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Lafayette City Council Unanimously Passes Water Conservation Ordinance

LAFAYETTE, **Colo July 26**, **2011** – In the interest of conserving water resources during a state-wide drought year, the Lafayette City Council passed an emergency ordinance Wednesday evening temporarily establishing irrigation restrictions.

The new rule prohibits the irrigation of lawns, landscapes, and gardens with municipal water between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. Hand watering and commercial agriculture irrigation is allowed. This ordinance is effective immediately and will be in effect until October 1, 2012. Violations will result in a fine ranging from \$100-\$1000 set by the municipal court.

Concurrent with Denver Regional Water District measures, a number of circumstances have brought about the need for this ordinance;

- On May 1 the snowpack providing the region's water supply measured at only 22% of normal levels
- March 2012 was the first March on record in which there was no snowfall in Boulder County
- 2012 has been one of the warmest years on record in the State of Colorado
- June 2012 has been reported to be the warmest June on record in the State of Colorado
- July 2012 is on track to be the warmest July on record in the State of Colorado

Residents can learn about additional ways to conserve water and find information on how to sign up for a free sprinkler system audit on the City's website; http://www.cityoflafayette.com/index.aspx?nid=652