

Ordinance to establish baseline methodologies and curtailment percentage for water customers to determine water allocations during Level 1 Water Emergency

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is authorized to declare Level 1 Water Emergency. A Level 1 Water Emergency is triggered when the City Manager determines that the City is 180 days of its total water supplies not meeting its water demands.

SECTION 2. During a Level 1 Water Emergency, the monthly baseline for a City of Corpus Christi residential water customer account is 7,000 gallons per month.

SECTION 3. During a Level 1 Water Emergency, the baseline for a City of Corpus Christi commercial water customer account is based on the average of the account's monthly usages during 2021 through 2023, excluding the lowest monthly value for each calendar month.

SECTION 4. During a Level 1 Water Emergency, the Summer, Spring/Fall, and Winter seasonal baselines for each large volume account of the City of Corpus Christi is determined using the average of the account's monthly usages from 2022 through 2024 as follows, excluding the lowest monthly value for each calendar month:

Summer: average of monthly usages from June through September
Spring/Fall: average of monthly usages from April-May and October-November
Winter: average of monthly usages from January-March and December.

SECTION 5. During a Level 1 Water Emergency, the Summer, Spring/Fall, and Winter seasonal baselines for each of the City of Corpus Christi wholesale water customer accounts (including San Patricio Municipal Water District, South Texas Water Authority, City of Mathis, City of Alice, City of Beeville, Violet Water Supply Corporation, Nueces County Water Control and Improvement District No.3 and Nueces County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4) are determined for each wholesale customer using the average of the account's monthly usages from 2022 through 2024 as follows, excluding the lowest monthly value for each calendar month:

Summer: average of monthly usages from June through September
Spring/Fall: average of monthly usages from April-May and October-November
Winter: average of monthly usages from January-March and December.

SECTION 6: During Level 1 Water Emergency, the curtailment percentage is 25%.

SECTION 7. During Level 1 Water Emergency, the customer's monthly water allocation will be established as follows in order to meet water demand. The customer's water allocation is the baseline amount reduced by the curtailment percentage.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance controls in the event of any conflict between this Ordinance and the City of Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55, Article XII and the Drought Contingency Plan.

Introduced and voted on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary