

Chapter 705 – Water Restriction

Section 705.1 – Intent

This Ordinance is to provide for the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lenox Township to ensure restriction on water consumption during emergencies; the method and notification of such declaration; the water use restrictions; irrigation system restrictions; and to provide for penalty for failure to comply, so to ensure the supply of pressure demand for water is not endangered, or conditions within the water system of Lenox Township are such that action needs to be taken.

Section 705.2 – Determination of Emergency: Emergency Regulations

The Township Supervisor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to declare a water supply emergency whenever he determines any of the following conditions exist:

- A. An existing or anticipated drought condition.
- B. Loss or reduction in volume and/or pressure in water supply from the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA).
- C. Failure of any one or more part of the supply system.
- D. Any condition that may result in a threat to public health due to potential or documented contamination associated with low water pressure.
- E. Any condition that may reduce the Fire Department's available water supply to fight fires.
- F. Requests by the Great Lakes Water Authority or Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to place restrictions on the system.
- G. Any use by system customers that adversely impacts peak water use between the hours of 5:00 AM and 11:00 PM est. which could adversely affect future water supply charges and fees.
- H. Any use by system customers that adversely affects the Township's compliance with terms of its GLWA water contract.

Section 705.3 – Notification of Emergency; When Effective

- A. A water supply emergency shall exist when the Township Supervisor or his designee has caused a declaration of such emergency to be publicly announced by placing it on the Lenox Township reader board signs, placing it on Lenox Township's Website, placing it, when practical, over the appropriate cable television channel, placing it on the Lenox Township's telephone message machine, and, where practical, placing it on the radio or television. The Township Supervisor shall make a record of each date, time, and method of such declaration. Irrespective of such methods of declaration, a water supply emergency shall be deemed to exist for any person who has received direct written notice of such declaration.
- B. A declaration of water supply emergency shall include the effective date and time of such emergency, which may be immediate; the period of time during which such emergency shall be in effect, which may be for twenty-four (24) hours per time, and until such further notice; and the types of outdoor water usage which are prohibited, which may include all outdoor uses involving GLWA water except fire protection; and may permit certain uses on alternating days or during restricted hours.

Section 705.4 – Non-Emergency Water Use Restriction, Irrigation System Restrictions

- A. A property that is connected to the municipal water system is hereby restricted to irrigating during the following days and times between May 15 and October 1:
 - 1. A property with an even-numbered address shall only be allowed to irrigate on even-numbered dates within a month.
 - 2. A property with an odd-numbered address shall only be allowed to irrigate on odd-numbered dates within a month.
 - 3. A property with a newly seeded or sodded lawn and any trees, shrubs, and bushes may be for the first twenty-one (21) days after planting, irrigate as often as required for growth.

Section 705.5 – Violations and Penalties

A person who violates this Section shall be deemed responsible for a civil infraction and will be assessed a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation. In this regard, a new violation shall be assessed for each day that a violation occurs.