

ORDINANCE NO. 87-20

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF RIDGECREST AMENDING THE
RIDGECREST MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT RELATES TO
WASTE OF WATER.

Section 1

Because of limitations of the water resources to City inhabitants and property owners, waste of water threatens the public health, safety and welfare. When water is wasted by excessive landscape irrigation, the resultant runoff often damages City streets, curbs and gutters exposing drivers and pedestrians to unnecessary hazard. The City has unsuccessfully attempted to reduce excessive landscape irrigation runoff. Additional regulations, as set forth below, are necessary to reduce or eliminate such practices.

Section 2. Waste of Water

Section 12-2 is hereby added to the Ridgecrest Municipal Code to read as follows:

"12-2 Waste of Water

12-2.1 Prohibited Acts

It shall be unlawful for any person to use water supplied by a public water purveyor for landscape irrigation in such a way as to result in runoff to a City street or alley for more than 30 minutes per 24 hour period.

12-2.2 Penalties

Violation of 12-2.1 is a infraction punishable for the first violation by a fine not exceeding \$100, by a fine not exceeding \$200 for the second violation within one year, and by a fine not exceeding \$500 for each violation more than two within one year.

Section 3. Urgency

This Ordinance is an Urgency Ordinance necessary for the preservation of Health, Welfare and Safety in that irrigation practices of some City residents causes run-off to City streets, thereby creating a traffic hazard. The immediate adoption of the Ordinance is necessary because most of the run-off occurs during summer months beginning in June.

Section 4. Other

Except as provided herein, the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is hereby reaffirmed and readopted.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of June, 1987, by the following vote:

AYES Mayor Mower, Councilmembers Wiknich, Bergens, Condos and Corlett.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.



Michael R. Mower, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joyce M. Taft, City Clerk