

TITLE 10 Payson City Water Ordinance

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5. To establish reasonable standards of design and an orderly water system layout.
6. To insure that water facilities are available with sufficient capacity to serve proposed development.
7. To prevent pollution of streams and ponds, assure the adequacy of drainage facilities, protect subsurface water, encourage the wise use and management of natural resources throughout the municipality, and preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the community and value of the land.

10.1 Title and Penalty

This Title may be known, cited and referred to as the Payson City Water Ordinance. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Title shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with Utah State law.

Notwithstanding any provision or agreement to the contrary, the City may terminate drinking water or pressurized irrigation services without notice where, in the City's judgment, a clear emergency or serious health or safety hazard exists, for so long as such conditions exist, or where there is unauthorized use of or connection to the City drinking water or pressurized irrigation system.

No drinking water or pressurized irrigation service connection to any premises shall be installed or maintained by the City unless the water supply is protected as required by City, County, State and Federal laws, regulations, codes, and this Title. Water service found to be in violation of this Title shall be discontinued after written notification and due process of the violation.

10.2 Purpose for Title

This Title is adopted for the following purposes:

1. To protect and provide for the public health, safety, and general welfare.
2. To provide adequate water service for present residents and future growth and development in Payson City in accordance with the General Plan.
3. To protect water supply in case of fire, flood, landslides and other geologic and natural hazards.
4. To provide adequate and efficient water facilities for current and future residents of the City.

10.3 Water Superintendent

The Payson City water systems shall be under the supervision of the Water Superintendent. It shall be the duty of the Water Superintendent to supervise, manage, operate, and maintain the water systems in accordance with the provisions of the Payson City Code and any other rules and regulations adopted by the City Council. The Water Superintendent shall authorize all connections to any water system and keep suitable maps and records of all connections, repairs, and extensions made to the systems.

The Water Superintendent shall supervise the maintenance of all water systems and all extensions or repairs thereof, and ensure that appropriate inspections are completed for all connections. The Water Superintendent may employ, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council, such help as shall be necessary to carry out the duties prescribed by City ordinances, rules and regulations adopted by the City Council.

10.4 Rate Schedules and Connection Fees

The City Council shall adopt and establish rate schedules, connection fees, and rules and regulations governing the water systems. The City Council is constituted as a Board of Equalization of water system rates to hear complaints and make corrections of any assessments deemed to be illegal, unequal, or unjust.

10.5 Water Restrictions

The Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered during times of emergency in the City to issue on behalf of the City, and at the direction of the City Council, an order restricting the use of water. The order shall be given by proclamation and signed by the Mayor. Notice may be given in such manner as the Mayor may determine.

10.6 Conveyance of Water Rights, Requirements for Development

The following requirements pertain to new development within Payson City. These requirements are intended to be in harmony with the requirements of Title 19, Zoning Ordinance and Title 20, Subdivision Ordinance. An applicant for development approval shall satisfy the following requirements:

1. It is the intent of Payson City to assure each future lot owner reasonable access to adequate water to make that lot productive; and, to initiate a program to provide funding and adequate water resources for a more efficient water distribution system.
2. All developers of subdivisions, or land owners requesting a building permit, within the boundaries of Payson City shall provide adequate water to be distributed through Payson City’s drinking water and pressurized irrigation systems with appropriate easements along a suitable grade by which to convey the water to each lot. Adequate water shall be assessed as follows, except as noted:

Zone	Acre Feet of Culinary Water Per Acre	Acre Feet of Irrigation Water Per Acre
A-5, Agriculture	.5	2.0
R-1-A, Residential Agriculture	.5	2.0
R-1-12, Residential	1.45	1.32
R-1-10, Residential	1.7	1.27
R-1-9, Residential	1.94	1.23
R-1-75, Residential	2.33	1.15
R-2-75, Residential	2.33	1.15
PO-1, CC-1, GC-1, I-1, I-2, S-1, R&D, All R-M-O Overlay Zones, Planned Residential Developments, R-MF	Site Specific - .5 per Residential Equivalent	Site Specific - 2 per irrigable acre

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A combination of water shares may be used to meet this requirement. The following is a list of shares of irrigation company stock acceptable to Payson City:

1. Peteetneet Creek (Payson Canyon) water – All Peteetneet Creek water is owned by Payson City. At the time of development approval, all Peteetneet Creek water attached to any land proposed to be subdivided or developed shall revert to the ownership of Payson City and shall not be used on any other property or to satisfy any other water requirement. (8-7-02)
2. Well or subsurface rights which are capable of being transferred into Payson City’s name. (11-16-05)
3. Any other water right approved by the City Council that is capable of being transferred into the

name of Payson City or adequately assigned to Payson City through warranty deed or other legal decree. (11-16-05)

The City Council may accept compensation given to the City in an amount equal to the market value of the required water shares or other water rights, in lieu of providing water rights as required by this Section in the following instances:

1. It would be an unusual hardship to require the applicant to provide water shares or other water rights.
2. It would be in the best interest of the City to accept compensation rather than requiring transfer of water shares or other water rights. (11-16-05)

The market value of the water shares or other water rights shall be determined by the City Council and shall include the estimated cost to the City of locating and purchasing equivalent water shares or other water rights. The determination of whether to accept compensation in lieu of transfer of water shares or other water rights shall be at the discretion of the City Council and the City Council may require a developer to obtain water shares or other water rights at the developer's expense and transfer those shares or rights to the City. It is the policy of Payson City not to accept any compensation in lieu of providing water rights, if water has been sold or transferred off the land being developed within ten (10) years from the date of development or request for building permit, leaving inadequate water rights with the land necessary to meet adequate water right standards as defined in this Section. All compensation received pursuant to this Title shall be used for water purchase, costs incurred in development of a distribution system, or future drinking water needs.

The developer must provide adequate proof that all efforts to obtain water for development purposes have been exhausted. If it is determined that water for development purposes is unavailable to a developer and unavailable to Payson City, no development approval shall be granted.

As a condition of subdivision approval, all lots shall be connected to the pressurized irrigation system as required by Chapter 10.10 herein. Irrigation easements at a suitable grade may be required, at the time the system is installed. No open ditches shall be allowed unless accepted and required by the City Engineer and approved by the irrigation company and the City Council. Appropriate grates, gates, vents, valves, drains and other control structures may also be required. In accordance with §73-1-15 Utah Code Annotated, 1953,

as amended, the developer shall be responsible for obtaining written approval from all affected irrigation companies for any proposed work before final subdivision approval is granted. The developer shall also meet the specifications for pipe or covering size and requirements established and approved by the City Engineer in accordance with the provisions of state law.

The provisions of this Section apply only to properties located within Payson City limits. Any application for annexation will be required to meet all water requirements of the Payson City Annexation Ordinance. If a subdivision is proposed on land which water rights have been previously transferred to the City as part of the annexation process, a credit shall be given toward satisfying the requirements of this Section.

When a building permit is requested for more units than the lot was designed to accommodate on the original plat or exceeds the number for which water rights were conveyed, the additional water rights shall be conveyed before the permit shall be issued.

The installation of the drinking water and pressurized irrigation systems shall be consistent with the requirements of Title 19, Zoning Ordinance, Title 20, Subdivision Ordinance and the Design Guidelines and Standard Specifications of Payson City. The distribution lines required for new development shall be at least eight (8) inches in size and of a material approved by the City Engineer in the Design Guidelines and Standard Specifications document. (11-16-05)

Any project which proposes a water storage facility to satisfy the requirements of this Title, Title 19, Zoning Ordinance, Title 20, Subdivision Ordinance, the adopted Fire Code, or any other relevant development ordinance of Payson City, the following requirements shall apply:

1. All new storage facilities shall have a capacity of at least 250,000 gallons.
2. If the new storage facility has a capacity of less than 500,000 gallons the facility shall be located below ground.
3. The City may require applicants to explore options that may provide water storage facilities in the most efficient manner including communication with other applicants.
4. All new water storage facility plans and technical specifications must be reviewed and approved by the City. The color and landscaping requirements of the new water storage facility must be approved by the City Council.
10. Individual water pumping stations that provide water on an on demand basis are not allowed.

Water pumping stations which pump to an approved water storage facility are acceptable. (11-16-05)

10.7 Application for New Water Service, Payment

10.7.1 Application for New Service

10.7.2 Payment

10.7.1 Application for New Service

Applicants for new water service from the City shall make written application on forms prepared by Payson City and pay all applicable fees including a utility deposit. An owner having a recent record of six (6) continuous months of timely and complete payments to Payson City for water service, shall not be required to pay a deposit to obtain water service for a residential structure containing four or less dwelling units.

The Payson City Water Department may accept a guarantee, in lieu of the customer deposit required in this Section, subject to the following:

1. The guarantor must agree in writing to pay all obligations incurred by the named purchaser of water service, and for charges to connect, disconnect or reconnect, if the obligations are not paid when due by the purchaser.
2. The guarantor may withdraw the guarantee by giving thirty (30) days written notice thereof and by paying the unpaid obligations of the purchaser though and including the notice period.

Deposits may be applied to the payment of delinquent accounts. Renewal of deposits applied to delinquent accounts may be required as a condition of the continuation of water service.

10.7.2 Payment

Bills for water use shall be rendered monthly or as determined by the City Council. If bills are not paid within sixty (60) days, the City may cause the water to be turned off and before the water is turned on again, all unpaid water bills shall be paid in full together with a reconnection fee in an amount as established by resolution of the City Council.

10.8 Water Service – General Provisions

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10.8.1 Spring Protection Zone

Concentrated sources of pollution including, but not limited to, septic tanks, drain fields, garbage dumps, pit-privies, corrals, etc., shall not be allowed within spring protection zones. Spring protection zones include all land within fifteen hundred (1500) feet of a spring collection area. Sewer lines may be permitted within spring protection zones at the discretion of the City Engineer. Sewer lines shall be no less than three hundred (300) feet from a spring. The provisions of this Section shall be superseded by State or Federal regulations if such impose stricter standards.

10.8.2 Protection of Water Transmission Line

No person shall establish, construct, or maintain any structure including field drains, septic tanks, pit-privies, nearer than three hundred (300) feet to any Payson City water transmission main without first procuring written permission from the City Engineer.

10.8.3 Water Main Line Extensions

It shall be unlawful for any person to make any extension of any pipe or water fixture attached to the waterworks system without first obtaining a permit from the Water Department. Additionally, it shall be unlawful for any person other than duly authorized employees of the department to open or close any water gate valve in connection with the water system.

When an applicant desires or is required to install water connections and extensions for a subdivision or development, the applicant may voluntarily extend the water main line. The applicant for a project which requires the extension of a water main line shall pay the

cost of the extension. No person shall construct a water main line extension without first having plans for the main line extension approved by the City Engineer. All subdivisions shall have a complete water distribution system installed before subdivision improvements are accepted by the City. The design and construction of the water distribution system shall be approved by the City Engineer before the system is installed. The water distribution system shall be installed at the applicant's expense.

If an applicant installs a water main line extension to serve a parcel of property, the main line extension shall originate at the nearest adequate existing water main and extend completely across the parcel of property being developed along all public street frontages. The applicable cost of an extension shall include replacement of all road surface damaged or removed for installation of new extensions in accordance with the Design Guidelines and Standard Specifications of Payson City.

10.8.4 Maintenance of Water Mains and Service Connections

The responsibility of maintenance of water mains and the property being serviced by the new water service line is borne by the applicant until the City accepts, by dedication, the new water line. Service connections therefrom shall be as follows:

1. Once dedicated, all water mains and the service connections therefrom which are located on public property shall be maintained by the City, except that the City will not maintain a service connection at any point between the meter and the facility it serves. Service lines from the meter to the facility shall be kept in good repair and free from leaks by the owner of the property serviced. If a water meter is located in any place other than a location near the property line, the City will only maintain the lines to the curb box or valve located on the property line.
2. Water mains and service lines which are located on private property shall be maintained and repaired by the owner and not by the City, provided, however, that water mains which are on private property, located within a utility easement, and part of the City water distribution system shall be maintained and repaired by the City. Water service to or through main lines or service lines on private property may be discontinued if the owner of the lines fails or refuses to repair the lines when reasonably requested by the City.
3. The city shall maintain all water meters including those on private property. The City shall have the right to enter private property to inspect, repair or replace water meters.

10.8.5 Service Line Connections

Service line connections shall not be made to the City water distribution system or to main water lines on private property without authorization of the Water Superintendent. The party making the connection shall be required to obtain a permit and pay the appropriate fees. Expense of trenching, line, meter set and container shall be borne by the applicant. This will include trenching from new service location or building to the City main. Inspection shall be by the Water Superintendent, or designee, who will give final approval of the installation.

Water service connections including the main line tap, service line, meter box, yoke, ring and lid, must be installed by a qualified and licensed plumber or a pre-qualified utility contractor at the expense of the owner. No tapping or connecting to water mains will be allowed in temperatures below 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

10.8.6 Separate Service Lines Required

Service lines must be arranged to supply each separate unit or premises with a separate meter placed near the street curb. Where water is now supplied through one service to one or more units or premises the City may either refuse to furnish water until separate services are provided, or continue to supply water on the condition one person shall be responsible to pay for all water used through the service.

10.8.7 Abandoned Service Lines

When a water service line is abandoned in favor of a different service line, the old service line shall be disconnected from the main line and the old service tap shall be plugged at the main line. The cost of all work shall be the responsibility of the owner of the property being serviced by the new water service line. Work described in this Section shall be inspected before backfilling.

10.8.8 Water Meters

When a new service line is installed connecting any unit or premises to an unmetered private line which is supplied water from Payson City, or when a service pipe is connected directly to the water system of the City, a water meter must be installed. All water meters shall be installed in easily accessible locations selected by the Water Superintendent.

Water meters shall be furnished and installed by Payson City. Water meters shall not be installed until new main lines have been pressure tested, disinfected, and approved and service lines, including meter boxes and appurtenances, have been inspected and approved. No meters shall be installed until all applicable fees have

been paid including water connection fees and main line extension fees as appropriate. If any meter malfunctions and fails to register, the water shall be charged for the time the meter is out of order at the average daily rate as registered by the meter for the previous meter reading period when the meter was in order.

It shall be unlawful for any person to tamper with, modify, or deface in any manner a water meter or meter box. Modifications or connections to piping inside the meter box are prohibited or at any point on the service line between the meter and the distribution main are prohibited. Any such connections shall be removed at the expense of the owner of the property being served. Additionally, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to deface, mutilate, tear down or in any way destroy any signs or markers erected by the department.

10.8.9 Use of Un-Metered Water

Use of un-metered water through any service line, main line, or fire hydrant is prohibited unless authorized by the City. Use of a "jumper" in place of a meter to convey water through a service line is at all times prohibited.

10.8.10 Resuming Use after Turn-Off Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person after the water has been turned off from any premises, because of non-payment of rates or other violation of the rules and regulations pertaining to the water supply, to turn on or allow the water to be turned on, or use or allow the water to be used without permission of the Water Superintendent.

10.8.11 Wasting Water

It shall be unlawful to waste water, or to allow it to be wasted by imperfect stops, valves, leaky joints or pipes, or to allow tanks or watering troughs to leak or overflow, or to wastefully run water from hydrants, faucets or stops, or through basins, water closets, urinals, sinks or other apparatus.

10.8.12 Cost of Pumping Water

When it becomes necessary to pump water, the cost of the pump or pumps and the installation thereof together with the cost of operation shall be borne by benefitted party, and all water shall be metered. No pumps shall be installed unless the pumps shall have a capacity to create twenty (20) pounds or more per square inch at the highest meter where the water shall be delivered.

10.8.13 Use and Regulation of Fire Hydrants and Valves

It shall be unlawful for any person, without obtaining prior permission from the City, to turn on, turn off, operate or tamper with any fire hydrant or any valve constituting a part of the City water system for any purpose. In addition to the criminal punishment hereinafter provided, any person violating this provision shall be liable for all ensuing damages to valves and to private property.

Pipes to be used only in case-of fire will be allowed within the buildings on the following conditions. The fire pipes must be entirely disconnected from those used for other purposes, and hose pipes or branches must be arranged by means of seals or otherwise so that they can be used only in case of fire. Any water used through fire pipes for other than fire purposes shall require a meter to be installed on the fire pipes.

Payson City shall charge a uniform fee per inch of diameter per month of water main requested for standby service for fire protection to be fixed by the City Council.

10.8.14 Shutting Off Water - City Liability

Payson City reserves the right, without notice, to shut off the water from its mains for the purpose of making repairs or extensions or for other purposes, and no claim shall be made against the City, by reason of any breakage, or for any damage that may result from the shutting off of water for repairing, laying or relaying mains, hydrants, or other connections or for any other reason.

In case of leaks or other accidents to service pipes, or other apparatus connected with the waterworks, licensed plumbers may shut off the water at the curb/meter box to make necessary repairs.

10.8.15 Access

Access shall at all ordinary hours be allowed to the Water Department, or other authorized persons to all places supplied with water from the City water system, to examine the apparatus, the amount of water used, the manner of its use, and to make all necessary shut offs for vacancy, delinquency and violations of this Title.

10.8.16 Fire Service Line

Private fire service lines designed to provide fire protection to a building or buildings shall be constructed according to City specifications at the expense of the owner of the building being serviced. Maintenance associated with such fire service lines shall also be at the expense of the owner.

10.8.17 Water Service Outside of City Limits

Connection to the Payson City drinking water system for properties outside of the Payson City municipal

boundaries, but within the Annexation Policy Plan area is allowed only under the following conditions. Each request will be reviewed by the City Council on a case by case basis following a recommendation by staff. The City Council is under no obligation to approve the request. Approval for connection to the Payson City water system does not grant approval for connection or use of other municipal services. The approval for any non-resident to connect to the Payson City water system does not set a precedent for future connections. Payson City reserves the right to refuse service to any non-resident. (10-18-06)

1. The connection to the Payson City water system by non-residents should be to address emergency situations only when the non-resident has exhausted all other possibilities and remedies. It will be the burden of the non-resident to submit the necessary information to the City Council in order to determine whether an emergency situation exists. Payson City will only provide drinking water and not pressurized irrigation to non-residents.
2. An existing drinking water main must be located along the frontage of the property of the non-resident. The connection to the Payson City water system cannot include an extension of the drinking water main.
3. The emergency situation must be directly related to an existing residential dwelling. In no case will Payson City provide a drinking water service for new construction.
4. All connections must be metered with a water meter provided by Payson City, at the expense of the non-resident. The non-resident user will be required to pay twice, or double, the regular base and usages rates.
5. The drinking water will be used for domestic purposes and will not be used for agricultural pursuits. Any verification of non-domestic use (inside use and incidental landscape maintenance not to exceed 8,000 square feet of turf area) will result in termination of service.
6. The applicant will be responsible for payment of all associated impact fees and connection fees. Furthermore, the non-resident will be required to transfer adequate water rights to serve the dwelling in an amount determined by the Payson City Water Superintendent and City Engineer. Payson City may, at the option of the City, accept money in lieu of water rights when addressing an emergency situation.
7. If the non-resident uses rights assigned to a private well to satisfy the water transfer requirement of Payson City, the subject well shall be appropriately capped in accordance with State statute.

8. The non-resident is responsible for all construction costs associated with the connection to the water main. Furthermore, the non-resident is responsible to obtain any necessary permits that may be required by non-City entities including, but not limited to, Utah County and the Utah Department of Transportation.
9. If deemed appropriate by the City Council, a non-resident, as a condition of approval, may be required to submit an application for annexation, submit payment of application fees, and complete the annexation process. If it is not practicable for the property to be annexed into Payson City, the request may be denied by the City Council.
10. The request to connect to the Payson City water system will not be approved simply to avoid compliance with federal, state or local laws (i.e. drilling new wells, decontamination of an existing well).
11. Payson City will not accept any responsibility or liability associated with the inability of the property owner to obtain drinking water from the previous source which must be evidenced by a hold harmless agreement from the non-resident. (6-18-03)
12. Following a recommendation from the Fire Chief, the City Council may, but is not obligated to, approve an extension of, or connection to, the water system for improvement to the fire fighting system. The applicant for extension of or connection to the water system must demonstrate that the extension or connection will significantly improve the ability of Payson City to provide fire protection and will not impact the fire flow of the existing system.
 - a. Each applicant requesting extension of or connection to the water system for fire fighting purposes must be able to demonstrate that the extension or connection will not be used to satisfy water requirements of another government agency, that the water will not be used for any purpose other than fire protection, and that the provision of fire protection through use of the water system will not place an inordinate burden on the water system due to the size or building materials of the structure or the contents of the structure. (10-18-06)
13. Any other circumstance deemed necessary and appropriate by the City Council to be determined on a case by case basis. (10-18-06)

Water service outside of the municipal boundaries will require a finding of surplus water and a written contract between the user and Payson City. Any use not authorized by the contract may result in disconnection of the water system. Payson City reserves the right to

pursue any legal remedies to enforce such contract or recover damages or lost water from the user. (10-18-06)

10.8.18 Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention

- 10.8.18.1 Definitions
- 10.8.18.2 Pollution of Water System

10.8.18.1 Definitions

Water Purveyor: The Water Superintendent of Payson City is vested with the authority and responsibility for the implementation of an effective cross connection control program and for the enforcement of the provision of this ordinance.

Approved Backflow Assembly: Assembly accepted by the Utah Department of Health, Bureau of Drinking Water/Sanitation, as meeting an applicable specification or as suitable for the proposed use.

Auxiliary Water Supply: Any water supply on or available to the premises other than the purveyor's public water supply will be considered as an auxiliary water supply. These auxiliary waters may include water from another purveyor's public potable water supply or any natural source(s) such as a well, spring, river, stream, harbor, etc., or "used waters" or "industrial fluids". These waters may be contaminated or polluted or they may be objectionable and constitute an unacceptable water source over which the water purveyor does not have authority for sanitary control.

Backflow: The reversal of the normal flow of water caused by either back-pressure or back-siphonage.

Back-Pressure: The flow of water or other liquids, mixtures, or substances under pressure into the feeding distribution pipes of a potable water supply system from any source(s) other than the intended source.

Back-Siphonage: The flow of water or other liquids, mixtures, or substances into the distribution pipes of a potable water supply system from any source(s) other than the intended source, caused by the reduction of pressure in the potable water supply system.

Backflow Prevention Assembly: An assembly or means designed to prevent backflow. Specifications for backflow prevention assemblies are contained within the Utah Plumbing Code, Chapter 10,

(Appendix 3), and the Cross Connection Control Program for Utah.

Contamination: Degradation of the quality of the potable water supply by sewage, industrial fluids or waste liquids, compounds or other materials.

Cross Connection: Any physical connection or arrangement of piping or fixtures which may allow non-potable water or industrial fluids or other material of questionable quality to come in contact with potable water inside a distribution system. This would include any temporary connections, such as swing connections, removable sections, four way lug valves, spools, dummy sections of pipe, swivel or change-over devices or sliding multiport tubes or other plumbing arrangements.

Controlled: A connection between a potable water system and a non-potable water system with an approved backflow prevention assembly properly installed and maintained so that it will continuously afford the protection commensurate with the degree of hazard.

Containment: The installation of an approved backflow assembly as the water service connection to any customer's premises where it is physically and economically infeasible to find and permanently eliminate or control all actual or potential cross connections within the customer's water system; or, it shall mean the installation of an approved backflow prevention assembly on the service line leading to and supplying a portion of a customer's water system when there are actual or potential cross connections which cannot be effectively eliminated or controlled at the point of the cross connection (isolation).

10.8.18.2 Pollution of Water System

Protection of drinking water from the possibility of contamination or pollution through compliance with state and local plumbing codes, health regulations, OSHA and other applicable industry standards for water system safety within the consumer's internal distribution system(s) or private water system(s) is a primary goal of the Water Department. Compliance with these minimum safety codes will be considered reasonable vigilance for prevention of contaminants or pollutants which could backflow into the public drinking water system.

When the City deems a service connection may contribute a sufficient hazard to the water supply, an approved backflow prevention assembly shall be installed on the service line of the identified water

system. The assembly shall be located at or near the property line, or immediately inside the building being served, and in all cases before the first branch line leading off the service line. The type of protective assembly required shall depend upon the degree of hazard which exists at the point of cross connection (whether direct or indirect) applicable to local and state requirements or resulting from the required survey.

It shall be unlawful at any place supplied with water from the City water distribution system:

1. To install or use any physical connection or arrangement of piping or fixtures which may allow any fluid or substance not suitable for human consumption to come in contact with potable water in the City water distribution system.
2. To connect the culinary and pressurized irrigation water systems at any time.
3. To install any connection, arrangement, or fixtures without using a backflow prevention device or assembly designed to prevent backflow. Any such device or assembly must be approved for installation by the City Engineer.
4. To install any backflow prevention device or assembly which is not installed as required in the Utah Plumbing Code.

Any user of water from the City water distribution system shall pay all costs of installation and testing of backflow prevention devices or assemblies. Backflow prevention devices or assemblies required by this Section shall be tested as frequently as determined by the City Engineer. Test results shall be furnished to the City and the Utah State Bureau of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

Water service may be discontinued to any user who is found to be in violation of this Section and who fails to take corrective action within ten (10) days after notification, except that water service may be disconnected immediately if an immediate threat to the water supply exists. Any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall be liable to the City, and third parties other than the City, for all damage caused by the violation.

The responsibility to enforce the applicable sections of the plumbing code begins at the point of service (downstream side of the meter) and continues throughout the developed length of the water system. The City official will review all plans to ensure that unprotected cross connections are not an integral part of the water

system. If a cross connection cannot be eliminated, it must be protected by the installation of an air gap or an approved backflow prevention device/assembly, in accordance with the Utah Plumbing Code. Water vacating the drinking water supply must do so via approved air gap or approved mechanical backflow prevention assembly, properly installed and in accordance with the Utah Plumbing Code.

Whether employed by the consumer or utility to survey, test, repair, or maintain backflow prevention assemblies the Certified Backflow Technicians, Surveyors or Repair Persons will have the following responsibilities:

1. To insure acceptable testing equipment and procedures are used for testing, repairing or overhauling backflow prevention assemblies.
2. To make reports of testing and/or repair to the consumer, water purveyor, and the Bureau of Drinking Water/Sanitation, on forms approved for such use by the Bureau of Drinking Water/Sanitation, within the time frames prescribed by the Bureau of Drinking Water/Sanitation.
3. Prepare a report that shall include the list of materials or replacement parts used. Replacement parts shall be equal in quality to parts originally supplied by the manufacturer of the assembly being repaired. A certified technician shall perform all tests of the mechanical devices/assemblies and be responsible for the competence and accuracy of all tests and reports.
4. To not change the design, material or operational characteristics of the assembly during testing, repair or maintenance.
5. To insure the license is current, the testing equipment being used is acceptable to the state, and is in proper operating condition and to be equipped with, and be competent to use, all necessary tools, gauges, and other equipment necessary to properly test, and maintain backflow prevention assemblies.
6. The certified technician conducting the test must tag each double check valve, pressure vacuum breaker, reduced pressure backflow assembly and high hazard air gap, showing the serial number, date tested and by whom. The technician's license number must also be on this tag. In the case of a consumer requiring a commercially available technician, any certified technician is authorized to make the test and report the results of that test to the consumer, water purveyor and the Bureau of Drinking Water/Sanitation. If such a commercially tested assembly is in need of repair, the Plumbers Law

of Utah, Section 58A-2-5 (#), requires a licensed plumber make the actual repair.

All presently installed backflow prevention assemblies which do not meet the requirements of this Section but were approved assemblies at the time of installation and which have been properly maintained, shall, except for the inspection and maintenance requirements, be excluded from the requirements of these rules so long as the City is assured they will satisfactorily protect the public water system. When the existing assembly is moved from the present location or requires more than minimum maintenance, or when the City finds that the operation or maintenance of an assembly constitutes a hazard to health, the unit shall be replaced by an approved backflow prevention assembly meeting the local, State and Federal requirements. It shall be the responsibility of the consumer, and at their expense, at any premises where backflow prevention assemblies are installed to have inspections and operational tests made at least once per year.

All backflow prevention assemblies shall be tested within ten (10) working days of initial installation. No backflow prevention assembly shall be installed which creates a potential safety hazard such as an assembly installed over an electrical panel, steam pipes, boilers, pits, or above ceiling level.

10.8.19 Water Pollution Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or erect any building, pens, or stalls for any horses, cattle, sheep, swine or other animals or to permit any of such animals to be corralled, bedded, or to run at large within three hundred (300) feet of any stream from which water for the waterworks system of Payson City shall be taken at any point within fifteen (15) miles above the point where the water of the stream is taken into the waterworks system of Payson City.

It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to construct or maintain within three hundred feet of any such stream at any point within fifteen (15) miles above the point where the water of such system is taken into the city water supply system, any closet, privy, or outhouse without providing an effective septic tank or other germ destroying appliance. Such tanks or appliances, prior to being placed in use, are subject to inspection and approval of the City.

10.8.20 Private Systems and Private Wells

Private water systems and the use of private wells to provide municipal water services are not allowed except

at the discretion of the City Council, in the following instances:

1. It is virtually impossible to expand the current municipal water system, connect to the current municipal water system, or create facilities capable of linking to the Payson City water system.
2. Allowance of the private system or private well is more compatible with the land use development goals of the City Council (i.e. environmental preservation, construction of a necessary public facility significantly removed from the current water system, limitation of the number of dwellings units in a given area where connection to the municipal water system could result in more dwellings units than are desired by the City Council).

The City Council is under no obligation to approve the use of a private system or private well and no precedent will be established by a previous City Council decision. (11-16-05)

10.9 Open Ditch Irrigation

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- 10.9.8 Head gates

10.9.1 Irrigation Secretary to List Property and Prepare Schedule

On or before the fifteenth of January each year the irrigation secretary shall ascertain the number of city lots and the number of acres of land irrigated by open ditch irrigation, and the name of all persons, corporations, companies and firms owning, being in possession, charge or control thereof, and make a schedule of the same and return it to the Water Superintendent previous to the first of February of the same year. The City shall keep an account with the amount of assessment and the amount paid.

10.9.2 Appeal of Apportionment

Any person aggrieved at the proportion of water may, on written complaint, be heard by the City Council. All complaints must be presented within twenty (20) days from the origin of the act. If any person is aggrieved at the decision of the City Council they may appeal the decision to the appropriate district court within thirty (30) days.

10.9.3 Entitlement to Use of Water

Persons owning property with open ditch irrigation shall be entitled to the use of water as fixed by the water schedule, provided the assessment has been paid and that all the requirements of this Section have been complied with by the owner. It shall be unlawful for any person to use water without first having paid the assessment. Open ditch irrigation will not be extended to any new property.

The responsibility of Payson City in regard to irrigation water ends when irrigation water has been brought to the respective property line of the property in question, or to the head ditch feeding the property.

10.9.4 Permission to Make Change in Street

The property owner shall keep in constant repair all necessary bridges and culverts, where the ditch crosses any street, road, or sidewalk, and shall be liable for all damages occurring by their neglect.

No open, unbridged, dangerous or unsafe ditch or canal across any sidewalk, or use of any water by means of an open, unbridged, dangerous, or unsafe ditch or canal is permitted.

10.9.5 Surplus Water

It shall be the duty of all persons using or conveying water for irrigation purposes to conduct any surplus or waste water into the City irrigation system. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit flooding of any street, sidewalks, or private property or to unnecessary waste water. It shall be unlawful for any person, during the freezing non-irrigation season of the year, to conduct or turn surplus or waste water into any irrigation ditch situated on any public street of the City.

10.9.6 Users to Control Water

Persons using water for irrigation shall be required to control the water distributed to them, and shall be liable for all damages caused through their neglect.

10.9.7 Changes in Irrigation Water System

It shall be unlawful to alter, move, cover or change any headgate, irrigation ditch, pipeline or other right-of-way through which City irrigation water travels, without the prior written consent of the City Engineer. Any person proposing to make a change shall submit written plans describing the change. The plans, when approved, shall be implemented at the expense of the person proposing the change. Any person making a change prohibited by this Section shall be liable for all damages and costs caused by the unauthorized action including the cost of any corrective or restoration work deemed necessary by the City.

10.9.8 Head Gates

Any person who shall convey any water from any ditch or canal of the City without first having provided a good and sufficient head gate through which to take such water, to the acceptance of the Water Superintendent, or fail to keep such head gate in good repair, shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. Every person that takes any water under the control of the City at any time when the water is distributed by authority of the City to any other person, or take any greater quantity of such water than has been duly distributed to him or interfere with or changes any flow or any water when lawfully distributed to any other person for irrigation or other useful purposes, except when authorized to make such changes, or willfully or maliciously breaks or injures any dam, canal, head gate, water ditch or other means of diverting or conveying water for irrigation or other useful purposes, or digs away the bank or banks or any ditch, canal, or reservoir forming part of the city irrigation system, shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

Where more than one turn-out from the main feeder ditch has been allowed for a single account owner, the owner is responsible for closing all turnouts diverting water to the property prior to the beginning of the scheduled turn of the following account owner.

10.10 Pressurized Irrigation

- 10.10.1 Connections and Extensions
- 10.10.2 Wasting Water Prohibited
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- 10.10.9 Failure to Pay for Service
- 10.10.10 Shut Off Valve
- 10.10.11 Use of Culinary Water

10.10.1 Connections and Extensions

No connection shall be made to the pressurized irrigation system and no extension shall be made to any installation served by the pressurized irrigation system until a permit has been issued by the Water Superintendent. The superintendent shall not issue a permit until the required connection and other fees have been paid.

All pressurized irrigation system users shall keep their service pipe and connections and other apparatus in good repair and protected from frost at their own expense, but no person, except under the direction of

the Water Superintendent, shall be allowed to dig into the street, parking strip, sidewalk, or other public property or right-of-way for the purpose of laying, removing, or repairing any service pipe.

10.10.2 Wasting Water Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any pressurized irrigation user to waste water by imperfect stop-taps, valves, leaky joints or pipes, or to allow tanks or watering troughs to leak or overflow. Additionally water shall not be wasted by allowing water to run from hose bibs, excessive watering, open pipes, or other apparatus, or to use the water in such a manner as to cause it to overflow into the neighboring yards, property, streets or sidewalks, or in violation of the rules and regulations set forth by resolution for controlling the pressurized irrigation system service.

The City Council may, by resolution, regulate, restrict, or limit the use of water during water shortage periods and shall have the power to take all necessary means to make any necessary regulations as circumstances may require to protect the users of the pressurized irrigation system.

10.10.3 City to Have Unrestricted Access

The City shall at all ordinary hours have unrestricted access to places supplied with water from the pressurized irrigation system for the purpose of examining the apparatus to ascertain the amount of water used and the manner of its use.

10.10.4 City Not Liable for Damage

The City shall not be liable for any damage due to the pressurized irrigation system by reason of stoppage or interruption of the pressurized irrigation supply caused by fires, scarcity of water, accidents to works or mains, alterations, additions, repairs, or from any other cause.

10.10.5 Water Not for Motors

No water shall be supplied from the pipes of the pressurized irrigation system for the purposes of driving any motor, siphon, turbine, or other wheels, or any hydraulic engines, or elevators, or for driving or propelling machinery of any kind, nor shall any license be granted or issued for any such purpose except by special permission of the City Council.

10.10.6 Connection Required (03-03-10)

The record owners, or their duly authorized agents, of all residential sites and all commercial sites located within Payson City that require outside watering of lawns or plants whose properties lie within three hundred (300) feet of a pressurized irrigation system main line shall connect their properties to the pressurized irrigation system and pay the applicable fees and charges, unless the sites are part of a newly

annexed area and the annexation agreement dictates when existing sites will be connected to the pressurized irrigation system. Property which is required to be connected to the pressurized irrigation system shall not be issued a building permit for construction unless the building permit applicant shall first connect the property to the pressurized irrigation system, or agree to connect the property to the pressurized irrigation system, and provide adequate assurances of connection, in a form acceptable to the City, including the payment of all applicable fees and costs.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any property served by the pressurized irrigation system, or any user thereof, to permit any person from other premises, or any unauthorized persons, to use or obtain water regularly from the premises or pressurized irrigation fixtures.

10.10.7 Prohibitions

1. It shall be unlawful for any person, after the pressurized irrigation has been turned off from the premises for either non-payment of utility charges as provided for herein or for a violation of the rules and regulations pertaining to the Payson City water systems, to turn on or allow the water to be turned on or used without authorization from the Payson Water Superintendent.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy, deface, injure, or interfere with the operation of any part, pipe, fixture, appliance, or appurtenance of the pressurized irrigation system.
3. It shall be unlawful for any person to place or introduce into the pressurized irrigation system or any source of water supplying the system any matter, substance, chemical, or compound without authorization from the Payson Water Superintendent.
4. It shall be unlawful for any person to connect any part of the pressurized irrigation system to any part of any drinking water system to create a potential cross-connection whereby irrigation water could be introduced into any system that provides drinking water.
5. It shall be unlawful for any person to use substantial quantities of water from the pressurized irrigation system for the purpose of flood irrigating any property. Except for incidental watering of shrubs, flowers, and other limited use applications, water from the pressurized irrigation system used for irrigation of lawns, gardens, and other irrigation applications must be applied through either a sprinkler or drip irrigation system, including sprinklers attached to garden hoses.

6. Any water owned by a landowner for the purpose of use in the Payson City pressurized irrigation system that has been used to satisfy the water requirements of this Title shall not be removed or transferred to another location without the written approval of Payson City. If any such water is removed or transferred, the landowner's connection to the Payson City pressurized irrigation system will be disconnected until the landowner satisfies the water requirements of this Title. Payson City will require each developer that proposes to use water not owned by Payson City to satisfy the requirements of this Title to deed restrict the water to remain appurtenant to the land. (8-7-02)

10.10.8 Water Service Outside of City Limits

The City prohibits anyone outside the City limits to connect to the pressurized irrigation system. Users outside the City limits that are currently connected to the City pressurized irrigation system may remain connected to the system.

10.10.9 Failure to Pay for Service

If the owner of any of the premises fails to pay the required fees and charges applicable to the pressurized irrigation system, or violates any provisions of this Section, the City may cause the drinking water or pressurized irrigation water to be shut off from the premises, and the City shall not be required to turn the utility on again until all arrears are paid in full.

10.10.10 Shut-Off Valve

Persons connecting to the pressurized irrigation system shall be required to provide and install a valve independent of the City's shut-off valve with which they may control the pressurized irrigation service to their premises. At no time will a person be allowed to tamper with or operate the City's shut-off valve unless acting under the direction of the Water Superintendent.

10.10.11 Use of Culinary Water

It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to use drinking water for outside watering of lawns or plants if the property is connected to the pressurized irrigation system and water is available in the system, or the owner is required to connect to the pressurized irrigation system pursuant to this Title and has not done so.

10.11 Water Shed Protection

- 10.11.1 Jurisdiction, Rules and Regulations
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10.11.1 Jurisdiction, Rules and Regulations

It is the intent of the City to protect its watershed and to assert jurisdiction over the Payson City Watershed Area, including aquifers and surface waters to the maximum extent allowed by law consistent with the Utah Drinking Water Source Protection Rule as adopted and/or amended by the State of Utah Department of Environmental Quality. In addition to the provisions of this Section the City is hereby authorized to prescribe rules and regulations not contrary to law, for governing all matters of water quality. It shall be unlawful for any person to commit any act that will pollute any source of water in the Payson City Watershed Area pursuant to the Utah Drinking Water Source Protection Rule or any other rule or standard adopted by the City.

10.11.2 Construction Conditions

It shall be unlawful to construct or remodel any structure within the Payson City Watershed Area without first securing approval from the City in accordance with these provisions. No structure in the watershed shall be approved without complying with all requirements set forth in this Section.

All applicants for a building permit within the municipal watershed shall submit a copy of all plans, specifications and drawings required to the City. In addition to any other necessary permits, approval by the Engineer shall be obtained for all construction in the Payson City Watershed Area. Building permits and plan approvals by other agencies of government, including county, state, and federal government, shall not be considered approval by Payson City.

10.11.3 Sewage Disposal Requirements

Approval for the construction and maintenance of all garbage or sewage disposal systems within the Watershed Area shall be under the direct supervision and control of the City Engineer. It shall be unlawful to:

1. Construct, use, or maintain any sewage disposal system anywhere within the watershed without first obtaining the written approval of the City. The City shall only give approval for the construction, use, or maintenance of a sewage disposal system if the owner of the sewage disposal system can demonstrate that the use or maintenance of the sewage disposal system will not violate established standards or rules for Drinking Water Source Protection Zones. At the time of adoption of this

chapter, existing systems shall be allowed to continue as long as they are not modified, expanded, damaged, become inoperable, or otherwise constitute a threat of contamination to the watershed.

2. Deposit any dead animal within the Payson City Watershed Area.
3. Damage, vandalize, alter, or destroy any authorized sewage disposal system in the watershed.
4. Pump sewage storage vaults or conduct a scavenger operation except in accordance with all applicable laws rules and regulations. A sewage disposal system within the Payson City Watershed Area shall be sealed immediately if it is unsanitary or does not comply with the water quality requirements of federal, state, or local law or regulations. Facilities may not be used until they are made sanitary and conform to the requirements of federal, state, and local law and regulations. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or maintain any facility sealed in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

When the City determines that a sewage disposal system violates applicable laws, rules or regulations or is a potential hazard to the watershed and cannot be adequately corrected the City shall order the destruction and removal of the sewage disposal system. The cost of all remedies or destruction and removal shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

10.11.4 Sanitary Sewage Disposal System Required

Any person who owns, operates, maintains or permits the use of any house, cottage, cabin, human habitation or camping place shall provide and maintain a sewage disposal system satisfactory to the Department of Water Resources. Failure to do so may result in the closure, seal and prevention of use of the house, cottage, cabin, human habitation or camping place.

Septic tanks and drain fields in the Watershed Area may only be used if permitted by the City and approved by other governing agencies. The use of chemical toilets in the Watershed Area shall be installed and used only with the prior written approval by the City. This approval shall be in addition to approval by other governing agencies. All vaults or other approved receptacles used by any persons for storage of sewage shall be emptied completely at least once each year. If determined a health hazard by the City, owners of such facilities shall keep the level of sewage below sixty (60) percent of the vault's capacity to allow sufficient reserve for emergencies. The contents removed from any sewage holding tank or vault must be removed by a licensed scavenger operation at the cost of the owner to

an approved sewage facility. It shall be unlawful for any person to construct, locate or maintain any vault for the deposit or storage of sewage within one hundred (100) feet of any spring, marsh, watercourse, water source or reservoir.

10.11.5 Animals

It shall be unlawful to keep or maintain for a period in excess of thirty (30) days any domestic animals, including but not limited to, dogs, cattle, horses, sheep, and hogs within the Payson City Watershed Area without first obtaining a written animal permit from the City. Applicants shall inform the City of the number and type of animals and their proposed method of controlling and maintaining the animals. Animal enclosures shall be kept and maintained in a reasonably clean and sanitary condition at all times and shall be subject to inspection by the City. Fecal waste must be disposed of in a manner approved by the City.

It is unlawful for any person to permit an animal to run loose upon any Payson City Watershed Area. Any such animal shall be deemed stray and the City may cause any such animal to be impounded.

10.11.6 Camping and Campfire Restrictions

The City may require that picnicking or camping be restricted from certain designated places. The City may prohibit campfires within fifteen hundred (1500) feet of any well or spring protection area.

10.11.7 Vehicles

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle including, but not limited to, motorcycles, trail bikes, dune buggies, motor scooters or jeeps upon any public property, within the watershed except on designated roads, without first obtaining the written permission of the public entity which is in possession of the property, with the exception of the use of real property primarily devoted to agricultural purposes.