

AN ACT

RELATING TO MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY POWERS; PROVIDING FOR  
PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 3 NMSA 1978 is  
enacted to read:

"WATER RESOURCES--COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL REQUIREMENTS.--

A. For the purpose of preserving and protecting  
water resources and to provide an assured water supply for the  
community, a county or municipality may require:

(1) site development standards to conserve  
water and minimize water loss;

(2) water harvesting and storage;

(3) low water use landscaping and plant  
materials;

(4) nonagricultural residential and  
commercial water use limitations; or

(5) recycling and reuse of water.

B. The provisions of this section shall be  
implemented consistent with state engineer rules.

C. Agricultural water users or agricultural water  
rights owners are excluded from the provisions of Subsection A  
of this section."

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