

1 15A NCAC 02E .0609 is readopted with changes as published in 35:21 NCR 2362 as follows:  
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3 **15A NCAC 02E .0609 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLANNING**  
4 **REQUIREMENTS**

5 (a) Units of local government that provide water to the public shall meet the requirements of Rule ~~.0607(a)~~ .0607(a)  
6 of this Section.

7 (b) Units of local government that do not provide water to the public shall:

- 8 (1) Review normal water use for the types and number of facilities operated to identify options to reduce  
9 water use and maximize water use efficiency by local government operations during water shortage  
10 emergencies, including possible changes to normal operating procedures;
- 11 (2) Cooperate with local water purveyor(s) on the development and implementation of the purveyor's  
12 Water Shortage Response Plan(s);
- 13 (3) Establish a procedure for informing citizens of drought designations, recommended conservation  
14 **activities activities**, and mandatory response measures to reduce water use during droughts and  
15 water shortage emergencies;
- 16 (4) Provide a mechanism whereby residents can apply for and receive a variance from specific water  
17 use reduction requirements implemented by local governments;
- 18 (5) Consider **disproportionate** hardships that water shortage response policies and ordinances may cause  
19 water users who have already made improvements to maximize water use efficiency in their daily  
20 operations; and
- 21 (6) Evaluate the feasibility of reclaiming and recycling water to meet water needs.

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23 *History Note: Authority G.S. 143-354(a)(1); S.L. 2002-167;*  
24 *Eff. March 19, 2007;*  
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