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****PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT****

CITY OF CAMDEN EXPERIENCING VERY SEVERE WATER SHORTAGE

CAMDEN – Upon the recommendation of the City’s Public Works Director, Patrick J. Keating, Mayor Dana L. Redd today advised the public that the City of Camden is experiencing a very severe water shortage.

Due to the excessive heat, the City Water System has been experiencing an unusually large increase in the amount of water being consumed. This appears to be directly attributable to the numerous opening of fire hydrants throughout the City during the past several days. The opening of fire hydrants causes numerous public safety concerns, lowers water pressure which can disrupt emergency services, and causes discoloration of water.

According to Municipal Ordinances and State Law, “No person and no agent, servant or employee of any person shall open or use any public fireplug or fire hydrant or take any water therefrom for building purposes, street sprinkling, flushing of sewers or gutters or for any other purpose without first obtaining a written permit.”

As per Ordinance MC-4234, Article IX, 564-41, anyone caught opening fire hydrants can be subjected to penalties and fines not exceeding \$2,000, or imprisonments not exceeding 90 days, or both.

Residents are urged to report any open/turned on fire hydrants to the Camden Police Department at 856-757-7482 or to United Water (Emergency Number) at 856-488-2041.

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