

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN  
DECLARING A PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCY AND IMPOSING  
RESTRICTIONS UNDER SECTION §34-21 ET. SEQ. OF THE DARIEN CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Public Health of the State of Connecticut in consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and Public Utilities Regulatory Authority has declared that a public water supply emergency exists, is imminent or can reasonably be expected to occur without the immediate implementation of conservation practices; and

**WHEREAS**, a determination is hereby made by the Board of Selectmen after consultation with appropriate officials that a water-related public emergency exists within the Town of Darien; and

**WHEREAS**, Section §34-21 et. seq. of the Darien Code provides for authorization by the Board of Selectmen to impose certain water restrictions

**BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Darien hereby declares a water-related public emergency to exist and that water systems supplying water to the Town and water levels at reservoirs supplying water to the Town and/or ground water resources supplying water into the Town are at or are in danger of reaching levels insufficient to provide for the needs of the public health, preservation of human life, sanitation, safety, welfare or economic needs of the town, and determines that the demand for water is greater than the capacity of the water systems to meet the demands resulting in public safety problems of reduced or insufficient water pressure.

Therefore the Board of Selectmen hereby imposes the following restrictions and declares the following acts to be unlawful subject to reasonable exceptions as are determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the public interest. Such acts shall be effective upon publication pursuant to Section §34-22 of the Darien Code:

- 1) Using water to sprinkle, water or irrigate lawns, grass, ground covers, vines and annual flowers.
- (2) Using water to sprinkle, water or irrigate shrubbery, perennial flowers and trees, unless used in furtherance of a person's livelihood or enterprise;
- (3) Using water to fill pools, ponds, used for private or public recreational purposes;
- (4) Using water to wash or clean motor vehicles or trailers, unless required by law to be washed or cleaned, or unless at an automated, commercial establishment that has

filed a water conservation plan acceptable to the Board of Selectmen, or some other entity designated by the board of selectmen, or at an automated vehicle washing establishment that uses no more than 45 gallons of potable water per vehicle washed, including make-up and rinse water;

(5) Permitting plumbing and related fixtures to remain in a state of disrepair, resulting in the escape of water;

(6) Using water from fire hydrants, water mains and lines, unless used for the protection, safety and welfare of the residents of the town;

(7) Using water to wash or flush sidewalks, driveways, pavement, porches or other outdoor surfaces, including the outside of buildings and structures;

(8) Using water to sprinkle, water or irrigate golf courses except in accordance with a water conservation plan filed with and acceptable to the Board of Selectmen or such other entity designated by the board of selectmen.

Failure to abide by these directives can result in penalties pursuant to Section §1-8 of the Darien Code.

**BE AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** that Board of Selectmen hereby designates the local Health Director to be the recipient of conservation practices and to designate the First Selectman, as the agent of Board of Selectmen to authorize exemptions.

Adopted by BOS 11-07-16