



POLICY REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Engineering Services
SUBJECT: Addition of Water Enforcement Provisions in the Ticket Offences By-law

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve, in principle, adding enforcement provisions in the Ticket Offences By-law for the Stage 1 and 2 water restrictions found in the Drinking Water Conservation By-law.

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services bring forward for enactment amendments to the Ticket Offences By-law generally in accordance with Appendix "A".

REPORT SUMMARY

Contraventions under Stage 1 and Stage 2 water use restrictions are currently enforced with the By-law Notice Enforcement By-law. Amending the Ticket Offences By-law to also include Stage 1 and Stage 2 water use restrictions will provide flexibility for enforcement.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Drinking Water Conservation By-law (2018)

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

REPORT

Background/Context

The Drinking Water Conservation By-law, approved by Council on April 18, 2018, mirrors the regional plan for managing demand of outdoor uses of drinking water during the peak summer demand period, water shortages and emergencies. Enforcement of the water restrictions set out in the regional Drinking Water Conservation Plan is the responsibility of the Metro Vancouver member municipalities through their corresponding by-laws. Authority to enforce contraventions for the water restrictions is set out through the City's enforcement by-laws.

The By-law Notice Enforcement By-law method allows for notices of contraventions to be mailed to a property owner, whereas the enforcement method under the Ticket Offences By-law requires that tickets be served directly to a person.

Strategic Analysis

Enforcement authority under both by-laws will allow the Enforcement Officer to select the enforcement method which best fits the contravention circumstances. The fine amount under Stages 1 and 2 of the watering restrictions are the same under each enforcement by-law: \$250 for Stage 1 and \$500 for Stage 2.

CONCLUSION

This report provides an overview of the available by-laws providing enforcement authority for water restriction contraventions. Adding enforcement provisions for stage 1 and 2 water restrictions in the Ticket Offences By-law will provide additional flexibility to deliver by-law notices, enabling better enforcement of the water restrictions.

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**DRAFT By-law to amend the
Ticket Offences By-law No. 9360
Regarding Addition of Enforcement Provisions
for Stage 1 and 2 Water Restrictions**

Note: A by-law will be prepared generally in accordance with the provisions listed below.

1. This By-law amends the indicated provisions of Ticket Offences By-law No. 9360.
2. Council amends section 2.6 by striking out “Water Shortage Response By-law” and substituting “Drinking Water Conservation By-law”.
3. Council adds the following to the beginning of Columns 2, 3 and 4 of Table 6:

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<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>	<u>Column 4</u>
Wasting water Stage 1	Section 6.2	\$250.00
Water residential lawn at even-numbered addresses outside permitted hours Stage 1	Section 7.2(a)(i)	\$250.00
Water residential lawn at odd-numbered addresses outside permitted hours Stage 1	Section 7.2(a)(ii)	\$250.00
Water non-residential lawn at even-numbered addresses outside permitted hours Stage 1	Section 7.2(a)(iii)	\$250.00
Water non-residential lawn at odd-numbered addresses outside permitted hours Stage 1	Section 7.2(a)(iv)	\$250.00
Water residential trees, shrubs, flowers or plants using a sprinkler outside permitted hours Stage 1	Section 7.2(b)(i)	\$250.00
Water non-residential trees, shrubs, flowers or plants using a sprinkler outside permitted hours Stage 1	Section 7.2(b)(ii)	\$250.00
Water playing field outside permitted hours Stage 1	Section 7.2(c)	\$250.00

<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>	<u>Column 4</u>
Wasting water Stage 2	Section 6.2	\$500.00
Water residential lawn at even-numbered addresses outside permitted hours Stage 2	Section 8.2(a)(i)	\$500.00
Water residential lawn at odd-numbered addresses outside permitted hours Stage 2	Section 8.2(a)(ii)	\$500.00
Water non-residential lawn at even-numbered addresses outside permitted hours Stage 2	Section 8.2(a)(iii)	\$500.00
Water non-residential lawn at odd-numbered addresses outside permitted hours Stage 2	Section 8.2(a)(iv)	\$500.00
Water residential trees, shrubs, flowers or plants using a sprinkler outside permitted hours Stage 2	Section 8.2(b)(i)	\$500.00
Water non-residential trees, shrubs, flowers or plants using a sprinkler outside permitted hours Stage 2	Section 8.2(b)(ii)	\$500.00
Wash impermeable outdoor surface Stage 2	Section 8.2(c)	\$500.00
Fill aesthetic water feature Stage 2	Section 8.2(d)	\$500.00
Water golf course fairway outside permitted number of days Stage 2	Section 8.2(e)	\$500.00
Water soil-based playing field outside permitted number of days or hours Stage 2	Section 8.2(f)	\$500.00
Water sand-based playing field outside permitted hours Stage 2	Section 8.2(g)	\$500.00
Operate water play park without user-activated switches Stage 2	Section 8.2(h)	\$500.00