

Introduced by: _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE WATER WASTE PROHIBITIONS AND WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE PLANS, TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13.10 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE

The People of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 13, Chapter 13.10, Section 13.10.020 of the Pasadena Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a sentence at the end of the section to read as follows:

Any terms contained within this chapter that are not defined in this section 13.10.20, shall have the meanings set forth in section 10608.12 of the California Water Code, as may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 2. Title 13, Chapter 13.10, Section 13.10.032 of the Pasadena Municipal Code is hereby amended to add new subsections Q and R to read as follows:

Q. The use of potable water for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf located on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties (other than cemeteries) and on properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities is prohibited as of the following dates:

1. All properties owned by the Department of General Services, beginning January 1, 2027.
2. All properties owned by local governments, local or regional public agencies, and public water systems, except those specified in paragraph (5), beginning January 1, 2027.
3. All other institutional properties and all commercial and industrial properties, beginning January 1, 2028.
4. All common areas of properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities, beginning January 1, 2029.
5. All properties owned by local governments, local public agencies, and public water systems in a disadvantaged community beginning

January 1, 2031, or the date upon which a state funding source is made available to fund conversion of nonfunctional turf on these properties to climate-appropriate landscapes, whichever is later.

R. Notwithstanding item Q, the use of potable water is not prohibited by this section to the extent necessary to ensure the health of trees and other perennial nonturf plantings, or to the extent necessary to address an immediate health and safety need.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published in full text.

SECTION 4. Severability.

If any subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this section, and each and every subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof not declared invalid or unconstitutional, without regard to whether any portion of the ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

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SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its publication.

Signed and approved this ____ day of October, 2026.

Victor M. Gordo
Mayor of the City of Pasadena

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Pasadena at its meeting held this ____ day of October, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Date Published:

Mark Jomsky, CMC
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Lisa Hosey
Assistant City Attorney