

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM TO ADOPT REVISED WATER USE EFFICIENCY GOALS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES.**

**WHEREAS**, In 2003 the Washington State Legislature passed House Bill 1338, known as the Municipal Water Law (MWL), to address increasing demands on our state's water resources; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Health (DOH) was directed to oversee and enforce the Water Use Efficiency Program (WUE) to help support the goal of ensuring a safe and reliable drinking water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, The Water Use Efficiency Program became effective on January 22, 2007 and requires that the State's municipal water suppliers complete goal setting one year from the effective date with the WUE goals being in effect for a six-year period; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2008, the City Council passed Resolution number 2008-01 which adopted Bellingham's water use efficiency goals and performance measures; and

**WHEREAS**, the City must revise its goals so that they are measurable and quantitative so as to be in compliance with the WUE program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:**

To include the following revised goals and measures into the City of Bellingham's water conservation program and are hereby adopted.

Goals for WUE Program

1. Maintain city-wide per capita daily consumption at an average of 105 gallons per capita per day (gpcd) for residential usage, and 77 gpcd for non-residential usage for the next six years.
2. Keep city-wide water demand equal to or below city population growth rate for the next six years.

Performance Measures for WUE Program

- Measure #1- Toilet retrofit program for SFR water customers
- Measure #2- Toilet retrofit program for Multi-family water customers
- Measure #3- Toilet retrofit program for Commercial customers


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- Measure #4- Develop and implement a water conservation education program for 6th grade students
- Measure #5- Create lawn-watering door hanger for distribution during peak demand periods to educate water customers about proper outdoor watering techniques
- Measure #6- Evaluate and Develop High-Efficiency Fixture Program
- Measure #7- Develop future water rate structures with an emphasis on water conservation
- Measure #8- Upgrade City Parks to high-efficiency irrigation systems
- Measure #9- Continue funding existing Public Outreach measures


PASSED by the Council this 23rd day of March, 2009.

  
 Council President

APPROVED by me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

 3/20/09  
 Mayor

Attest:   
 Finance Director

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 Office of the City Attorney

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