The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:**
  - i. Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, and tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;**
  - ii. Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;**
  - iii. Use of water for dust control, unless reclaimed water is used;**
  - iv. Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street;**
  - v. Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).**