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House Bill (HB) 1600 and Senate Bill (SB) 567 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, transferred the functions relating to the economic regulation of water and sewer utilities from the TCEQ to the PUC effective September 1, 2014.

## WATER UTILITY TARIFF FOR

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Farmers Transport Inc. dba Enchanted Harbor Utility (Utility Name)

El Campo, TX 77437 (City, State, Zip Code)

979-543-0085 (Area Code/Telephone)

This tariff is effective for utility operations under the following Certificate of Convenience and Necessity:

<u>12683</u>

This tariff is effective in the following county:

Calhoun

This tariff is effective in the following cities or unincorporated towns (if any):

<u>N/A</u>

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions or systems:

Enchanted Harbor, Koop Subdivision: PWS # 0290050

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# SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

# Section 1.01 - Rates

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Meter Size	Monthly Minimum Charg	<u>e</u>	Gallonage Charge
5/8" or 3/4"	\$ <u>36.50</u> (Includes <u>2000</u> gallons)	,	$\frac{1.50}{1.50}$ per 1000 gallons same for all meter sizes
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### SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

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	RECONNECTION FEE				
	THE RECONNECT FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE SERVICE CAN BE RESTORED TO A CUSTOMER WHO HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS (OR OTHER REASONS LISTED UNDER SECTION 2.0 OF THIS TARIFF):				
	a) Non payment of bill (Maximum \$25.00) \$ <u>25.00</u>				
	<ul> <li>b) Customer's request that service be disconnected</li></ul>				
TRANSFER FEE					
	TRANSFER FEE       \$10.00         THE TRANSFER FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CHANGING AN ACCOUNT NAME AT THE SAME SERVICE         LOCATION WHEN THE SERVICE IS NOT DISCONNECTED				
	LATE CHARGE (EITHER \$5.00 OR 10% OF THE BILL) \$5.00				
TNRCC RULES ALLOW A ONE-TIME PENALTY TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT BILLS. A LATE CHARGE MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO ANY BALANCE TO WHICH THE PENALTY WAS APPLIED IN A PREVIOUS BILLING.					
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RETURNED CHECK CHARGE					
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50) \$50.00					
COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT 1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL					
GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE N/A					
	WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY TNRCC AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS. THE LITH ITY MAY				
	INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING. [30 TAC 291.21(K)(2)]				
LINE EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION CHARGES:					
	REFER TO SECTION 3.0EXTENSION POLICY FOR TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND CHARGES WHEN NEW				
	CONSTRUCTION IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SERVICE				

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# SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

# Section 2.01 - Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Rules

The utility will have the most current Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Rules, Chapter 291, Water Rates, available at its office for reference purposes. The Rules and this tariff shall be available for public inspection and reproduction at a reasonable cost. The latest Rules or Commission approved changes to the Rules supersede any rules or requirements in this tariff.

# Section 2.02 - Application for and Provision of Water Service

All applications for service will be made on the utility's standard application or contract form (attached in the Appendix to this tariff) and will be signed by the applicant before water service is provided by the utility. A separate application or contract will be made for each service location.

After the applicant has met all the requirements, conditions and regulations for service, the utility will install tap, meter and utility cut-off valve and/or take all necessary actions to initiate service. The utility will serve each qualified applicant for service within 5 working days unless line extensions or new facilities are required. If construction is required to fill the order and if it cannot be completed within 30 days, the utility will provide the applicant with a written explanation of the construction required and an expected date of service.

Where service has previously been provided, service will be reconnected within one working day after the applicant has met the requirements for reconnection.

The customer will be responsible for furnishing and laying the necessary customer service pipe from the meter location to the place of consumption. Customers may be required to install a customer owned cut-off valve on the customer's side of the meter or connection.

#### Section 2.03 - Refusal of Service

The utility may decline to serve an applicant until the applicant has complied with the regulations of the regulatory agencies (state and municipal regulations) and for the reasons outlined in the TNRCC Rules. In the event that the utility refuses to serve an applicant, the utility will inform the applicant in writing of the basis of its refusal. The utility is also required to inform the applicant a complaint may be filed with the Commission.

#### Section 2.04 - Customer Deposits

If a residential applicant cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility, the applicant may be required to pay a deposit as provided for in Section 1.02 of this tariff. The utility will keep records of the deposit and credit interest in accordance with TNRCC Rules.

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# SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)

# Section 2.04 - Customer Deposits (cont.)

Residential applicants 65 years of age or older may not be required to pay deposits unless the applicant has an outstanding account balance with the utility or another water or sewer utility which accrued within the last two years.

Nonresidential applicants who cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility may be required to make a deposit that does not exceed an amount equivalent to one-sixth of the estimated annual billings.

Refund of deposit - If service is not connected, or after disconnection of service, the utility will promptly refund the customer's deposit plus accrued interest or the balance, if any, in excess of the unpaid bills for service furnished. The utility may refund the deposit at any time prior to termination of utility service but must refund the deposit plus interest for any customer who has paid 18 consecutive billings without being delinquent.

# Section 2.05 - Meter Requirements, Readings, and Testing

All water sold by the utility will be billed based on meter measurements. The utility will provide, install, own and maintain meters to measure amounts of water consumed by its customers. One meter is required for each residential, commercial or industrial facility in accordance with the TNRCC Rules.

Service meters will be read at monthly intervals and as nearly as possible on the corresponding day of each monthly meter reading period unless otherwise authorized by the Commission.

Meter tests. The utility will, upon the request of a customer, and, if the customer so desires, in his or her presence or in that of his or her authorized representative, make without charge a test of the accuracy of the customer's meter. If the customer asks to observe the test, the test will be made during the utility's normal working hours at a time convenient to the customer. Whenever possible, the test will be made on the customer's premises, but may, at the utility's discretion, be made at the utility's testing facility. If within a period of two years the customer requests a new test, the utility will make the test, but if the meter is found to be within the accuracy standards established by the American Water Works Association, the utility will charge the customer a fee which reflects the cost to test the meter up to a maximum \$25 for a residential customer. Following the completion of any requested test, the utility will promptly advise the customer of the date of removal of the meter, the date of the test, the result of the test, and who made the test.

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# SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)

#### Section 2.06 - Billing

Bills from the utility will be mailed monthly unless otherwise authorized by the Commission. The due date of bills for utility service will be at least sixteen (16) days from the date of issuance. The postmark on the bill or, if there is no postmark on the bill, the recorded date of mailing by the utility will constitute proof of the date of issuance. Payment for utility service is delinquent if full payment, including late fees and the regulatory assessment, is not received at the utility or the utility's authorized payment agency by 5:00 p.m. on the due date. If the due date falls on a holiday or weekend, the due date for payment purposes will be the next work day after the due date.

A late penalty of either \$2.00 or 5.0% will be charged on bills received after the due date. The penalty on delinquent bills will not be applied to any balance to which the penalty was applied in a previous billing. The utility must maintain a record of the date of mailing to charge the late penalty.

Each bill will provide all information required by the TNRCC Rules. For each of the systems it operates, the utility will maintain and note on the monthly bill a telephone number (or numbers) which may be reached by a local call by customers. At the utility's option, a toll-free telephone number or the equivalent may be provided.

In the event of a dispute between a customer and a utility regarding any bill for utility service, the utility will conduct an investigation and report the results to the customer. If the dispute is not resolved, the utility will inform the customer that a complaint may be filed with the Commission.

#### Section 2.07 - Service Disconnection

Utility service may be disconnected if the bill has not been paid in full by the date listed on the termination notice. The termination date must be at least 10 days after the notice is mailed or hand delivered.

The utility is encouraged to offer a deferred payment plan to a customer who cannot pay an outstanding bill in full and is willing to pay the balance in reasonable installments. However, a customer's utility service may be disconnected if a bill has not been paid or a deferred payment agreement entered into within 26 days from the date of issuance of a bill and if proper notice of termination has been given.

Notice of termination must be a separate mailing or hand delivery in accordance with the TNRCC Rules.

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# SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)

### Section 2.07 - Service Disconnection (cont.)

Utility service may also be disconnected without notice for reasons as described in the TNRCC Rules.

Utility personnel must be available to collect payments and to reconnect service on the day of and the day after any disconnection of service unless service was disconnected at the customer's request or due to a hazardous condition.

#### Section 2.08 - Reconnection of Service

Service will be reconnected within 24 hours after the past due bill and any other outstanding charges are paid or correction of the conditions which caused service to be disconnected.

# Section 2.09 - Service Interruptions

The utility will make all reasonable efforts to prevent interruptions of service. If interruptions occur, the utility will re-establish service within the shortest possible time. Except for momentary interruptions due to automatic equipment operations, the utility will keep a complete record of all interruptions, both emergency and scheduled and will notify the Commission in writing of any service interruptions affecting the entire system or any major division of the system lasting more than four hours. The notice will explain the cause of the interruptions.

**Prorated Bills** - If service is interrupted or seriously impaired for 24 consecutive hours or more, the utility will prorate the monthly base bill in proportion to the time service was not available to reflect this loss of service.

#### Section 2.10 - Quality of Service

The utility will plan, furnish, and maintain production, treatment, storage, transmission, and distribution facilities of sufficient size and capacity to provide a continuous and adequate supply of water for all reasonable consumer uses. Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, the utility will maintain facilities as described in the TNRCC Rules or in the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's "Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems."

# Section 2.11 - Customer Complaints and Disputes

If a customer or applicant for service lodges a complaint, the utility will promptly make a suitable investigation and advise the complainant of the results. Service will not be disconnected pending completion

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# SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)

# Section 2.11 - Customer Complaints and Disputes (cont.)

of the investigation. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the utility's response, the utility must advise the complainant that he has recourse through the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission complaint process. Pending resolution of a complaint, the commission may require continuation or restoration of service.

The utility will maintain a record of all complaints which shows the name and address of the complainant, the date and nature of the complaint and the adjustment or disposition thereof, for a period of two years after the final settlement of the complaint.

# SECTION 2.20 - SPECIFIC UTILITY SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

This section contains specific utility service rules in addition to the rules previously listed under Section 2.0. It must be reviewed and approved by the Commission and in compliance with TNRCC Rules to be effective.

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# **SECTION 3.0 - EXTENSION POLICY**

# Section 3.01 - Standard Extension Requirements

LINE EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION CHARGES. No contribution in aid of construction may be required of any customer except as provided for in this approved extension policy.

The customer will be given an itemized statement of the costs, options such as rebates to the customer, sharing of construction costs between the utility and the customer, or sharing of costs between the customer and other applicants prior to beginning construction.

The utility will bear the full cost of any oversizing of water mains necessary to serve other customers in the immediate area. The individual residential customer shall not be charged for any additional production, storage, or treatment facilities. Contributions in aid of construction <u>may not be required</u> of individual residential customers for production, storage, treatment or transmission facilities unless otherwise approved by the Commission under this specific extension policy.

COST UTILITIES SHALL BEAR. Within its certificate area, the utility will pay the cost of the first 200 feet of any water main or distribution line necessary to extend service to an individual residential customer within a platted subdivision. However, if the residential customer requesting service purchased the property after the developer was notified of the need to provide facilities to the utility, the utility may charge for the first 200 feet. The utility must also be able to document that the developer of the subdivision refused to provide facilities compatible with the utility's facilities in accordance with the utility's approved extension policy after receiving a written request from the utility.

Developers may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction in amounts to furnish the system with all facilities necessary to comply with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's "Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems."

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# SECTION 3.20 - SPECIFIC UTILITY EXTENSION POLICY

This section contains the utility's specific extension policy which complies with the requirements already stated under Section 3.01. It must be reviewed and approved by the Commission and in compliance with TNRCC Rules to be effective.

Residential customers not covered under Section 3.01 will be charged the equivalent of the costs of extending service to their property from the nearest transmission or distribution line even if that line does not have adequate capacity to serve the customer. However, if the customer places unique, non-standard service demands upon the system, the customer may be charged the full cost of extending service to and throughout their property, including the cost of all necessary transmission and storage facilities necessary to meet the service demands anticipated to be created by that property.

Developers will be required to provide contributions in aid of construction in amounts sufficient to furnish the development with all facilities necessary to provide for reasonable local demand requirements and to comply with Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission minimum design criteria for facilities used in the production, transmission, pumping, or treatment of water or Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission minimum requirements. For purposes of this subsection, a developer is one who subdivides or requests more than two meters on a piece of property. Commercial, industrial, and wholesale customers will be treated as developers.

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# DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR ENCHANTED HARBOR UTILITY JUNE 2000

# Section I: Declaration of Policy, Purpose, and Intent

In order to conserve the available water supply and protect the integrity of water supply facilities, with particular regard for domestic water use, sanitation, and fire protection, and to protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety and minimize the adverse impacts of water supply shortage or other water supply emergency conditions, Enchanted Harbor Utility hereby adopts the following regulations and restrictions on the delivery and consumption of water.

Water uses regulated or prohibited under this Drought Contingency Plan (the Plan) are considered to be non-essential and continuation of such uses during times of water shortage or other emergency water supply condition are deemed to constitute a waste of water which subjects the offender(s) to penalties as defined in Section X of this Plan.

#### Section II: Public Involvement

Opportunity for the public to provide input into the preparation of the Plan was provided by the Enchanted Harbor Utility by means of this letter and any and all input will greatly be appreciated. Responses may be mailed back with any payments, in a separate letter or emailed to <u>jwood@wcnet.net</u>.

# Section III: Public Education

Enchanted Harbor Utility will periodically provide the public with information about the Plan, including information about the conditions under which each stage of the Plan is to be initiated or terminated and the drought response measures to be implemented in each stage. This information will be provided by means of utility bill inserts.

# Section IV: Coordination with Regional Water Planning Groups

The service area of the Enchanted Harbor Utility is located within the Lower Colorado, Region(K) water area and Enchanted Harbor Utility has provided a copy of this Plan to the Lower Colorado Region (K) area planning group.

#### Section V: Authorization

The general manager or his/her designee is hereby authorized and directed to implement the applicable provisions of this Plan upon determination that such implementation is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare. The general manager, or his/her designee, shall have the authority to initiate or terminate drought or other water supply emergency response measures as described in the termination of the plan.

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#### Section VI: Application

The provisions of this Plan shall apply to all persons, customers, and property utilizing water provided by Enchanted Harbor Utility. The term's "person" and "customer" as used in the Plan include individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, and all other legal entities.

#### Section VII: Definitions

For the purposes of this Plan, the following definitions shall apply:

<u>Aesthetic water use</u>: water use for ornamental or decorative purposes such as fountains, reflecting pools, and water gardens.

<u>Commercial and institutional water use</u>: water use which is integral to the operations of commercial and non-profit establishments and governmental entities such as retail establishments, hotels and motels, restaurants, and office buildings.

<u>Conservation</u>: those practices, techniques, and technologies that reduce the consumption of water, reduce the loss or waste of water, improve the efficiency in the use of water or increase the recycling and reuse of water so that a supply is conserved and made available for future or alternative uses.

Customer: any person, company, or organization using water supplied by Enchanted Harbor Utility

<u>Domestic water use</u>: water use for personal needs or for household or sanitary purposes such as drinking, bathing, heating, cooking, sanitation, or for cleaning a residence, business, industry, or institution.

Even number address: street addresses, box numbers, or rural postal route numbers ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8 and locations without addresses.

<u>Industrial water use</u>: the use of water in processes designed to convert materials of lower value into forms having greater usability and value.

Landscape irrigation use: water used for the irrigation and maintenance of landscaped areas, whether publicly or privately owned, including residential and commercial lawns, gardens, golf courses, parks, and rights-of-way and medians.

<u>Non-essential water use</u>: water uses that are not essential nor required for the protection of public, health, safety, and welfare, including:

- (a) irrigation of landscape areas, including parks, athletic fields, and golf courses, except otherwise provided under this Plan;
- (b) use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle;
- (c) use of water to wash down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
- (d) use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
- (e) flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street;
- (f) use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools or jacuzzi-type pools;
- (g) use of water in a fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes except where necessary to support aquatic life; CCN 12633 SEP 29'00

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- (h) failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s); and
- use of water from hydrants for construction purposes or any other purposes other than fire (i) fighting.

# Section VIII: Criteria for Initiation and Termination of Drought Response Stages

The general manager or his/her designee shall monitor water supply and/or demand conditions on a weekly basis and shall determine when conditions warrant initiation or termination of each stage of the Plan, that is, when the specified "triggers" are reached.

The triggering criteria described below are based on a statistical analysis of the vulnerability of the water source under drought of record conditions which consist of monitoring the well draw down, the stock tank replenish rate, and the annual rail fall amounts.

# Stage 1 Triggers -- MILD Water Shortage Conditions

**Requirements for initiation** 

Customers shall be requested to voluntarily conserve water and adhere to the prescribed restrictions on certain water uses, defined in Section VII -

- 1. Annually, beginning on May 1 through September 30th.
- 2. When the static water level in the Enchanted Harbor Utility well(s) is equal to or less than 5 feet below normal levels.

### Requirements for termination

Stage 1 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 10 consecutive days.

# Stage 2 Triggers -- MODERATE Water Shortage Conditions Requirements for initiation

Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain non-essential water uses provided in Section IX of this Plan when

1. Continually falling treated water reservoir levels which do not refill above 90 percent overnight (e.g., based on an evaluation of minimum treated water storage required to avoid system outage.

### **Requirements** for termination

Stage 2 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 10 consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 2, Stage 1 becomes operative.

# Stage 3 Triggers -- CRITICAL Water Shortage Conditions

Requirements for initiation

Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain non-essential water uses for Stage 3 of this Plan when 1. Continually falling treated water reservoir levels, which do not refill above 50 percent overnight (e.g., based on an evaluation of minimum treated water storage required to avoid system outage.

# Requirements for termination

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Stage 3 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have geased to exist for a period of 10 consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 3, Stage 2 becomes operative.

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# Stage 4 Triggers -- EMERGENCY Water Shortage Conditions Requirements for initiation

Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions for Stage 5 of this Plan when general manager, or his/her designee, determines that a water supply emergency exists based on:

- 1. Major water line breaks, or pump or system failures occur, which cause unprecedented loss of capability to provide water service; or
- 2. Continually falling treated water reservoir levels which do not refill above 20 percent overnight
- 2. Natural or man-made contamination of the water supply source(s).

#### **Requirements for termination**

Stage 4 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 2 consecutive days.

# WATER ALLOCATION

**Requirements for initiation** 

Customers shall be required to comply with the water allocation plan prescribed in Section IX of this Plan and comply with the requirements and restrictions for Stage 5 of this Plan when trigger 4 occurs.

<u>Requirements for termination</u> – Water allocation may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of \_\_\_\_ (e.g., 3) consecutive days.

Section IX: Drought Response Stages

The general manager, or his/her designee, shall monitor water supply and/or demand conditions on a daily basis and, in accordance with the triggering criteria set forth in Section VIII of this Plan, shall determine that a mild, moderate, severe, critical, emergency or water shortage condition exists and shall implement the following notification procedures:

# NOTIFICATION

Notification of the Public:

The general manager or his/ here designee shall notify the public by means of:

1.direct mail to each customer

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# Stage 1 Response -- MILD Water Shortage Conditions

<u>Goal</u>: Practice good water conservation practices. i.e. Double check the outside water faucets and the toilet before leaving the house.

# Supply Management Measures:

We will increase our normal water system monitoring efforts to insure that we have no leaks or that no faucets have been left on accidentally.

## Voluntary Water Use Restrictions:

- (a) Since this is a mostly weekend community it is hoped that customers will postpone the washing of automobiles until they return to their primary residence and to simply practice good water conservation. Not much more needs to be done at this time.
- (b) All operations of the Enchanted Harbor Utility shall adhere to water use restrictions prescribed for Stage 2 of the Plan.

# Stage 2 Response -- MODERATE Water Shortage Conditions

Goal: Achieve a 20 percent reduction in total water use.

#### Supply Management Measures:

We will further increase our water system monitoring efforts to insure that we have no leaks or that no faucets have been left on accidentally, and that customers are adhering to the guidelines.

<u>Water Use Restrictions</u>. Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

- (a) Irrigation of landscaped areas such as flower beds, lawns, and gardens shall be limited to Saturdays for customers living south of the present main water storage tank and on Sundays for those living north of the present main water storage site. Except for full time residences that should refrain from watering on weekends and holidays and should only water during the middle of the week.
- (b) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, or other vehicle is also allowed only on designated watering days. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
- c) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
  - 1. wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
  - 2. use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
  - 3. use of water for dust control;
  - 4. flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
  - 5. failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been signed after having been sin signed after having been signed after having been sig

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# Stage 3 Response -- CRITICAL Water Shortage Conditions

Goal: Achieve a 75 percent reduction in total water use.

Supply Management Measures: Continued vigilance.

- Water Use Restrictions: All requirements of Stage 2 shall remain in effect during Stage 3 except:
  - (a) NO irrigation of landscaped areas including gardens, lawns, flowerbed, etc. shall be allowed.
  - (b) No washing of any vehicles, trailers, houses, etc.
  - (c) The filling, refilling, or adding of water to swimming pools, wading pools, and jacuzzitype pools is prohibited.
  - (d) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
  - (e) No application for new, additional, expanded, or increased-in-size water service connections, meters, service lines, pipeline extensions, mains, or water service facilities of any kind shall be approved, and time limits for approval of such applications are hereby suspended for such time as this drought response stage or a higher-numbered stage shall be in effect.

# Stage 4 Response -- EMERGENCY Water Shortage Conditions

Goal: Provide drinking water only.

<u>Supply Management Measures</u>: Shut off all water flow from well sites. If water is available it will be from a single faucet located at or near the well site.

Water Use Restrictions.

All water shall be used for drinking purposes only, except where an immediate life-threatening situation exists.

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# WATER ALLOCATION

In the event that water shortage conditions threaten public health, safety, and welfare, the utility manager is hereby authorized to allocate water according to the following water allocation plan:

# **Single-Family Residential Customers**

The allocation to residential water customers residing in a single-family dwelling shall be as follows:

Each Household will be allowed 1,000 gallons per month with an additional 500 gallons per month for the  $3^{r4}$ ,  $4^{th}$ , etc. that is a full time resident of that household. i.e. A 5 family household will be allowed 2,500 gallons per month.

"Household" means the residential premises served by the customer's meter.

NOTE: Most people will read the above allocations and can find some sort of problem with the wording, or want the exact definition of "full time resident", or is this "US" gallons or whatever. Please understand that these are the rules that the utility is forced to impose in case of an emergence water situation and to word everything as to leave no doubt would require a document that could possibly be hundreds of pages long.

Residential water customers shall pay the following surcharges:

\$36.50 for the first 1,000 gallons over allocation. \$73.00 for the second 1,000 gallons over allocation. \$250.00 for the third 1,000 gallons over allocation. \$500.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation.

Surcharges shall be cumulative.

Commercial Customers shall be charged the same as above.

#### Section X: Enforcement

- (a) No person shall knowingly or intentionally allow the use of water from the Enchanted Harbor Utility for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, governmental, or any other purpose in a manner contrary to any provision of this Plan, or in an amount in excess of that permitted by the drought response stage in effect at the time pursuant to action taken by utility manager or his/her designee, in accordance with provisions of this Plan.
- (b) Any person, including a person classified as a water customer of the Enchanted Harbor Utility, in apparent control of the property where a violation occurs or originates shall be presumed to be the violator, and proof that the violation occurred on the person's property shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the person in apparent control of the property committed the violation, but any such person shall have the right to show that he/she did not commit the violation. Parents shall be presumed to be responsible for violations of their minor children and proof that a violation, committed by a child, occurred on property within the parents' control shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the parent committed the violation, but any such parent may be excused if he/she proves that be/shellhard previously. Amount directed the child not to use the water as it was used in violation of this Plan and that the parent could not have reasonably known of the violation.

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Any person who violates this Plan is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction shall be punished by fines as to be determined by the courts. Each day that one or more of the provisions in this Plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense. If a person is convicted of three or more distinct violations of this Plan, the utility manager shall, upon due notice to the customer, be authorized to discontinue water service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connection charge, hereby established at \$200, and any other costs incurred by the Enchanted Harbor Utility in discontinuing service. In addition, suitable assurance must be given to the utility manager that the same action shall not be repeated while the Plan is in effect. Compliance with this plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court.

#### Section XI: Variances

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The utility manager, or his/her designee, may, in writing, grant temporary variance for existing water uses otherwise prohibited under this Plan if it is determined that failure to grant such variance would cause an emergency condition adversely affecting the health, sanitation, or fire protection for the public or the person requesting such variance and if one or more of the following conditions are met:

- (a) Compliance with this Plan cannot be technically accomplished during the duration of the water supply shortage or other condition for which the Plan is in effect.
- (b) Alternative methods can be implemented which will achieve the same level of reduction in water use.

Persons requesting an exemption from the provisions of this Ordinance shall file a petition for variance with the Enchanted Harbor Utility within 5 days after the Plan or a particular drought response stage has been invoked. All petitions for variances shall be reviewed by the utility manager, or his/her designee, and shall include the following:

- (a) Name and address of the petitioner(s).
- (b) Purpose of water use.
- (c) Specific provision(s) of the Plan from which the petitioner is requesting relief.
- (d) Detailed statement as to how the specific provision of the Plan adversely affects the petitioner or what damage or harm will occur to the petitioner or others if petitioner complies with this Ordinance.
- (e) Description of the relief requested.
- (f) Period of time for which the variance is sought.

(g) Alternative water use restrictions or other measures the petitioner is taking or proposes to take

- to meet the intent of this Plan and the compliance date.
  - (h) Other pertinent information.

Variances granted by the Enchanted Harbor Utility shall be subject to the following conditions, unless waived or modified by the utility manager or his/her designee:

- (a) Variances granted shall include a timetable for compliance.
- (b) Variances granted shall expire when the Plan is no longer in effect, unless the petitioner has failed to meet specified requirements.

No variance shall be retroactive or otherwise justify any violation of this Plan occurring prior to the issuance of the variance.

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