

**ORDINANCE NO. 1220 SUPPLEMENTAL  
CONCERNING MOISTURE AND RAINFALL SENSORS AND NOTIFICATION OF  
SHUT OFF INSTRUCTIONS FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, water conservation is an important issue affecting the City of Stamford; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to engage in ongoing water conservation in the City of Stamford, irrigation systems will be required to have a sensor that suspends the system during periods of moisture or rainfall; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to conserve water during drought conditions, residential property owners may be required by governmental regulation or directive to not operate their irrigation systems; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to comply with such regulation or directive, residential property owners must know how to shut off their irrigation systems; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Stamford to require installers of irrigation systems to attach instructions for shutting off irrigation systems to the controls to such systems.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:**

Chapter 239, Irrigation Systems, is hereby adopted, as follows:

**CHAPTER 239. - IRRIGATION SYSTEMS**

**Sec. 239-1. - Installation of Rain/ Moisture Sensors to Irrigation Systems.**

- A. New irrigation systems. At the time of installation of a new irrigation system to distribute water, the installer shall install a rain/moisture sensor that will suspend operation of the irrigation system during during periods of moisture or rainfall
- B. Existing irrigation systems. During repairs to existing irrigation systems that require replacement of the control box and or replacement of the entire system, the installer shall install a rain/moisture sensor that will suspend operation of the irrigation system during periods of moisture or rainfall.
- C. The installer shall make the property owner aware of the sensor required by paragraphs (A) and (B) above.

**Sec. 239-2. - Attachment of Instructions to Irrigation System controls.**

- A. At the time when the installation of an irrigation system to distribute water is completed, the installer shall affix to the control panel of the system a permanent, waterproof sticker, printed with waterproof ink, which provides:
  - (1) the installer's name, license number, company name, company address and phone number; and
  - (2) simple instructions explaining how to shut the irrigation system off so that no water is used.
- B. The installer shall make the property owner aware of the location of the control panel and of the sticker required by paragraph (A) above, and shall make the property owner aware that the sticker contains instructions for shutting off the irrigation system.
- C. Whenever an irrigation system installer performs routine maintenance on an irrigation system, or repairs an irrigation system, and said system does not have affixed to its control panel the sticker required by paragraph (A) above, then upon the completion of such maintenance or repair the installer shall affix the sticker required by paragraph (A) above to the system's control panel. At such time, the installer shall also comply with paragraph (B) above.

**Sec. 239-3. - Adoption of Regulations.**

Subject to the approval of the Board of Representatives, the Director of Health may prepare additional regulations if he/she deems them necessary to further abate drought conditions. The Board of Representatives may, at its discretion, amend and approve said regulations, which shall have the force and effect of law if approved by resolution of the Board, provided that a copy of the resolution and the approved regulations are published at least once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city.

**Sec. 239-4. - Penalties.**

A. Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter shall pay a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each separate offense.

B. In addition to other available methods of enforcement, this Chapter may be enforced through the civil citation process.


**Sec. 239-5. - Effective Date.**

This Chapter shall become effective 60 days after the date of its adoption by the Board of Representatives.

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Randall M. Skigen, President, and Annie M. Summerville, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda by the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives at the Regular Board Meeting held on February 6, 2017.

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Randall M. Skigen, President

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017



Annie M. Summerville, Clerk

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017



David R. Martin, Mayor, City of Stamford

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 7, 2017

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