

## A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY

WHEREAS, The Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Spartanburg, SC (“Spartanburg Water”) have established a series of reservoirs to provide a quality source of drinking water for the citizens of Spartanburg County and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Spartanburg Water is responsible for and maintains ownership of these properties including shoreline property above the water level at each of these reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, because these reservoirs are the primary sources of drinking water for an estimated 200,000 people in Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union counties, it is the intent of Spartanburg Water to exercise exclusive control over the use of the reservoirs and adjacent public lands and to develop policies and guidelines for allowable activities for the safe public enjoyment of the water and land, while protecting the quality of these drinking water sources; and

WHEREAS, Spartanburg Water now adopts this resolution as a statement of policy to ensure water quality, define permitted activities, address encroachments and regulate recreational access in, over and around its reservoirs in an effort to protect these valuable resources; and

WHEREAS, Spartanburg Water recognizes that rules and regulations must be promulgated to support the policies outlined in this resolution, but that it is important that this statement of policy be issued to address important aspects of the stewardship of these reservoirs, their ownership and to protect these primary drinking water sources for the Spartanburg community and contiguous areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Spartanburg Water hereby adopts the following statements of policy and directs that staff propose, adopt and enforce guidelines, rules and regulations which carry out these principles:

### Section 1. Water Quality.

The buffers around Spartanburg Water’s reservoirs are essential in protecting the integrity of the reservoirs themselves as well as the quality of the water contained therein. When possible, Spartanburg Water will work to maintain a natural vegetation barrier where it currently exists and establish guidelines to support natural regrowth within the buffers when practical. Where nature needs a helping hand, supplemental plantings of native species may be required to support the reestablishment of a protective buffer area to protect or enhance lake health.

Healthy lakes support a healthy ecosystem allowing fish and other aquatic species to thrive while simultaneously maintaining a proper natural balance that results in exceptionally good water quality. A healthy lake has good quality source water, which can be treated for drinking water in an affordable and cost-effective manner.

### Section 2. Permitted Activities.

At some of its properties, Spartanburg Water supports the erection of certain structures and facilities and the use of the lakes and the buffer area around the lakes for recreational

purposes where those structures and activities do not adversely impact the reservoir as a drinking water source. Allowable structures and activities will be set forth in the regulations and will require permitting to ensure the safety of all individuals enjoying the reservoir for recreation and the protection of the reservoir as a drinking water source. Where a previously permitted structure or activity on the lake or within the buffer area requires removal, replacement, maintenance or modification, the proposed change must meet all current guidelines, rules and regulations set forth by Spartanburg Water for such structure or activity.

Section 3. Encroachments.

The buffer property surrounding Spartanburg Water’s reservoirs is publicly owned and is protected and controlled by Spartanburg Water. Encroachments on these public properties will be addressed by Spartanburg Water in its permitting processes and/or referenced in an encroachment agreement duly signed by the relevant parties and filed in the public record. In certain instances, Spartanburg Water may require removal of certain encroachments when the water quality of the lake or the safety and security of persons or publicly owned property is threatened or impaired.


Section 4. Recreational Access.

At certain reservoirs, Spartanburg Water encourages responsible use of these natural resources for recreation and in some cases maintains public boat landings, parks and associated amenities for all citizens to enjoy recreational access to the water. At some reservoirs, Spartanburg Water may permit one marine structure per qualifying parcel when landowners’ lots are immediately adjacent to the buffer area surrounding a reservoir having the required lot width and adequate lake depth. A permitted structure may only have a single tie to the shoreline and may not be configured in a manner so as to constitute a marina. Where recreational access and drinking water supply and quality intersect, Spartanburg Water will prioritize public safety and environmental protection of its reservoirs as drinking water sources.

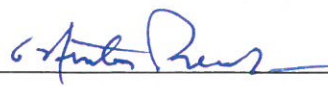
The above resolution is adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018 by the Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Spartanburg, SC as a statement of policy and as guidance for staff in the promulgation of rules, regulations, guidelines and procedures in furtherance of these policies and priorities.

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