

**Project Title:** Daily water use limits on new commercial, industrial and institutional development

**Petition No.:**

**Version:** Public Review Draft

**Date Prepared:** 3/31/2026

**Planning Commission Action:** Tentatively scheduled for 5/27/26

This proposed ordinance makes the following amendments (for summary purposes only):

- Modifies Subsection 21A.33.010.D.1 to clarify land uses subject to the maximum daily water consumption prohibition.

Underlined text is new; text with strikethrough is proposed to be deleted. Modifications made as part of the Planning Commission recommendation are highlighted in yellow. All other text is existing with no proposed change.

*Planning Note:* The proposal is subject to the Temporary Land Use Regulations adopted by the City Council on March 24, 2026.

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If adopted by the City Council, the Salt Lake City Council ordains the following, in substantial compliance with the following:

1 1. *Amends Section 21A.33.010.D.1 as follows:*

2 D. Prohibited Uses: The following land uses are prohibited in all zoning districts:

3 1. ~~Commercial and Industrial Land Uses That Exceed two hundred thousand (200,000) Gallons of~~  
4 ~~Water per Day~~ Non-Residential Land Uses That Exceed 2000,0000 Gallons of Water per Day.

5 a. New Land Uses: Any new ~~commercial or industrial~~ non-residential land use that consumes or  
6 uses more than an annual average of ~~two hundred thousand (200,000)~~ gallons of potable water per day is  
7 prohibited in all zoning districts. The use and consumption limit is based on the total use from all water  
8 meters that serve the land use.

9 b. Expansions of Existing Uses: No ~~commercial or industrial~~ non-residential land use shall expand  
10 to an extent that increases its daily potable water consumption or use to exceed an annual average of ~~two~~

<p><b>APPROVED AS TO FORM</b> Salt Lake City Attorney's Office</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>By: _____ Attorney Name, <i>Senior City</i></p>
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11 ~~hundred thousand~~ (200,000) gallons of potable water per day. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
12 Subsection 21A.38.040.H, an existing land use that exceeds the water use threshold may not expand if the  
13 expansion will result in a net increase in water consumption or use. The use and consumption limit is  
14 based on the total use from all water meters that serve the land use.

15 c. Water Use Report Required: A land use applicant shall certify the anticipated daily water use of  
16 the proposed land use in a manner satisfactory to the Department of Public Utilities. The Department of  
17 Public Utilities may require an anticipated daily water use report of any land use applicant proposing a  
18 new use or expansion of an existing use.

19 d. Exemption: Agricultural, ~~residential, and institutional~~ schools, government owned or operated  
20 ~~facilities that primarily provide social services, places of worship, and hospitals. Land uses are not subject~~  
21 ~~to the regulations of this subsection. For purposes of this section, an institutional land use includes~~  
22 ~~government owned or operated facilities, places of worship, and hospitals.~~

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Effective Date: This ordinance, if passed, shall become effective on the date of its first publication and shall be recorded with the Salt Lake City Recorder. [The Salt Lake City Recorder is instructed to not publish this ordinance until the condition set forth in Section 2 is satisfied as certified by the Salt Lake City Planning Director or his designee.]

Is there a penalty for violating this ordinance? If so, please state penalty or reference another ordinance that prescribes the penalty here. \_\_\_\_\_  
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If penalty for violation includes possibility of imprisonment, include the following statement:

Per Section 78B-22-301 of the Utah Code, Salt Lake City shall provide for indigent defense services, as that term is defined in 78B-22-102 of the Utah Code.

ATTEST:

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CITY RECORDER

Transmitted to the Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_.

Mayor's Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved. \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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