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Clemson amends water-restrictions ordinance

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The city of Clemson has joined with 13 other Upstate cities and retail water suppliers in a move aimed at eliminating "confusing messages" related to the recent drought.

Clemson City Council has agreed to amend Clemson's City Code, which spells out the various trigger mechanisms used to impose water-use restrictions.

Under the old ordinance, Clemson based its water restrictions policy on drought declarations from the state Drought Response Committee.

Going forward, however, the city, which is part of the 14-member Anderson Regional Joint Water System, will follow that group's drought guidelines.

Water-restriction decisions from that group are based primarily on water levels in Lake Hartwell, the source of water for the 14 system members.

Earlier this month, Clemson City Council lifted mandatory water restrictions for its customers.