



City of Riverbank

Newsletter

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WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE



The April 2017 Executive Order issued by Governor Brown terminated the January 2014 declaration of a Drought State of Emergency, and replaced it with a long-term plan to better prepare the state for future droughts. The order included establishing a framework for efficient long-term water use and management that reflects the state's diverse climate, landscape, and population growth. The framework helps to implement the California Water Action Plan by encouraging Californians to:

- Use water more wisely
- Eliminate wasting water
- Strengthen local drought resilience
- Improve agricultural water-use efficiency and drought planning

The state's laws, and new or revised policies will encourage greater compliance with existing requirements. Everyone's effort to keep the use of water levels low will prevent the community from experiencing the state's high level restrictions and related fines. All residents and businesses of Riverbank are encouraged to please continue to use water wisely by following the City's water conservation watering policies. For more information on Governor Brown's signing of legislation *Establishing Statewide Water Efficiency Goals*, you may access the State of California's webpage using the following address:

www.gov.ca.gov/2018/05/31/governor-brown-signs-legislation-establishing-statewide-water-efficiency-goals/

By taking stricter measures now to further reduce personal water consumption, the impact of forthcoming mandatory water

restrictions in California may not be as challenging to live by.

UTILITY RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The City offers a water and sewer rate discount to senior citizens over the age of 65 or residents who are permanently disabled. Eligibility for the **Utility Rate Assistance Program (URAP)** is based on the annual income for the entire household (all household members over the age of 18). The income limits are determined by the State of California on an annual basis. Applications for the program are accepted annually from June 1 – June 30, with the discount beginning in the month of July. **For this year only, the deadline is July 31, 2018.** For Program Requirements and application, please visit our website at www.riverbank.org. On the left side of the Home Page, in the green box titled Current Topics, click on Utility Rate Assistance Program. For your convenience, you may complete and submit your application online; or print the application and complete by hand and submit to the Finance Department. Program information and applications are also available in City offices. If you have further questions, please contact Assistant City Manager/ Director of Finance, Marisela H. Garcia, at 209.863.7110.

PERMISOS ADMINISTRATIVOS PARA EL CULTIVO DE CANNABIS

El Ayuntamiento de Riverbank aprobó una ordenanza que entró en vigencia en septiembre de 2017, que permite el cultivo de hasta seis (6) plantas de cannabis por residencia en el interior con un permiso de la Ciudad. La ordenanza prohíbe todas las actividades de cannabis al aire libre. La designación de cultivo interior incluye

galpones (cobertizo cerrado) e invernaderos, así como en la residencia. Si hay un garaje para tres (3) automóviles, solo se puede convertir uno de los tres puestos. El cannabis es solo para uso personal y no se puede vender. No se emitirán permisos de ocupación en el hogar para hacer ningún negocio de cultivo.

El proceso para obtener un Permiso Administrativo de Cannabis ("ACP") es simple. Requiere una aplicación de una (1) página, un plan de sitio (puede ser dibujado a mano) y una cuota por la aplicación de \$ 125. La revisión de la aplicación se realiza a nivel del personal de la ciudad e incluye una (1) inspección por el inspector de edificios, que examinará los factores de salud y seguridad, como puertas con cerradura, ventilación adecuada y trabajos eléctricos. Si se aprueba el permiso será por un (1) año y el Alicantе deberá renovarlo anualmente. Puede obtener asistencia sobre cómo aplicar para un permiso en las oficinas del ayuntamiento localizado en el City Hall South 6617 Third Street. También puede visitar nuestra página de red para más información: www.riverbank.org.

ADMINISTRATIVE CANNABIS PERMITS

The Riverbank City Council passed an ordinance that became effective in September 2017 which permits the cultivation of up to six (6) cannabis plants per residence indoors and bans all cannabis activities outdoors with a permit from the City. The indoor designation includes sheds and greenhouses as well as the residence. If there is a three (3) car garage on site, only one bay may be converted. The cannabis is for personal use only and cannot be sold. No Home Occupation Permits will be issued.

The process for obtaining a required Administrative Cannabis Permit ("ACP") is simple. It requires a one (1) page application, a proposed floor or site plan (may be hand drawn), and an application fee of \$125. The review is at staff level and includes one (1) inspection by the Building Inspector, who will be looking at health and safety items like locking doors, adequate ventilation, and electrical work. If approved, the permit lasts for one (1) year and may be renewed. Please come into City Hall South at 6617 Third Street

for assistance on obtaining the permit. Visit our website for more information: www.riverbank.org.

SURVEY! CITY NEEDS YOUR INPUT!!

The City is currently working on an Active Transportation Application for a Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan for Riverbank. The City would greatly appreciate your input by taking a couple of minutes to complete a quick survey online at the *updated address*: <http://bit.ly/RivSurvey> For questions, please contact Kathleen Cleek, Development Services Administration Manager at 209.863.7170.

COOLING ZONES IN RIVERBANK

Council Chambers 6707 Third Street Riverbank 209-863-7122	<u>Monday-Thursday:</u> 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. <u>Alternating Fridays:</u> 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Riverbank Public Library 3442 Santa Fe Street 209-869-7008	<u>Monday & Friday:</u> 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. <u>Tuesday & Thursday:</u> 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. <u>Wednesday:</u> 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. <u>Thursday:</u> 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. <u>Saturday:</u> 12 - 5 p.m. (Closed Sunday)
Riverbank Pool 7th & Stanislaus Streets 209-863-7150	<u>Monday-Thursday:</u> 1 - 3:30 p.m. <u>Saturday:</u> Noon - 4:00 p.m. Entry Cost: \$2.00 (June-August)
Riverbank Teen Center (Ages 11-18) 3600 A Santa Fe #A 209-869-7026	<u>Monday - Friday:</u> 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. (June - August)
Community Center, Senior Meals and Activities 3600 Santa Fe Ave 209-863-7150	<u>Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday:</u> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. <u>Friday:</u> 10 a.m. - 12 noon

For a complete list of **Cooling Zones in Stanislaus County**, please refer to our website Home page at www.riverbank.org under the blue tab titled News.