

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, DECLARING STAGE 1 MODERATE TO SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF WATER IN THE CITY OF BRIGHTON WATER UTILITY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of Brighton ("City") is the utility service provider for water throughout its city limits and to lands outside the city limits that are served by the City's water utility system; and

WHEREAS, Section 14.1 of the *City of Brighton Home Rule Charter* vests with the City "the authority and powers . . . in any matter pertaining to City-owned utilities;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this authority, the City Council enacted Section 13-4-180 of the *Brighton Municipal Code*, which allows the City Council to adopt "reasonable and necessary procedures, guidelines, programs, and/or other provisions regarding the conservation of water resources within the City"; and

WHEREAS, the watersheds from which the City receives its water supply for the purposes of augmentation are experiencing record low snowpack and below average precipitation and streamflow; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to protect and preserve the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and customers in time of drought and impending drought by protecting and preserving the City's water resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that managing water usage is a critical strategy in ensuring that the City's water supplies are sufficient to meet demands; and

WHEREAS, a program that includes all customers' efforts to reduce water use is necessary to preserve the City's water resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that Stage 1 Moderate to Severe Drought Conditions are appropriate given current water supply conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby declares Stage 1 Moderate to Severe Drought Conditions for the City and for lands outside of the City served by the City's water utility system.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations in response to Stage 1 Moderate to Severe Drought Conditions. The City Manager is hereby further authorized to rescind such rules and regulations when improvements in water supply conditions warrant such change.

Section 3. This Resolution is effective as of the date of its adoption.

RESOLVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO

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GREGORY MILLS, Mayor

ATTEST:

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NATALIE HOEL, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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YASMINA GIBBONS, Deputy City Attorney