CONSOLIDATED CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
COUNTY OF MARION
STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4, 2012

WATER WARNING DECLARATION

WHEREAS, climatic and environmental conditions have resulted in a severe shortage of precipitation throughout Marion County, Indiana;

WHEREAS, exceptionally dry conditions pose an imminent threat of widespread and severe damage, injury or loss of life or property and a shortage of rainfall has created a severe and imminent fire danger throughout the Consolidated City of Indianapolis and Marion County;

WHEREAS, drought conditions and the heavy use of water by customers of Citizens Energy Group have caused water levels to drop substantially at Morse, Geist and Eagle Creek reservoirs;

WHEREAS, Citizens Energy Group has advised that the water system it owns and operates in Marion County, more commonly known as Citizens Water, is in a condition of imminent water shortage and that there is a growing need to stabilize water supply levels and reduce stress on the water distribution system;

WHEREAS, despite the water shortage warning issued by Citizens Water on July 6, 2012, voluntary water conservation efforts have not sufficiently reduced water consumption; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take formal action to extend existing Citizens Water supplies and reduce unnecessary water usage to ensure that sufficient treated water is available at all times to preserve public health, sanitation and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis and successor-in-interest to the Board of Commissioners of Marion County, Indiana, it is hereby ordered as follows.

1. A water warning is hereby issued for the Consolidated City of Indianapolis and Marion County with respect to Citizens Water, the water system owned and operated by Citizens Energy Group, and mandatory water conversation measures shall be implemented.

2. During the pendency of this water warning, it shall be unlawful for a water user, defined as any customer or other individual, firm, corporation, government, agency, or other entity using water within Marion County from the Citizens Water system, to cause, permit, allow, do, or engage in any of the following actions:

    a. Sprinkling, watering, or irrigating of grass;
    b. Washing cars, trucks, trailers, mobile homes, railroad cars or any other type of mobile equipment, except as required by applicable local, state, or federal law for health or safety reasons
    c. Using water to clean sidewalks, driveways, paved areas, structures, buildings, or other outdoor surfaces;
    d. Filling empty swimming pools;

e. Installing new landscaping or new lawn by using sod until a return to normal conditions is declared by a subsequent Executive Order;
f. Using hydrants except for fire suppression or as otherwise directed by Citizens Energy Group; and
g. Operating water fountains that are non-recycling.

3. The following water users and water uses are hereby exempted from these mandatory conservation measures during the pendency of this water warning:

    a. Nurseries;
    b. Automatic commercial car washes;
    c. Manual commercial car washes;
    d. Golf courses; and
    e. Any watering of property owned or controlled by the Department of Parks and Recreation as determined by my designee, the Department Director.

4. Personnel of the City of Indianapolis Department of Code Enforcement are hereby directed to use vigilance in enforcing the provisions of this Executive Order No. 4, 2012 until such time as it is rescinded upon termination of this water warning.

5. Citizens Energy Group may adopt further water conservation measures and enforce the same as it deems necessary for preservation of the public health, safety and welfare.

6. This Executive Order No. 4, 2012 will take effect as of Friday, July 13, 2012, and shall continue until further notice as dictated by public safety concerns and weather and environmental conditions.

DATED this 11th day of July, 2012

CONSOLIDATED CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
AND MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

By: _____
Gregory A. Ballard, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By: _____
Samantha S. Karn, Corporation Counsel