

Town of Blowing Rock
Request for Council Action

FROM: Manager Ed Evans
SUBJECT: Water Shortage Response Plan (WSRP)
TO: Mayor and Council
DATE: August 14, 2018
REQUESTED BY:

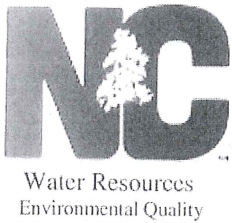
Public Hearing Yes No Not required NA
Properly Advertised Yes No Not required NA

BACKGROUND:

North Carolina Department of Resources requires the Town to have a Plan to deal with water shortages. Town Staff submitted a report to be reviewed by NC Water Resources for the Water Shortage Response Plan (WSRP). The Town of Blowing Rock System meets the minimum criteria established and the WSRP Resolution must be adopted by the board.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter from NC Water Resources and Resolution for Approving Water Shortage Response Plan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:



ROY COOPER
Governor
MICHAEL S. REGAN
Secretary
LINDA CULPEPPER
Interim Director

June 27, 2018

Ed Evans
Town Manager
Town of Blowing Rock
P.O. Box 47
Blowing Rock, NC 28605

Subject: WSRP Meets Minimum Criteria
Town of Blowing Rock
PWSID#: 01-95-020
Watauga and Caldwell Counties

Dear Mr. Evans,

This letter is to notify you that our staff has reviewed the information contained in the Water Shortage Response Plan (WSRP) update submitted by your office. Since all the required information is complete, the WSRP for the Town of Blowing Rock System hereby meets the minimum criteria established in North Carolina General Statute 143-355.2 (a) and 15A NCAC 02E. 0607.

The Water Shortage Response Plan must next be adopted by your water system's governing board; a model WSRP resolution is available online on the right side of the page in the Forms and Docs section at: http://www.ncwater.org/Water_Supply_Planning/Water_Shortage_Response_Plans/learn. Once adopted, a copy of the signed resolution must be submitted to Linwood Peele, Water Supply Planning Branch Supervisor, at the address printed at the bottom of this letter. Please note, the WSRP cannot be considered compliant with the requirements of NCGS 143-355(l) until an adopted resolution is received by the Division.

Please be advised that the review process for Water Shortage Response Plans is separate from the review process for your Local Water Supply Plan (LWSP). If you have submitted your LWSP but haven't already been contacted by the Division, you will receive notification as soon as the review of your LWSP is complete.

Thank you very much for your efforts to provide your customers with a safe and reliable supply of drinking water. We look forward to continuing to work with you in these efforts. Please contact Louis Murray at louis.murray@ncdenr.gov or (919)707-9017, or Linwood Peele at linwood.peele@ncdenr.gov or (919) 707-9024, if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linwood E. Peele'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'L'.

Linwood E. Peele, Supervisor
Division of Water Resources, NCDEQ



RESOLUTION FOR APPROVING WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (l) requires that each unit of local government that provides public water service and each large community water system shall develop and implement water conservation measures to respond to drought or other water shortage conditions as set out in a Water Shortage Response Plan and submitted to the Department for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, as required by the statute and in the interests of sound local planning, a Water Shortage Response Plan for the Town of Blowing Rock, has been developed and submitted to the Town Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the Water Shortage Response Plan is in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (l) and that it will provide appropriate guidance for the future management of water supplies for the Town of Blowing Rock, as well as useful information to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the development of a state water supply plan as required by statute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Blowing Rock that the Water Shortage Response Plan entitled, _____ dated _____, is hereby approved and shall be submitted to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Blowing Rock intends that this plan shall be revised to reflect changes in relevant data and projections at least once every five years or as otherwise requested by the Department, in accordance with the statute and sound planning practice. This the 14th day of August, 2018.

Charlie Sellers, Mayor

Hilari Hubner, Town Clerk