

ARTICLE 4. WATER MANAGEMENT

SECTION 1. Water Management

§ 4.4.1 WATER MANAGEMENT

(A) There exists in the State of New Mexico and in the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque drought conditions in the year 2002 and significant concerns each year concerning both the availability of water and the efficient use of water;

(B) Some water users in the Village of Los Ranchos do not efficiently utilize their irrigation and/or sprinkler systems in order to contain water upon their properties;

(C) Irrigation water and water from sprinkler systems which are not contained upon the user's property contribute to conditions which lead to deterioration of the roads and streets of the Village, are also an inefficient and wasteful use of water and pose a potential danger to pedestrians, cyclists, equestrians and vehicle traffic.

(D) It is the policy of the Village of Los Ranchos to promote safe and efficient use of water for agricultural and horticultural uses.

(E) For the reasons listed above, it is declared that allowing water to run beyond a property owner's boundary is prohibited and constitutes a misdemeanor which may be enforced in Municipal Court.

(F) All water users in the Village of Los Ranchos must contain all irrigation water or water from sprinkler systems completely upon their property and shall not permit such water to extend beyond the boundaries of their property either by flowing upon the ground on the neighboring properties or by water delivered to neighboring properties through an adjacent owner's sprinkler system.

(G) The Village of Los Ranchos will also have the right to seek and to recover actual damages caused to public property by the violation of this Article, including, but not limited to damages caused by allowing irrigation or sprinkler water to escape beyond the boundary of the water user's property onto public property so as to damage said public property, including, but not limited to, the roads and streets of the Village of Los Ranchos.

(H) Violation of this Article shall constitute a misdemeanor and may be punished by an action in the Municipal Court in the same manner as the violation of any other Village Ordinances.

(I) This Article shall be incorporated and compiled as part of the Municipal Code of the Village of Los Ranchos.

Ordinance and State Law References regarding Chapter 4, Article 4:

Ordinance 134, Codification enacted February 14, 1996 codified ORD #108 as Chapter 2, and modified language;

Ordinance #171, August 14, 2002;

