

Draft WaterSense Ordinance

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____,
REQUIRING ALL NEW AND REPLACEMENT PLUMBING FIXTURES AND IRRIGATION
CONTROLLERS ON SPRINKLER SYSTEMS BE CERTIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AS COMPLIANT WITH WATERSENSE
PROGRAM; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, water covers approximately 70 percent of the Earth's surface, but less than 1 percent of that is available for human use; and

WHEREAS, our community must share this small amount for agricultural, domestic, commercial, industrial, and environmental needs; and

WHEREAS, these competing demands for water create stress in local and regional watersheds; and

WHEREAS, worldwide water consumption has tripled in the last 50 years, and managing the supply and availability of water is one of the most critical natural resource issues facing the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) launched the WaterSense initiative to make it easy for American consumers and businesses to save water and protect the environment by establishing water efficiency standards; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of _____ to help our community's homes and business make more efficient use of their water – saving both water and money;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____,
IN THE STATE OF _____:**

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS:

- 1) "Low-efficiency plumbing fixture" means any of the following plumbing fixtures that is not a WaterSense-listed plumbing fixture:
 - a) a lavatory faucet;
 - b) a shower head;
 - c) a flushing urinal; or
 - d) a tank-type toilet or tank-type water closet.
- 2) "WaterSense-listed plumbing fixture" means a plumbing fixture or plumbing fixture fitting that has been:
 - a) Certified by a third-party certifying body accredited by a US accreditation body, such as American National Standards Institute (ANSI) in accordance with the federal Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense program. or an analogous successor program;
 - b) Certified by the third-party certifying body as meeting the performance and efficiency requirements of the program; and
 - c) Authorized by the program to use the WaterSense label.

SECTION 2. Low-efficiency plumbing fixtures.

- 1) Effective _____, 20____, a person shall not sell a new low-efficiency plumbing fixture in the City of _____. Plumbing fixtures sold or installed must be a WaterSense-listed plumbing fixture as described in Section 1.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its publication, which date is expected to be _____.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, A. D., 20_____.