

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GILMER
ORDER OF DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

STAGE 4

WHEREAS, The City of Gilmer Mayor finds under present circumstances in all or part of the unincorporated areas of the City of Gilmer recognized that the amount of water available to the City and its water utility customers is limited and subject to depletion during periods of extended drought.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the City of Gilmer Mayor that the City enter into **Stage 4 – Critical Water Shortage Conditions**. Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain non-essential water uses for Stage 4 of the Plan. **All requirements for Stage 2 & Stage 3 shall remain in effect during Stage 4 except the following.** Achieve a 35% reduction in total water use. Irrigation of landscaped areas shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for water customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, or 9), shall be limited to designated watering days between the hours of 6:00 am and 10:00 am and between the hours of 8:00 pm and 12:00 midnight and shall be by means of hand-held hoses, hand-held buckets, or drip irrigation only. The use of hose-end sprinklers or permanently installed automatic sprinkler systems are prohibited at all times. Use of water to wash a motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane, or other vehicle not occurring on the premises of a commercial car wash or a commercial service station and are not in the immediate interest of public health, safety, and welfare is prohibited. Further, such vehicle washing at commercial car washes and commercial service stations shall occur between the hours of 6:00 am and 10:00 am and between 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm. The filling, refilling, or adding of water to swimming pools, wading pools and jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited. Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary, to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a re-circulation system. No applications for new, additional, expanded, or increase-in-size connections, meters, service lines, pipeline extensions, mains, or water service facilities of any kind shall be allowed or approved.

Any person who violates this order is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and not more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for each day that one or more of the provisions in this order is violated and shall constitute a separate offence.

Issued this 3rd day of October, 2023

Tim Marshall, Mayor