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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

BYLAW NO. 2065

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND USE OF THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

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The Municipal Council for the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks, in open meeting lawfully assembled, **ENACTS** as follows:

Citation

1. This bylaw may be cited as the “**Water Regulation Bylaw No. 2065**”

Definitions

2. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - 2.1. “**Bylaw Enforcement Officer**” means the persons duly appointed by Council as such, and shall include any *peace officer*;
 - 2.2. “**City**” means the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks;
 - 2.3. “**Council**” means the Municipal Council of the Corporation of City of Grand Forks;
 - 2.4. “**Curb Stop**” means the valve on a Service pipe located at or near an *Owner’s* Parcel Boundary;
 - 2.5. “**Fees and Charges Bylaw**” means the *Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1958, 2014*, as amended from time-to-time;
 - 2.6. “**Staff**” means the Chief Administrative Officer of the *City* or designate;
 - 2.7. “**Meter Pit**” means a chamber installed below or above the ground over a residential or irrigation *Water Service* for the purpose of installing a *Water Meter*;
 - 2.8. “**Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw**” means the *City of Grand Forks Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 2073*, as amended or replaced from time-to-time;
 - 2.9. “**Owner**” has the same meaning as specified in the *Community Charter* as may be amended from time-to-time;

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- 2.10. **“Water Service”** means and includes the supply of water to any *Owner* or any lot and all the pipes, valves, fittings, meters, connections and other components necessary for the purpose of such supply;
- 2.11. **“Water Meter”** means an apparatus or device used for measuring the volume of water passing through it and includes any accessories such as a remote reader device and the connecting cable;
- 2.12. **“Water System”** means the entire water system of the *City*, including without limitation, the distribution system and the intake, reservoirs and any water treatment facilities.
- 2.13. **“Restriction Stage”** means restrictions on water use as specified in Schedule A of this bylaw.

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General Provisions

3. To the extent that the *City* has not already established the service of water supply, the *City* hereby establishes the Service of supplying water from the *Water System* to properties by operating, constructing, maintaining, regulating, prohibiting, and imposing requirements on the *Water System*.
4. The *City* does not guarantee the supply, quality or pressure of water, but must make reasonable efforts to supply high quality water in sufficient quantities.
5. The *City* is not responsible for the failure to provide the supply, quality, or pressure of water.
6. The *City* is not liable for damages caused by failure of the *Water System*.
7. The *City* reserves the right at any time, without notice, to change the operating pressure, or to change the direction of flow.
8. The *City* is not responsible for frozen water lines or the cost of thawing or repairing frozen water lines on private property.
9. A person shall not cause the *Water System* to fail an Interior Health Authority or any other permit requirement.
10. A person may be supplied water from the *Water System* provided they meet the conditions of this bylaw.

Regulating Water Services

Management

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11. *Staff* manages the water system.

Applications and Permits

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12. A person must not connect a *Water Service* to the *City's Water System*, or turn on, shutoff, or disconnect a *Water Service* connected to the *City's Water System* without authorization from *Staff*.

13. A person must apply for a provision of this bylaw using the *City's* form and process as amended from time to time.

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14. *Staff* must process an application in a timely manner.

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15. *Staff* must not process an application until an applicant pays the applicable fees and charges.

Standards

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16. *Staff* must approve parts and materials used in *Water Services*, and a *Water Service* connected to the *City's Water System* must conform to the Master Municipal Construction Documents as amended from time to time.

17. A person must construct or disconnect a *Water Service* in compliance with the *City's* standards.

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18. *Staff* must approve a person or a company constructing or disconnecting a *Water Service*.

Water meter

19. A person must install a *Water Meter* on a *Water Service*.

20. The *City* owns a *Water Meter* installed on a *Water Service*.

21. A person must maintain a *Water Meter* on their property in good repair.

22. A person must repair or replace a *Water Meter* at their sole cost if it is damaged beyond regular wear and tear.

23. The *City* may repair or replace a *Water Meter* at its cost if it is damaged by regular wear and tear.

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24. If an *Owner* does not have a functional *Water Meter* on their *Water Service*, the *City* may, upon giving thirty days' notice to the *Owner*, install a *Meter Pit* and *Water Meter* at the property line at the sole cost of the *Owner*.

Maintenance

25. A person must maintain the portion of a *Water Service* on their property in good repair.
26. A person must immediately advise the *City* of any defect in their *Water Service*.

Watering restrictions

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27. Issuing of Restriction Stages:

- 27.1 The *Restriction Stage* "Normal", as defined in "Schedule A – Water Use Restriction Stages" is active year-round except when a higher *Restriction Stage* has been declared in accordance with this bylaw.
- 27.2 *Staff* is authorized to issue *Restriction Stage* notices. *Restriction Stage* notices are in effect until another *Restrictions Stage* notice is issued.
- 27.3 Factors *Staff* may consider when issuing *Restriction Stages* include, but are not limited to, weather, overall water consumption, environment factors (i.e., drought conditions, river levels, and wildfire risks), emergency requirements, infrastructure conditions (i.e.: equipment breakdown, reduction of capacity), reservoir levels, and pumping station and well capacity. At a minimum, *Staff* will follow Provincial drought guidelines when reducing water consumption.
- 27.4 When changes to the *Water Use Restriction Stage* can be anticipated or planned for, notice of up to 7 days will be provided. *Staff* may provide such notice using the local newspaper, the local radio, the *City's* website, or any other means deemed practicable by *Staff*.
- 27.5 Should urgent or emergency needs demand a quicker change to the *Water Use Restriction Stage*, *Staff* will provide as much advance notice as is reasonably practicable.

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28. Water use restriction will automatically revert to *Restriction Stage* "Normal" after October 15th of any year unless restrictions are required to remain in effect.

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29. A person will follow the water use restrictions and prohibitions as defined in Schedule A – Water Use Restriction Stages.

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30. Although *Staff* will be reducing the overall municipal watering consumption as defined in Schedule A under Public Institutional Water Use Restrictions, *Staff* shall prioritize and protect city assets including, but not limited to, City Park, boulevards, trees, and planters that provide other community and economic benefits over other grassy spaces.

Fees and charges

31. The *City* may charge the applicable fees in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*.
32. A person must pay the applicable fees and charges in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*.
33. The *City* may charge a fee to any property adjacent to the *Water System* that can be serviced regardless of the existence of a *Water Service*.
34. A person is responsible for all costs associated with extending the *City's Water System* to service their property including, but not limited to, the cost of installing a *Water Service*, and any upgrades to or extensions of other parts of the *Water System*.
35. A person is responsible for all costs associated with disconnecting a *Water Service*.

Offences and penalties

36. A person who contravenes this bylaw is subject to a fine as specified in the *City's Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw*.
37. Each day that a contravention of this bylaw continues constitutes a separate offence.
38. The *City* may fulfill a requirement of this bylaw at the expense of a person failing to take the required action and recover the costs incurred as a debt.
39. A person must not:
- 39.1. allow a water leak on their property to continue more than forty-eight hours;
 - 39.2. connect, cause to be connected, or allow to remain connected to any other source of water a building on a property where the building is already connected to the *Water System*;
 - 39.3. connect, cause to be connected, or allow to remain connected to the *Water System* any pipe, fixture, fitting, container, appliance or apparatus, which could cause or allow a part of the *Water System* to become contaminated or otherwise harmed;

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- 39.4. sell, dispose of or otherwise give away water from the *City Water System* unless a written request is approved by *Staff*;
- 39.5. cause, permit or allow any device or apparatus of any kind to be or remain connected to the *Water System* or allow it to be operated in such a manner as to cause sudden large demands for water or otherwise affect the stability of water pressure in the *Water System* and, for the purposes of this section, such prohibited devices and apparatuses include:
 - 39.5.1. booster pumps;
 - 39.5.2. quick opening valves or quick closing valves;
 - 39.5.3. flush meters;
 - 39.5.4. rod hopper water closets;
 - 39.5.5. water-operated pumps or siphons;
 - 39.5.6. standpipes;
 - 39.5.7. large outlets;
- 39.6. destroy, injure, obstruct access to, or tamper with any hydrant, valve, curb stop, pipe, pump, or other fixture of the *Water System*;
- 39.7. make any additions, alterations, or other changes to the *Water System* or the *Water Service*;
- 39.8. use water from the *Water System* unless that usage is recorded by a properly functioning *Water Meter* that is installed and maintained in accordance with this bylaw;
- 39.9. install any piping or other works designed to allow water from the *Water System* to be used without that usage being recorded by a *Water Meter*.

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- 40.** A person may apply to *Staff* in writing for permission to connect a prohibited device or apparatus to the *Water System*.

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- 41.** Upon receiving permission from *Staff*, a person may connect a prohibited device or apparatus to the *Water System*, subject to any terms and conditions imposed by *Staff*, and in such a way that it does not harm the *Water System*.

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Temporary shutoff

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42. *Staff* may temporarily shut off a *Water Service* for any reasonable cause including:

- 42.1. maintaining, repairing, replacing, disinfecting, or otherwise operating the water system;
- 42.2. stopping a continuous leak on private or public property;
- 42.3. an emergency;
- 42.4. shortage of water supply.

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43. A person may request from *Staff* a temporary shutoff of their *Water Service* for up to thirty days.

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44. A person may not shut off their *Water Service* using the *Curb Stop* without approval from *Staff*.

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45. *Staff* may consider a temporary shutoff of a *Water Service* a disconnection if a part of the *Water Service* is changed or if the *Water Service* is shut off for more than thirty days.

46. The *City* must give notice of not less than two days for any non-emergency or scheduled shut off of the water system.

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47. *Staff* may shut off the water system with no notice in the case of emergencies.

Disconnection of service

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48. *Staff* may disconnect a service if:

- 48.1. it jeopardizes the water system's quality or performance because of its construction;
- 48.2. a property *Owner* requests a disconnection;
- 48.3. a person contravenes a provision of this bylaw.

49. Where water supply is to be disconnected, the *City* will give thirty (30) days notice to the *Owner* by posting notice on the property, or by mailing notice to the address supplied by the *Owner* or the address of the property.

50. A person may make representations to *Council* when a *Water Service* is to be disconnected for reason of non-compliance with any provision of this bylaw.

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51. Once a *Water Service* has been disconnected, the *Staff* must consider a reconnection the same as an application for a new *Water Service* connection.

Inspection

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52. *Staff* or a *Bylaw Enforcement Officer* may enter on any property at any reasonable time for the purpose of inspecting and ascertaining whether a person is observing the regulations and requirements of this bylaw.

53. Except in the case of an emergency, the *City* must take reasonable steps to advise the *Owner* of their intent to enter a property.

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54. A person must not obstruct or interfere with the *Staff* or a *Bylaw Enforcement Officer* in the performance of their duties or the exercise of their powers.

Schedules

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55. "Schedule A – Water Use Restriction Stages" is attached to this bylaw and will form part of the Water Regulations Bylaw No.2065 once adopted.

General

56. Any enactment referred to herein is a reference to an enactment of British Columbia and regulations thereto, as amended, revised, consolidated or replaced from time to time.

57. If any portion of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed without affecting the remainder of the bylaw.

Repeal

58. The "City of Grand Forks Water Regulation Repeal Bylaw, No. 1973-R" shall repeal:

- 58.1. "Water Regulation Bylaw No. 1973",
- 58.2. "Water Regulation Bylaw No. 1973-A1", and
- 58.3. "Water Regulation Bylaw No. 2014".

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Read a first, second, and third time by the Municipal Council this _____.

Adopted this _____.

Mayor – Everett Baker

Corporate Officer – Daniel Drexler

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 2065, cited as the “Water Regulation Bylaw No. 2065”, as passed by the Municipal Council on the ___ day of ___, 2020.

Corporate Officer of the Municipal Council of the
City of Grand Forks

Schedule A - Water Use Restriction Stages

		Normal	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3
Residential Water Use Restrictions*		DESCRIPTION: This stage is always in effect in Grand Forks as a bare minimum throughout the year except when higher restrictions are declared by Staff as defined in the Bylaw.	DESCRIPTION: Represents low water supply conditions for local area or likelihood of prolonged, moderate, drought conditions are anticipated. Water use restrictions are necessary to sufficiently reduce water demand to allow for sustainable supply and to meet environmental requirements. (eg. Provincial drought level 3 - based on 2021 guidelines or as amended or replaced)	DESCRIPTION: Represents very low water supply conditions or likelihood of severe drought conditions for local area. Water use restrictions are necessary to maintain supplies during a period of critical water shortage. (eg. Provincial drought levels 4 or higher - based on 2021 guidelines or as amended or replaced)	DESCRIPTION: Strict water use restrictions are necessary to maintain critical supply. No spare water is available. Represents an emergency loss of supply during which water is spared for consumptive and sanitary purposes only. Fire protection may be compromised. (eg. Provincial drought level 5 reductions are mandatory and enforced)
Goal:		Regular Total and Peak Use. No additional Reduction.	30% Reduction in Total and Peak Use or as prescribed by Provincial orders.	50% Reduction in Total and Peak Use or as prescribed by Provincial orders.	Maintain Health of Community
ACTIVITY*		RESTRICTION DETAILS	RESTRICTION DETAILS	RESTRICTION DETAILS	RESTRICTION DETAILS
A	Lawn Watering - Manual Sprinklers Odd Address Schedule Even Address Schedule	Watering allowed between 6am – 9am and 7pm – 10pm up to 3 days per week. Wednesday, Friday, Sunday Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	Watering allowed between 6am – 9am and 7pm – 10pm up to 2 days per week. Wednesday & Sunday Tuesday & Saturday	Watering allowed between 6am – 9am and 7pm – 10pm one (1) day per week. Sunday Saturday	Use of water for this purpose prohibited.
B	Lawn Watering – Automatic Timer Sprinkler Systems Odd Address Schedule Even Address Schedule	Watering allowed between 12am - 4am up to 3 days per week. Wednesday, Friday, Sunday Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	Watering allowed between 12am - 4am up to 2 days per week. Wednesday & Sunday Tuesday & Saturday	Watering allowed between 12am – 4am one (1) day per week. Sunday Saturday	Use of water for this purpose prohibited.
C	Sprinkler or non-drip irrigation watering of Food Gardens, Aesthetic Gardens, Trees, Shrubs	Allowed - Follow schedules as in Lines A or B above.	Allowed - Follow schedules as in "Normal" column, lines A or B above.	Allowed - Follow schedules as in "Stage 1" column, lines A or B above.	Use of water for this purpose prohibited.
E	Handheld (spring-loaded nozzle on hose or watering can) or Drip irrigation watering of Food Gardens, Aesthetic Gardens, Trees, Shrubs	Allowed - Anytime.	Allowed - Anytime.	Allowed - Follow schedule as in "Normal" column, lines A or B	Allowed - Follow schedule as in "Stage 1" column, lines A or B.
D	New (non-established) Lawns Sprinkling	Recommended that seeding start no later than April 30 or after Sept. 30. After installation the new lawn may be watered every day for 2 weeks for Sod or 6 weeks for Seeded Lawns at the same times as indicated in Line A or B. Resume watering schedules as in Lines A or B above thereafter	Seeding must start before April 30 or after Sept. 30. Under "Stage 1", water use for this purpose is only permitted at the same schedule as in line A or B	Seeding must start before April 30 or after Sept. 30. Use of water for this purpose prohibited.	Seeding must start before April 30 or after Sept. 30. Use of water for this purpose prohibited.
F	Garden Ponds, Aesthetic Fountains, and Water Features	Filling and refilling is permitted on days and times specified in Line A above.	Filling and refilling is permitted on days and times specified in Line A above.	Use of water for this purpose prohibited.	Use of water for this purpose prohibited.
G	Pools	Permitted: Filling, refilling, and topping up as in Line A above	Permitted: Topping up only twice per week as in Line A Prohibited: Filling and refilling.	Permitted: Topping up allowed once per week as in Line A Prohibited: Filling and refilling.	Use of water for this purpose prohibited.
H	Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces (driveways, sidewalks, decks, artificial turf, patios)	Use a broom, device or hose with a spring-loaded nozzle, or mop and bucket.	Permitted: Washing with spring-loaded nozzle for health and safety purposes or to prepare a surface for painting or similar construction purpose treatment. Prohibited: Washing for aesthetic purposes	Permitted: Washing with spring-loaded nozzle for health and safety reasons or for construction purposes only. Prohibited: All other uses.	All forms of Cleaning of outdoor surfaces where required by law to comply with health and safety regulations, or to comply with an order of a regulatory authority having jurisdiction (i.e., WorksafeBC, public health inspector, etc.).
I	Vehicle (boat/ automobile/ATV/ etc.) Washing	Permitted utilizing a bucket with cloth/sponge or with a spring-loaded nozzle on hose, or visit a commercial car wash.	Permitted utilizing a bucket with cloth/sponge or with a spring-loaded nozzle on hose, or visit a commercial car wash.	No washing or rinsing except for safety purposes (windows, lights, licenses) or visit a commercial car wash.	No washing or rinsing with water except for safety purposes (windows, lights, licence plates) or visit a commercial car wash.

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		Normal Regulations	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3
Commercial Water Use Restrictions**		DESCRIPTION: This stage is always in effect in Grand Forks as a bare minimum throughout the year except when higher restrictions are declared by Staff as defined in the Bylaw.	DESCRIPTION: Represents low water supply conditions for local area or likelihood of prolonged, moderate, drought conditions are anticipated. Water use restrictions are necessary to sufficiently reduce water demand to allow for sustainable supply and to meet environmental requirements. (eg. Provincial drought level 3 - based on 2021 guidelines or as amended or replaced)	DESCRIPTION: Represents very low water supply conditions or likelihood of severe drought conditions for local area. Water use restrictions are necessary to maintain supplies during a period of critical water shortage. (eg. Provincial drought levels 4 or higher - based on 2021 guidelines or as amended or replaced)	DESCRIPTION: Strict water use restrictions are necessary to maintain critical supply. No spare water is available. Represents an emergency loss of supply during which water is spared for consumptive and sanitary purposes only. Fire protection may be compromised. (eg. Provincial drought level 5 reductions are mandatory and enforced)
Goal:		Regular Total and Peak Use. No additional Reduction.	30% Reduction in Total and Peak Use or as prescribed by Provincial orders.	50% Reduction in Total and Peak Use or as prescribed by Provincial orders.	Maintain Health of Community
ACTIVITY*		RESTRICTION DETAILS	RESTRICTION DETAILS	RESTRICTION DETAILS	RESTRICTION DETAILS
CA	Lawn and Plants for sale – Manual Sprinkling Odd Address Schedule Even Address Schedule	Watering allowed between 6am – 9am and 7pm – 10pm up to 3 days per week. Wednesday, Friday, Sunday Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	Watering allowed between 6am – 9am and 7pm – 10pm up to 2 days per week. Wednesday & Sunday Tuesday & Saturday	Watering allowed between 6am – 9am and 7pm – 10pm one (1) day per week. Sunday Saturday	Use of water for this purpose prohibited.
CB	Lawn and Plants for sale – Automatic Timer Sprinkler Systems Odd Address Schedule Even Address Schedule	Watering allowed between 6am – 9am and 7pm – 10pm up to 3 days per week. Wednesday, Friday, Sunday Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	Watering allowed between 6am – 9am and 7pm – 10pm up to 2 days per week. Wednesday & Sunday Tuesday & Saturday	Watering allowed between 6am – 9am and 7pm – 10pm one (1) time per week. Sunday Saturday	Use of water for this purpose prohibited.
CC	Lawn and Plants for sale - Handheld (spring-loaded nozzle on hose or watering can) or Drip Irrigation watering	Anytime	Hand watering of potted plants can be done any day between 6am-10am & 5pm-10pm. In-ground plant watering is allowed up to 3 days per week as per "Normal Regulations" Manual Sprinkling restrictions (Line CA).	Hand watering of potted plants can be done any day between 6am-10am & 5pm-10pm. In-ground plant watering is allowed up to 2 days per week as per "Stage 1" Manual Sprinkling restrictions (Line CA).	Hand watering of potted plants can be done three days per week between 6am-10am & 5pm-10pm. In-ground plant watering is allowed up to 1 day per week as per "Stage 2" Manual Sprinkling restrictions (Line CA).
CD	New (non-established) Lawns Sprinkling	Recommended that seeding start no later than April 30 or after Sept. 30. After installation the new lawn may be watered every day for 2 weeks for Sod or 6 weeks for Seeded Lawns at the same times as indicated in Line A or B. Resume watering schedules as in Lines A or B above thereafter	Seeding must start before April 30 or after Sept. 30. Under "Stage 1", water use for this purpose is only permitted at the same schedule as in line A or B	Seeding must start before April 30 or after Sept. 30. Use of water for this purpose prohibited.	Seeding must start before April 30 or after Sept. 30 Use of water for this purpose prohibited.
CE	Aesthetic Gardens	Follow Schedules as in Lines CA-CC above depending on watering method.	Follow Schedules as in Lines CA-CC above depending on watering method.	Follow Schedules as in Lines CA-CC above depending on watering method.	Use of water for this purpose prohibited.
CF	Garden Ponds, Aesthetic Fountains, and Water Features	Permitted: Filling and refilling is permitted on days as prescribed in Line CA above.	Permitted: Filling and refilling is permitted on days as prescribed in Line CA above.	Use of water for this purpose prohibited.	Use of water for this purpose prohibited.
CG	Pools	Permitted: Filling, refilling, and topping up as in Line CA above	Permitted: Topping up only twice per week as in Line CA Prohibited: Filling and refilling.	Permitted: Topping up allowed once per week as in Line CA Prohibited: Filling and refilling.	Use of water for this purpose prohibited.
CH	Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces (driveways, sidewalks, decks, artificial turf, patios)	Permitted: Washing with a broom, device or hose with a spring-loaded nozzle, or mop and bucket.	Permitted: Washing with spring-loaded nozzle for health and safety purposes or for construction purpose. Prohibited: Washing for aesthetic purposes	Permitted: Washing with spring-loaded nozzle for health and safety reasons or for construction purposes only. Prohibited: All other uses.	All forms of Cleaning of outdoor surfaces where required by law to comply with health and safety regulations, or to comply with an order of a regulatory authority having jurisdiction (i.e., WorksafeBC, public health inspector, etc.).
CI	Vehicle (boat/ automobile/ATV/ etc.) Washing	Permitted: Wand wash or washing with a spring-loaded nozzle. Commercial car washes may operate.	Permitted: Wand wash or washing with spring-loaded nozzle. Commercial car washes may continue to operate with posted signage encouraging conservation.	Permitted: Wand wash or washing with a spring-loaded nozzle is permitted for health and safety purposes only. Commercial car washes may continue to operate with posted signage encouraging conservation.	No washing or rinsing of vehicles and pleasure crafts, except spot cleaning with sponge and bucket for health and safety reasons (windows, lights, licence plates). Commercial car washes may continue to operate with posted signage encouraging conservation.
CJ	Artificial turf and outdoor tracks (i.e. Bicycle, motorcycle, and running tracks)	Permitted: For Health and Safety only - Cleaning, with a spring loaded nozzle on a hose. Prohibited: All other uses.	Permitted: For Health and Safety only - Cleaning, with a spring loaded nozzle on a hose. Prohibited: All other uses.	Permitted: For Health and Safety only - Cleaning, with a spring loaded nozzle on a hose. Prohibited: All other uses.	All forms of Cleaning of outdoor surfaces where required by law to comply with health and safety regulations, or to comply with an order of a regulatory authority having jurisdiction (i.e., WorksafeBC, public health inspector, etc.).

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** These restrictions apply to all businesses supplied by the City of Grand Forks. Any activity relating to irrigation, including the watering of plants for sale (nursery stock) or cemeteries, is required to adhere to the restrictions as they apply to the type of irrigation used by the business.

		Normal Regulations	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3
Public Institutional Water Use Restrictions*		DESCRIPTION: This stage is always in effect in Grand Forks as a bare minimum throughout the year except when higher restrictions are declared by Staff as defined in the Bylaw.	DESCRIPTION: Represents low water supply conditions for local area or likelihood of prolonged, moderate, drought conditions are anticipated. Water use restrictions are necessary to sufficiently reduce water demand to allow for sustainable supply and to meet environmental requirements. (eg. Provincial drought level 3 - based on 2021 guidelines or as amended or replaced)	DESCRIPTION: Represents very low water supply conditions or likelihood of severe drought conditions for local area. Water use restrictions are necessary to maintain supplies during a period of critical water shortage. (eg. Provincial drought levels 4 or higher - based on 2021 guidelines or as amended or replaced)	DESCRIPTION: Strict water use restrictions are necessary to maintain critical supply. No spare water is available. Represents an emergency loss of supply during which water is spared for consumptive and sanitary purposes only. Fire protection may be compromised. (eg. Provincial drought level 5 reductions are mandatory and enforced)
Goal:		Regular Total and Peak Use. No additional Reduction.	30% Reduction in Total and Peak Use or as prescribed by Provincial orders.	50% Reduction in Total and Peak Use or as prescribed by Provincial orders.	Maintain Health of Community
ACTIVITY*		RESTRICTION DETAILS	RESTRICTION DETAILS	RESTRICTION DETAILS	RESTRICTION DETAILS
PA	Municipal parks, sport fields, grassed boulevards, planters, flower beds, Cemeteries, school yards.	Follow standard practices	30% overall volume reduction consistent with an approved drought response plan. Where feasible, adjust sprinkling to days when the general public is not watering to avoid overlap. Watering of Municipal Assets may be prioritized in order to preserve boulevards, planters, and City Park over other grassy spaces.	50% overall volume reduction consistent with an approved drought response plan. Where feasible, adjust sprinkling to days when the general public is not watering to avoid overlap. Watering of Municipal Assets may be prioritized in order to preserve boulevards, planters, and City Park over other grassy spaces.	90% overall volume reduction. Protection of City assets such as trees, boulevards, planters only. Spray/Water parks are not allowed to operate.
PB	Maintenance, ground under repair and testing	Follow standard practices	Avoid irrigation between 9am – 7pm. Reduce maintenance to priority space	Avoid irrigation between 9am – 7pm. Reduce maintenance to priority space	No ground repair or testing.
PC	Municipal Water Main Flushing and Hydrant Maintenance	Follow standard practices	Only for unscheduled safety or public health reasons. No routine flushing.	Only for unscheduled safety or public health reasons. No routine flushing.	Only for unscheduled safety or public health reason. No routine flushing.
PD	Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces (driveways, sidewalks, etc)	Follow standard practices	Permitted: Washing for health and safety purposes or to prepare a surface for painting or similar treatment. Prohibited: Washing for aesthetic purposes	Permitted: Washing for health and safety reasons only. Prohibited: All other uses.	All forms of Cleaning of outdoor surfaces where required by law to comply with health and safety regulations, or to comply with an order of a regulatory authority having jurisdiction (i.e., WorksafeBC, public health inspector, etc.).
PE	Vehicle (boat/ automobile/ATV/ etc.) Washing	Follow standard practices	Permitted utilizing a bucket with cloth/sponge or with a spring-loaded nozzle on hose, or visit a commercial car wash.	No washing or rinsing except for safety purposes (windows, lights, licenses).	No washing or rinsing with water except for safety purposes (windows, lights, licence plates).
PF	Emergency Services	Follow standard practices	Follow standard practices	Water use for training and non-essential tasks must be limited.	Water use for training and non-essential tasks is prohibited. All water resources must be used for emergency response only.

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		Normal Regulations	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3
Agricultural Water Use Restrictions		DESCRIPTION: This stage is always in effect in Grand Forks as a bare minimum throughout the year except when higher restrictions are declared by Staff as defined in the Bylaw.	DESCRIPTION: Represents low water supply conditions for local area or likelihood of prolonged, moderate, drought conditions are anticipated. Water use restrictions are necessary to sufficiently reduce water demand to allow for sustainable supply and to meet environmental requirements. (eg. Provincial drought level 3 - based on 2021 guidelines or as amended or replaced)	DESCRIPTION: Represents very low water supply conditions or likelihood of severe drought conditions for local area. Water use restrictions are necessary to maintain supplies during a period of critical water shortage. (eg. Provincial drought levels 4 or higher - based on 2021 guidelines or as amended or replaced)	DESCRIPTION: Strict water use restrictions are necessary to maintain critical supply. No spare water is available. Represents an emergency loss of supply during which water is spared for consumptive and sanitary purposes only. Fire protection may be compromised. (eg. Provincial drought level 5 reductions are mandatory and enforced)
Goal:		Regular Total and Peak Use. No additional Reduction.	20% Reduction in Total and Peak Use or as prescribed by Provincial orders.	35% Reduction in Total and Peak Use or as prescribed by Provincial orders.	Maintain Health of Community
ACTIVITY*		RESTRICTION DETAILS	RESTRICTION DETAILS	RESTRICTION DETAILS	RESTRICTION DETAILS
AA	Crop Irrigation	No restrictions.	A 20% reduction in total water use.	A 35% reduction in total water use.	Mandatory water restrictions. Outdoor water use prohibited except water for livestock and minimal maintenance of perennial fruit trees.

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