# RESOLUTION 2018-28

**Agenda Item**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Zachary Johnson, Utility Director

**DATE:** August 6, 2018

**RE:** Water Shortage Emergency

Issue

On January 16, 2018, the City of Cameron's raw water supply fell below 60% of capacity and prompted the Council to enact the Advisory level our water supply shortage ordinance. On May 7, 2018, our raw water level dropped below 50% and a declaration of water shortage Alert was enacted. Our raw water supply has now dropped below 40% and requires the Council to enact the Emergency phase of our water supply shortage ordinance.

In addition to the restrictions of the Alert phase, the Emergency Phase gives the Council authority to regulate all uses of water except water usage necessary for public safety, human health and sanitation, and health care facilities. The Emergency Phase also give the Council the authority to institute an emergency water rate.

Recommendation

Based on the current status of the reservoirs and the lack of a promising precipitation in the immediate future, we are recommending the Emergency phase be enacted. Staff would also recommend the City Council schedule a work session to discuss the implementation of mandatory water restrictions for businesses and the implementation of an emergency water rate.

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# DECLARATION OF WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri finds raw water supplies to be below seasonal averages; and

**WHEREAS,** continued water usage without adequate precipitation will deplete our raw water source; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Cameron has adopted voluntary and mandatory water conservation measures in the event a water shortage is declared.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Water Plant Superintendent shall, on a daily basis, monitor the supply and demands upon the raw water supplies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Interim City Manager is hereby authorized to impose a ban on all non-essential (Class 3) water uses and all socially or economically important uses (Class 2) banned in the alert declaration and restrict all other Class 2 uses for the duration of the shortage or until the City Council has declared it ended.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 6th day of August 2018.

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk

Water Conservation Ordinance – **Emergency Phase**

*Enacted August 6, 2018*

The Emergency Phase is enacted when the City's raw water supply falls below 40% of capacity. In this Phase, the city shall continue the water conservation measures defined under the advisory and alert declarations, and shall further impose restrictions on all uses of water.

The following water uses are **ALLOWED** without restrictions under the Emergency Phase:

1. Domestic use to sustain human life and the lives of domestic pets and maintain minimum standards of hygiene and sanitation
2. Public Safety
3. Health Care Facilities

**ALL OTHER USES OF WATER ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS**

This does not mean all other uses are banned. It simply gives the Council the authority to restrict any and all usage not listed above.

The City of Cameron understands water is a vital commodity for several businesses in town and water restrictions may have a negative financial impact on those businesses. Any decisions made to restrict water to businesses will not be taken lightly and will be done only to protect the citizens of Cameron.

In addition to these restrictions, during the Emergency Phase the Council has the authority to institute a water shortage rate. Such rate may have a higher charge for increasing usage, extra charges for excess use, and/or discounts for conserving water beyond a specified level.

The Emergency Phase will remain in effect until it is declared to have ended by resolution the City Council. Any person violating the water restrictions may be subject to disconnection of water service and/or a fine of not less than $100.00 per each day of violation.