

Ordinance Related to the Regulation of Water Conservation Rules

*Statement of Legislative Intent May 4, 2026*

**Background:**

Pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, and rules adopted pursuant thereto, water management districts that have jurisdiction within Osceola County are responsible for enforcement of their respective landscape irrigation regulations throughout the County. Osceola County, municipalities, utilities and Toho Water Authority, in response to existing requests from the water management districts, will assist the water management districts in the enforcement of their landscape irrigation restrictions.

**Intent:**

The intent of the Board of County Commissioners (Board) is to set forth uniform countywide water conservation principles to promote significant reduction of water use through conservation, education, economic incentives, and regulatory processes. Fresh groundwater is the highest quality potable water source in Osceola County.

- To provide for safe and prudent use of this limited and valuable resource.
- Address irrigation restrictions and water shortages as identified by respective Water Management Districts.
- Identify enforcement authority for violations.

**Elements of Ordinances:**

The ordinance will propose a new Chapter, identified as Chapter 26, to the Osceola County Code of Ordinances.

**Enforcement:**

Pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, and rules adopted pursuant thereto, water management districts that have jurisdiction within Osceola County are responsible for enforcement of their respective landscape irrigation regulations throughout the County.

**Effective:**

If adopted, the ordinance will take effect subsequent to all public meetings and upon filing with the State.