



WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 3-23-2026-1

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A GENERAL WATER CONSERVATION POLICY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FORD RIVER.

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to encourage the responsible and efficient use of the municipal water supply, promote public awareness of water conservation practices, and establish authority for temporary conservation measures if conditions affecting the water system require such action.

SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY

This ordinance applies to all users of the municipal water system served by Ford River Township.

SECTION 3. VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION

The Township encourages all water users to make reasonable efforts to conserve water during normal operating conditions. This ordinance does not impose mandatory water use restrictions under normal conditions.

The available water supply is reliant on groundwater conditions, which may vary depending on climate and weather. During drought or low-water conditions, limiting water use will be beneficial for the water system.

SECTION 4. TEMPORARY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

If conditions arise that threaten the availability, safety, or reliability of the municipal water system, the Ford River Township Water Operator may declare a temporary water conservation advisory or emergency. Any temporary measures shall be limited in duration and scope and publicly communicated.

Users must report water leaks or other anomalies to the Ford River Township Water Operator. Water availability may change temporarily when water system repairs take place. The Ford River Township Water Operator will make information available if boil-water precautions are necessary.

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

This ordinance is intended to be educational and advisory in nature. No penalties or enforcement provisions are established except as may be authorized during a formally declared water emergency.



SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this ordinance is found invalid, such determination shall not affect the remaining provisions.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the Township Board of Ford River Township on March 23, 2026

Motion, A. Wagner-Supported by R. Valentine.

Aye Wagner, Valentine, Church, Brown, Nelson

Nay- none

Signed by

Ford River Township Clerk