

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF POLK

POLK COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 2

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Polk County Fresh Water Supply District No. 2 (the "District") has from time to time adopted certain orders ("Rate Order") and Rules and Regulations establishing the rates and conditions under which sanitary sewer service would be provided; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the District has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to amend and restate its Rate Order;

IT IS, THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF POLK COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 2 THAT:

**ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS**

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- E. Deposit - A payment in advance of User Charge and Standby Fee.
- F. District - The Polk County Fresh Water Supply District No. 2, including its governing and operative bodies.
- G. Domestic Waste - Liquid carried sanitary sewage discharge which is normally discharged from residential food preparation and bathroom facilities.
- H. Grease Trap - A device to trap grease.
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- J. Multi-family Residential Connection - shall mean all multiplex residential connections which are served by a master meter.
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- M. Operator - The person, company or corporation which is under contract with the District to operate the District's sewer system, reports monthly to the District on the operations of the District's System and performs any additional services set out in its contract with the District.

- N. Person - Any and all individuals, natural or artificial, include any firm, company, industry, municipal or private corporation, association, society, governmental agency or other entity and agents, servants of employees.
- O. Property - Any real estate holding, regardless of size.
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ARTICLE II INSPECTION FEES AND CONNECTION POLICY

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- A. Wastewater Discharge Regulations. All persons owning property in the District upon which is located a structure which through its use may generate wastewater must provide sewage disposal facilities in or at the structure to handle wastewater generated therein.
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(150') of the sanitary sewer system shall connect the sewage facility of the structure to the sanitary sewer system within thirty (30) days after the system is placed into operation or shall connect the facility to the system within thirty (30) days after any future extensions of the sanitary sewer system is constructed within one hundred and fifty feet (150') of said property line.

Persons owning or leasing property which is defined as acreage and which is located within 150' of the sanitary sewer system at any point may connect to the sanitary sewer system at any time. If the structure itself is located within two hundred feet (200') of the sanitary sewer system they shall connect as provided above.

Section 2.02. Policies Governing Initial Connections.

- C. Certification of System. Connections shall not be made to the District's System or portions of the System until the District's engineer has certified that the System or applicable portion thereof is operable.
- D. Availability of Access/Obstructions. By application for connection to the District's System, the Customer shall be deemed to be granting to the District and its representatives a right of ingress and egress to and from the meter or point of service for such installation, maintenance and repair as the District, in its judgment, may deem reasonably necessary. The Customer shall also be deemed to be granting to the District and its representatives a right of ingress and egress to the Customer's property, including the interior and exterior of the Customer's premises, for the purpose of performing the inspections and completing the Customer Service Inspection Certifications required by the District's Rules and Regulations. Taps and connections will not be made when, in the opinion of the District's engineer or Operator, the work area is obstructed by building materials or other debris or the work area is not completed or finished to grade. When sidewalks, driveways or other improvements have been constructed prior to application for service, such application shall be construed and accepted as the Customer's waiver of a claim for any damages to such improvements resulting from the reasonable actions of the District's Operator in installation of the connection.

Section 2.03 Connections by Licensed Plumber. All connections to the District's sewer system shall be made by a licensed plumber or an agent approved by and in accordance with the District's Rules and Regulations. No person except the District's Operator or his authorized agent shall be permitted to make any repairs or additions to or alterations in any manhole, main, truck or appurtenance of the District's System, unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors of the District, the District's Engineer, or the District's Operator.

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- C. Final Builder Inspection and Fees. Upon receipt of instruction from a builder to transfer an account to an initial Customer, the District's Operator shall make a final inspection of the property and make note of the condition of all District facilities. The District's Operator will repair any damaged District facilities, and the builder will be held responsible for all costs incurred. A fee of \$135.00 shall be charged by the District to cover the cost of such inspection and will be collected at the time application for connection to the District's System is made.

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ARTICLE III
SERVICE RATES Effective 1-01-09

Section 3.01 Sewer Rates, Fees And Assessments: The following rates for the collection and disposal of sewage shall be in effect for each Separate Connection within the District from the effective date hereof until such time as the Board of Directors amends said rates.

<u>User Type</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>		
	User Charge	Capital Charge	* Total
<u>Residential User</u>	\$25.96	\$2.40	\$28.36
<u>Commercial User</u>			
To 4000 gallons per month usage	\$25.96	\$2.40	\$28.36
4001+ gallons per month/per thousand	\$ 5.70	\$0.51	\$ 6.21

Water Volumes measured, in arrears

*A State Regulatory Assessment equal to one-half percent (0.5%) of the charge for retail sewer service shall be collected from each customer. All sewer service billings will appear on the Polk County Fresh Water Supply District No. 2 County Fresh Water Supply District monthly billing and late fees will be applied after the 15th of each month at a rate of five percent (5%) per month.

\$24.00 annual per undeveloped or lot not connected to sewer Standby Fee. This may be billed monthly if customer on monthly billing schedule.

Installation of Pressure System: \$3,600.00 (Includes tap and 50' 2' line)

Installation of Gravity and Pressure Taps (up to 12') \$900.00 Deeper Taps cost plus 5%

Construction of Road Bores: 0-20' \$450.00; 20-30' \$900.00; 30-50' \$1,500.00 Directional Bores and/or major highways cost plus 5%

Installation of 2" sewer line \$5.00 per linear foot

Installation of 4" sewer line \$10.00 per linear foot Over 12 foot in depth cost plus 5%

\$135.00 Permit Fee-Residential

\$350.00 Permit Fee-Commercial

\$35.00 Re-inspection Fee-Residential

\$85.00 Re-inspection Fee-Commercial

\$35.00 Inspection-Grease Traps

\$50.00 Disconnect Fee-Involuntary-Non-payment or Health Violation

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\$125.00 Charge for holding tank pump-out (wastewater only). No septic can be pumped under any circumstance. (\$75.00) Credit for first time call, if FOG Training Class completed within ten (10) days.

\$125.00 Charge for jetting customer lateral line with a (\$75.00) Credit for first time call, if FOG Training Class completed within ten (10) days.

\$30.00 Returned Check Charge

10% late payment penalty - \$2.00 minimum

\$12.00 Certified Letter Fee – Letters for Non-payment or Violations

Section 3.02. Customer Deposit: \$150.00 Residential; Commercial Deposit determined by General Manager.

Section 3.03 Ad Valorem Tax: The 2008 rate is \$0.44 per \$100 evaluation, minus deductions allowed for Disabled and Homesteaded/Over 65. Appraisals are performed by Polk Central Appraisal District and taxes are collected by Polk County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Section 3.04 Standby Fees.

There is hereby established a standby fee in the amount of \$24.00 per year, per lot for all lots and/or parcels situated within one hundred and fifty feet (150'), from a Polk County Fresh Water Supply District #2 Sewer Collection line that is not being charged a user charge.

- A. All lots and/or parcels situated within one hundred fifty feet (150') from a District Collection Line at any point on the property that is not a user, shall be subject to this charge.
- B. As parcels are developed, divided into separate lots, each lot so situated shall be subject to this charge.
- C. As lots are developed and hooked to and paying a user charge, this charge shall cease.
- D. Where two or more lots are adjacent and the improvement is placed exclusively on a particular lot, thereby allowing for future development of one or more of the remaining lots, this charge shall continue for each lot so affected.

- E. Property that has been Homesteaded according to Texas State Law may be exempt from paying Standby Fees by signing an Affidavit that a home is constructed on one of the lot(s) and that the property owner does not intend to ever sell or construct on the other lot(s). In the event that any construction take place on the remaining lot(s) which would require a sewer connection, then the owner of that lot(s) will be responsible for all Standby Fees from the date the Affidavit is signed. The Affidavit will be placed of record in the Official Records of Polk County, Texas and the filing fee will be paid by the property owner(s)
- F. Any connection that has been disconnected from service will pay a \$24.00 per year (prorated) per lot standby fee.
- G. The standby fee is a personal obligation of the person owning the undeveloped property on January 1 of the year for which the fee is assessed. A person is not relieved of his prorated share of the standby fee obligation on transfer of title to the property. On January 1 of each year, a lien is attached to the undeveloped property to secure payment of any standby fee imposed and the interest or penalty, if any, on the fee. The lien has the same priority as a lien for taxes of the District.
- H. The purpose of standby fees is to distribute a fair portion of the cost burden for operations and maintenance costs and debt service of the District facilities to owners of the property who have not constructed improvements, but have water, wastewater or drainage facilities or services available. Any revenues collected from the operations and maintenance standby fees shall be used to supplement the District's operations and maintenance account.

Section 3.05 Capital Charge. Customers to pay to the District monthly a portion of the total wastewater service charge that is levied for local capital costs, local investment in plant facilities and other local costs excluding operation, maintenance and replacement costs.

Section 3.06 Sewer Service (out of District). The following monthly rates for the collection and disposal of sewage shall be in effect for each Separate Connection located outside the boundaries of the District from the effective date hereof until such time as the Board amends said rates:

- 1. Customer Entering into Out-of-District Service Agreement with the District. The sewer rates charged such Customer shall be governed by the terms of such written agreement.
- 2. Customer Not Entering into Out-of-District Service. The sewer rates and security deposits charged such Customer shall be three (3) times the rates charged a comparable in-District Customer, as such rates may be established by the Board from time to time.

Section 3.07 Regulatory Assessment. Pursuant to Section 5.235, Texas Water Code, as amended, the District shall pay a regulatory assessment to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the "TCEQ") annually in the amount required by law on the total charges for retail sewer service billed to its Customers quarterly. The District shall list the regulatory assessment on the Customer's bill as a separate line item and shall collect the regulatory assessment in addition to other charges.

At the end of each year, the District shall prepare a written statement indicating (i) the total charges for retail sewer service for the quarter and (ii) the regulatory assessment due and payable to the TCEQ.

Section 3.08 No reduced Rates or Free Service. All Customers receiving sewer service from the District shall be subject to the provisions of this Order and shall be charged the rates established in this Order, and no reduced rate or free service shall be furnished to any Customer; provided, however this provision shall not prohibit the District from establishing reasonable classifications of Customers for which rates differing from the rates stated herein may be adopted.

Section 3.09 Rental Accounts. All rental property owners will sign an alternate billing agreement, whereupon the property owner assumes responsibility for all sewer charges.

Section 3.10 Annual Review of Charges. The District shall review not less often than every one (1) year the wastewater contribution of users and user classes, the total costs of operation and maintenance of the District's System, and its approved user charge system. The District shall revise the charges for users or user classes to accomplish the following:

- A. Maintain the proportionate distribution of operation and maintenance costs among users and user classes as required by 40 C.F.R. 35-929-2;
- B. Generate sufficient revenue to pay the total operation and maintenance costs necessary to the proper operation and maintenance (including replacement) of the System; and

- C. Apply excess revenues collected from a class of users to the costs of operation and maintenance attributable to that class for the next year and adjust the rate accordingly.

ARTICLE IV SERVICE POLICY

Section 4.01 Security Deposits. Security deposits shall be required as follows:

- A. For purposes of this Article IV, "Customer" shall mean any person, partnership, corporation, non-profit corporation, trust or other legal entity served by the District's System with sewer service to a residence, business establishment owned or occupied by such person, partnership, corporation, non-profit corporation, trust or legal entity.
- B. Each Customer establishing an account, and each Customer re-establishing an account that has been late three (3) times in a twelve (12) month period, shall be required to make a security deposit equal to six (6) months charges per Separate Connection before the District shall provide or restore such service.
- C. Service shall be initiated upon payment of the security deposit and all other fees and charges.
- D. Following payment of the final bill and payment of all charges, the balance of the security deposit, if any, shall be refunded by check mailed to the Customer, if said refund is over \$2.00. The security deposit may be applied to the Customers account for final payment of all charges. Deposit is non-interest bearing and will be refunded when customer is no longer a consumer of services from the Polk County Fresh Water Supply District No. 2 or credited to the customer's account after a period of two (2) years of timely payments, not late more than three (3) times in a twelve (12) month period.
- E. The District may discontinue any or all facilities or services to prevent an abuse or to enforce payment of an unpaid charge, fee, or rental due the District (including taxes that have been delinquent for not less than six (6) months upon observance of the procedure appropriate to the circumstances.

Section 4.02 BILLING PROCEDURES All accounts shall be billed in accordance with the following procedures:

- A. **Due Date and Delinquency.** Payment shall be due on or before the due date shown on the bill. After such date, a late charge of ten percent (10%) will be assessed on the unpaid balance of the sewer bill. A Customer who is delinquent in payment shall be sent a notice on the day after the due date of the delinquent bill that his service will be discontinued on the fifteenth (15th) day after the post date of such notice unless payment in full (including arrears and current bill) is received by such day. If service is discontinued, it shall be reinstated only upon payment in full of all amounts due, by cash, check, cashier's check, or money order, including any late and/or bad check charges, collection costs (including collection agency fees) payment on reinstatement of the security deposit set forth in Section 4.01 hereof, and a reconnection fee as set forth in Section 2.04 hereof.
- B. **Notice and Appeal.** Prior to termination of service, a Customer who is delinquent in payment shall be sent a notice that service will be discontinued unless payment in full is received. Notice shall be sent by first class United States mail and will provide the Customer with an opportunity to appear in person or by written correspondence at a scheduled meeting of the Board of the District to contest, explain, or correct the charges, services or disconnection. Service shall not be disconnected where a Customer has informed the District of his or her desire to contest or explain his bill and all past due fees have been paid. If the Customer appears before the Board, in person or written correspondence, the Board shall hear and consider the matter and inform the Customer of the Board's determination by sending written notice to the Customer by first class United States mail stating whether service will be continued or disconnected and if any credits will be issued to the account. If service is discontinued, it shall be reinstated only upon payment in full of all amounts due, including any late charges, the security deposit as set in Section 4.01 hereof, and a reconnection fee as set forth in Article 2 hereof.
- C. **Returned Checks:** A \$30.00 charge will be charged to Customer's account for any check returned by a bank. If a check used for payment of a Customer's account is returned by a bank for any reason, service shall be discontinued until all amounts due the District, including late and/or bad check charges and any other fees or penalties designated in this Rate Order, are paid in cash, cashier's check, or money order.
- D. The District utilizes a collection agency to collect any amounts deemed by the District to be uncollectible. The District will file a lien upon property that has unpaid standby fees, in addition to

sending the account to the collection agency. The District will charge \$50.00 collection fees to all accounts sent to a collection agency, plus a 10% penalty. The District will add collection agency fees, in addition to any other fees, prior to filing Release of Lien.

- E. Any Customer of the District who desires sanitary sewer service to be temporarily disconnected may request such disconnection by giving at least ten (10) days prior notice, providing that the requesting Customer's account is not delinquent and current fees are paid. The Customer must complete and sign the application providing for voluntary disconnection of sewer service and reconnect form.
- F. A Customer who is temporarily disconnected must not be connected to a Water Supply System. If the Customer is using fresh water service, penalties set forth in Section 4.05 hereof apply. The Customer must complete and sign the application providing for reconnection of sewer service when the water is turned on.

Section 4.03 Entitlement Customers are not guaranteed a specific capacity in sewer facilities for any purpose whatsoever; furthermore, in no instance shall the District be liable for failure or refusal to provide capacity in sewer facilities.

Section 4.04 Unauthorized and Extraordinary Waste The rates established herein are applicable for Domestic Waste as defined herein. Customers proposing to generate other types of waste will be assessed additional charges as established by the District.

Section 4.05 Damage to District Facilities

- A. Damage to Meter and Appurtenances. No person other than a duly authorized agent of the District shall tamper with or in any way interferes with a service line or other sewer system appurtenance.
- B. Right to Repair. The District reserves the right to repair damage to the District's System and appurtenances without prior notice, and to assess against any Customer such penalties as are provided by law and such penalties provided for in this Rate Order in addition to those charges necessary to repair the portion of the system so damaged. A Customer is not allowed to make any repair to the District's System without prior authorization and approval of the Board of Directors, the District's Engineer, or the District's Operators.
- C. Obstructions. The Customer shall at all times keep the area in, around and upon the District's easements and property under Customer's control free from rubbish or obstructions of any kind. Failure to keep the District's easements and property under Customer's control free from rubbish or obstructions of other kind shall result in disconnection of service and/or the assessment of charges necessary to remove said obstructions. Customers are prohibited from introducing material into the District's System which could cause obstruction of said System. In the event that an inspection by the District's Engineer or Operator reveals foreseeable damage to the District's System resulting from a Customer's failure to prevent obstructions from entering said System, the District reserves the right to immediately and without notice remove the obstruction. Any costs incurred by the District for removal of the obstruction, plus a District administration fee of 50% of said costs, shall be assessed to the Customer.

ARTICLE V
ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING
SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

To secure and maintain safe, sanitary and adequate plumbing installation connections and appurtenances, the Board of the District hereby adopts the Amended and Restated Rules and Regulations Governing Sanitary Sewer Facilities, Service Lines, and Connections attached hereto as Appendix "A" and incorporated herein for all purposes.

ARTICLE VI
ENFORCEMENT/CIVIL PENALTIES

Section 6.01 Enforcement.

- E. Civil Penalties. The Board hereby imposes the following civil penalties for breach of any rule of the District: The violator shall pay the District twice the costs the District has sustained due to the violation up to \$5000. A penalty under this Section is in addition to any other penalty provided by the laws of this State and may be enforced by complaints filed in the appropriate court of jurisdiction in the county in which the District's principal office or meeting place is located. If the District prevails in any suit to enforce its rules, it may, in the same action, recover any reasonable fees for attorneys, expert witnesses, and

other costs incurred by the District before the court. The amount of the attorney's fees shall be fixed by the court.

- F. Liability for Costs. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Order and/or the Rules and Regulations Governing Water and Sanitary Sewer Facilities, Service Lines, and Connections shall become liable to the District by reason of such violation, and enforcement thereof shall be in accordance with Section 6.01(A) of this Order and Article X of the Rules and Regulations.
- G. Customer Clean-Outs. Any person found to have removed the cap from his clean-out line will be subject to a fine imposed by the District in the amount of \$250.00 per day per violation (each day is a separate violation). If the fine is not paid within ten (10) days of the date the fine is imposed, sewer service will be terminated to the Customer and the Customer will be responsible for the reconnect fees as described in Section 2.04.D. described in this Order.

Section 6.02 Non-Waiver. The failure on the part of the District to enforce any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this Order shall not constitute a waiver of the right of the District later to enforce any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this Order.

Section 6.03 Appeal Any determination by the District's Operator or the District's Engineer or any authorized agent of the District of any dispute regarding the terms and provisions of this Order may be appealed to the Board of the District, which shall provide the Customer with information regarding appeals and hearing procedures upon the Customer's request.

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.01 Amendments. The Board of the District has and specifically reserves the right to change, alter or amend any rate or provision of this Order at any time.

Section 8.02 Severability. The provisions of this Order are severable, and if any provision or part of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall ever be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, the remainder of this Order and application of such provision or part of this Order shall not be affected thereby.

Section 8.03 Ownership of Mains

- A. Ownership of Mains. All connections to the District's Systems shall become the property of the District. All connections of the District's System shall be made in accordance with the District's Rules and Regulations.
- B. Main Locations and Size. All connections must be constructed and located with a right-of-way dedicated to the public or an easement to the public filed for record with the County Clerk at the expense of the Customer. The District specifically reserves the right to determine the size, quality and location of all connections. The Customer shall be responsible for the maintenance of sewer lines from the point of connection to the District's System to include the expense of clearing any stoppage in the sewer stub-out from the main connection.
- C. Availability of Funds. In no event shall the District be obligated to proceed under the terms of this Order if funds are not available or if in the discretion of the District, the construction or extension of mains is not in the interest of public health and/or safety.

ARTICLE VIII REPEAL OF PREVIOUS ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

All previous orders adopted by the Board of Directors pertaining to the subject matter hereof are each hereby repealed in their entirety as of the effective date hereof.

ARTICLE IX EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order shall be effective as of January 1, 2009

The President or Vice President is authorized to execute and the Secretary is authorized to attest this Order on behalf of the Board and to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the purpose and intent hereof.

PASSED, ADOPTED, ORDERED AND APPROVED as of the 25th day of November, 2008.

Fred Alderman, President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

(DISTRICT SEAL)

J. R. Jones, Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
THE COUNTY OF POLK**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Fred Alderman and J.R. Jones, who being duly sworn stated on oath that he is a board of director of Polk County Fresh Water Supply District #2 and that the foregoing instrument is within his personal knowledge just and true and is an act and deed of said Polk County Fresh Water Supply District #2.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON THIS THE 25th DAY OF November, 2008.

Notary Public

LIST OF APPENDICES AND EXHIBITS

APPENDIX "A"

- Amended and Restated Rules and Regulations Governing Sanitary Sewer Facilities, Service Lines, and Connections

- Exhibit 1 - Customer Service Agreement
- Exhibit 2 - Alternate Billing Agreement
- Exhibit 3 - Voluntary Disconnect/Reconnect
- Exhibit 4 - Credit Application
- Exhibit 5 - ACH Debit Authorization Form
- Exhibit 6 - Application for New Service Permit

APPENDIX A

AMENDED AND RESTATED RULES AND REGULATIONS

**GOVERNING SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES,
SERVICE LINES AND CONNECTIONS**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF POLK

POLK COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 2

**ARTICLE I
PURPOSE**

The following Amended and Restated Rules and Regulations Governing Sanitary Sewer Facilities, Service Lines, and Connections (the “Rules and Regulations”) shall govern the design, installation and inspection of all connections and taps made to the District’s sanitary sewer collection system, the limitations of the flow of waste into the sanitary sewer system, protection of all facilities which are part of the District’s sanitary sewer system, and the enforcement of these Rules and Regulations.

**ARTICLE II
GENERAL**

Section 2.01 Definitions.

- A. Customer is any person, partnership, corporation, non-profit corporation, trust or other legal entity served by the District with sewer services to a residence or business establishment.
- B. Engineer is the person, company or corporation which is under contract with the District to design the District’s Sanitary Sewer Collection System and performs any additional services as set forth in the contract with the District.
- C. High Health Hazard is a cross-connection, potential cross-connection, or any other situation involving any substance that can cause death, illness, spread of disease, or that has a high possibility of causing such effects if introduced into the fresh water supplies located in the District.
- D. Rate Order shall mean the District’s Order Adopting Consolidated Rate Order and Rules and Regulations; Establishing a Wastewater Control Order; and Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof which may be amended from time to time.
- E. Sanitary Sewer Collection System constitutes the underground sanitary sewer lines owned or leased and operated by the District. This system is composed of all interconnecting laterals, mains, and truck lines with manholes, clean-outs, stacks, tees, and wyes located within the publicly dedicated utility easements owned or leased and operated by the District. This system is maintained by the District.
- F. Sanitary Sewer Service Line is any line from a residential dwelling or commercial building which connects with the District’s Sanitary Sewer Collection System, including any grease traps or other facilities constructed to prevent non-domestic waste from being introduced into the District’s Sanitary Sewer Collection System. The portion of the line located within the Customer’s property will be maintained by the Customer up to the property line or the District’s easement. The District shall maintain the remaining portion of such line extending from the property line or easement to the point of connection to the District’s Sanitary Sewer Collection System.
- G. Sewer Tap is the physical connection between the Sanitary Sewer Service Line and the District’s Sanitary Sewer Collection System.
- H. Sewer Inspection is the inspection performed by the District’s Operator to assure that the proper materials and connections to the Sanitary Sewer Collection System have been accomplished in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.
- I. State Approved Plumbing Code is a set of rules governing plumbing practices which are at least as stringent and comprehensive as one of the following nationally recognized codes:
 - 1. Southern Standard Plumbing Code.

2. Uniform Plumbing Code.
 3. National Standard Plumbing Code.
- J. Inspection Fee is the fee paid to the District to obtain a sewer inspection for any dwelling. The amount of the Inspection Fee shall be established in the District's Rate Order and may be modified or changed at any time.
- K. Utility Easement is an interest in land, granted by dedication, to public utility entities, including the District, to install and maintain utilities across, over, and under private land together with the right to enter thereon with machinery, other vehicles and personnel necessary for the maintenance, repair or construction of said utilities.
- L. Water Supply System is composed of all water lines, valve boxes, flushing valves, blow-off valves, water meters, water meter service lines, and meter boxes located within public right-of-way or easements owned or leased and operated by the fresh water suppliers.

Section 2.02. Platting Requirements. No connection shall be made to the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System unless the tract, parcel, or lot of land to be served by such connection:

3. was first connected to the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System prior to January 26, 1976
4. is part of an area covered by a development plat duly approved and recorded pursuant to Sections 212.0115 and 212.012 of the Local Government Code, as amended; or
5. Is not required to be platted and written certification to that effect, in accordance with Section 212.0115(e), has been presented to the District's Operator.

Section 2.03 Approval of Plans and Specifications. Submission of plans for all Commercial and Residential connections to be served must be submitted to the District for approval. The cost of service lines or facilities other than a gravity sewer system shall be at the sole expense of the Customer. All operations and maintenance costs of service lines or facilities used to provide sanitary sewer service to a Commercial and Residential connection shall be at the sole expense of the Customer. Each applicant for a sewer connection shall, within thirty (30) days prior to applying for service and the payment of inspection fee for initial service and any other charges due, submit to the District, the following information:

6. Drawings which are drawn to scale and which indicate details of building plumbing materials to be used and the location, size and number of proposed connections to the District System;
7. The size of the gross land area to be serviced by the District's System; and
8. A general description of the type of proposed Residential or Commercial establishment and, if applicable, a description of the special measures taken in order to prevent any possible industrial waste and/or unauthorized commercial waste from entering the District's System.

In recognition of the District's obligation to protect and maintain public health, the District's Engineer or other party designated by the Board of Directors of the District shall review the information presented and may approve or reject the application for service, or request that further information be submitted prior to approval of the application. The Customer shall be notified in writing as to the basis for rejection of the application. Failure to construct the facilities in accordance with approved drawings shall constitute a basis for denial of District services. If the application information is not timely made, the District shall not be held responsible for delays in the installation of the sanitary sewer connection or the provision of other District services. Payment of all applicable fees to the District prior to the approval of plans shall not be considered approval of said plans or approval for connection as set forth herein. Any unauthorized connections may be removed at the expense of the person or firm causing such connection or connections to be made.

ARTICLE III **PLUMBING MATERIAL PROHIBITIONS**

Section 3.01 Prohibited Materials. The use of the following materials is prohibited for the installation and repair of any private plumbing facilities:

9. any pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 8.0% lead; and
10. any solder or flux which contains more than 0.2% lead.

This prohibition may be waived for lead joints that are necessary for repairs to cast iron pipe.

Section 3.02 Application for Service. An application for Service, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3, must be filed with the District's office. The Customer must pay to the District's Office all inspections fees, deposits and other charges due, as described in the District's Rate Order.

Section 3.03 Customer Service Agreements.

- H. The District is responsible for properly operating and maintaining its Sanitary Sewer Collection System. To this end, the District has adopted plumbing restrictions to provide protection to the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System. To notify Customers of the plumbing restrictions which are in place, each Customer shall be required to sign a Customer Service Agreement, as described in Exhibit 1 attached hereto, before the District will begin service. In addition, when service to an existing connection has been suspended or terminated, the District will not re-establish service unless it has a signed copy of a Customer Service Agreement.

The District will maintain a copy of the Customer Service Agreement as long as the Customer and/or the premises are connected to the District.

- I. The Customer shall allow his/her property to be inspected for unacceptable plumbing practices. These inspections shall be conducted by the District or its designated agent prior to initiating new service; when there is reason to believe that unacceptable plumbing practices exist; or after any major changes to the private plumbing facilities. Inspections shall be conducted during the District's normal business hours.
- J. The District shall notify the Customer in writing of any unacceptable plumbing practices which have been identified during the initial inspection or the periodic re-inspection.
- K. The Customer shall immediately correct any undesirable plumbing practice on his/her premises.
- L. If a Customer fails to comply with the terms of the Customer Service Agreement, the District shall have the option to terminate service. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of the Customer Service Agreement shall be billed to the Customer.

ARTICLE IV
SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS

Section 4.01 Sanitary Sewer Service Line Installation. A maximum of one (1) Sanitary Sewer Service Line connections to the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System is permitted for each residence. A maximum of one (1) Sanitary Sewer Service Line connection to the District's sanitary sewer Collection System is permitted for each commercial building. The Sanitary Sewer Service Line shall remain fully within the boundaries of the lot until the line reaches a utility easement or street right-of-way.

- M. No opening in the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System will be allowed to remain open overnight or during rain.
- N. All Sanitary Sewer Service Lines must be constructed to true alignment and grade. Warped and/or sagging lines will not be permitted. Sanitary Sewer Service Lines must have continuous contact with firm trench bottom throughout their entire run. Lines placed in such manner as to increase the likelihood of being displaced during backfill will be rejected.
- O. All Sanitary Sewer Service Lines should be run from wyes or stacks directly to the houses and shall be kept as free from bends as conditions will permit.

Section 4.02 Sanitary Sewer Service Line Materials. Only the following types of pipe and fitting materials are approved for constructing Sanitary Sewer Service Lines. Pipe and fittings in each Sanitary Sewer Service Line must consist of the following material or other material approved by the District's Engineer.

- 11. Poly-vinyl-chloride PSM (PVC) pipe conforming to ASTM Specification D3034 or ASTM specification F789 (with UL listing) and installed according to ASTM D2321. Acceptable types of pipe include: SDR-26, SDR-35, Schedule 40 and Schedule 80.

Section 4.03 Size and Grade of Sanitary Sewer Service Lines - Gravity

- A. Minimum Sizes for Sanitary Sewer Service Lines shall be as follows:
 - 1. Residential - - - 4 inches in diameter; and

2. Commercial - - - 6 inches in diameter.

- B. The minimum grades for Sanitary Sewer Service Lines shall be as follows:
1. 4 inch pipe - - - - one foot drop per hundred feet (1%);
 2. 6 inch pipe - - - - six inch drop per hundred feet (0.5%);
 3. 8 inch pipe - - - - four inch drop per hundred feet (0.33%).

- C. The maximum grades for Sewer Service Lines shall be as follows:
1. 4 inch pipe - - - - two and one-half feet drop per hundred feet (2.5%);
 2. 6 inch pipe - - - - one and one-half feet drop per hundred feet (1.5%);
 3. 8 inch pipe - - - - one foot drop per hundred feet (1%).

Section 4.04 Sewer Lines - Pressure. A “Pressure” type sewer collection system is defined as one which requires mechanical devices to introduce sewage into the collection system. Such mechanical devices are owned, maintained and situated on the property where in is situated the sewer producing facility.

An area is deemed to have a “Pressure” sewer collection system if that system requires its Customers to install sump pumps, grinder pumps or any other mechanical devices, other than gravity, to introduce waste products into the collection system of a subdivision.

- A. Each sewer producing facility, residential, commercial, or industrial shall be required to comply with all ordinances, orders, rules and/or regulations promulgated by this District.
- B. Each such “Pressure” system located within the boundaries of this District shall be subject to the same charges and fees as are all other users of this District, regardless of the type system installed.
- C. At such point in time as such collection systems are dedicated to this District, District acquires permanent easements for property on which such collection lines are situated, District shall assume complete ownership, control and maintenance responsibilities for such collection lines.
- D. Collection lines are those lines, regardless of size, which accept sewage, etc., at the property line of each sewer producing facility. These lines are further defined for maintenance purposes as including only those collection lines to which this District owns “fee simple” title to easements through which such lines pass.
- E. It shall be the Customers responsibility to install, maintain, replace and/or repair all lines and/or equipment situated on the Customer side of the property line of such sewer producing facility. Such shall include, but not be limited to, check valves, (non-return valves), lines, sump pumps, grinder pumps, containers, electrical facilities necessary to accommodate such equipment, etc.
- F. Each sewer producing facility located within a “pressure” type system shall be required to connect as required by District Rules, Regulations and Orders, which applies to all residents of this District regardless of the nature of the collection system installed adjacent to their property.
- G. Each sewer producing facility located within an area serviced by a “pressure” type collection shall provide the minimum installed equipment.
1. Sufficient PVC 40, minimum 1 1/4" lateral collection lines.
 2. A check valve (non-return valve) at point of entry into system.
 3. Adequate collection basin(s) or container(s) to accumulate waste prior to its introduction into District lines.
 4. Sump or grinder pump(s) to deliver waste to District collection lines.
 5. Necessary electrical equipment to facilitate operation of necessary pump(s).
 6. Customer shall be responsible for stoppages occurring between property lines and sewer producing facility.
 7. Each connection must include a locking valve system and a sewer meter box.
 8. Each connection must have an approved type alarm system.
- H. Each lateral installation, including line, pump, valves, etc., shall be inspected by the District Operator prior to covering and connection to the District sewer collection system.

Section 4.05 Fittings and Cleanouts.

- P. No bends or turns at any point will be greater than forty-five degrees (45°).
- Q. Each horizontal Sanitary Sewer Service Line will be provided with a clean out at its upper terminal; and each such run of piping which is more than fifty (50) feet or fraction thereof

in the length will be provided with a clean out for each fifty (50) feet or fraction thereof in the length of such piping.

- R. Each clean out will be installed so that it opens in a direction opposite to the flow of the waste and, except in the case of wye branch and end-of-the-line cleanouts, cleanouts will be installed vertically above the flow line of the pipe. Cleanouts shall not be left open and uncapped. A Customer must replace a missing or damaged clean out plug.
- S. Cleanouts will be made with air-tight mechanical plug.
- T. Cleanouts will be installed at the Customer's property line or within the District's sanitary sewer easement.

Section 4.06 Connection of Building Sewer Outlet.

- A. On all building waste outlets, the building tie-on connections shall be made directly to the stub-out from the building plumbing at the foundation.
- B. Water-tight adapters of a type compatible with the materials being joined shall be used at the point of connection of a Sanitary Sewer Service Line to the building plumbing. No cement grout materials shall be permitted.
- C. Unless an exception is permitted by the District's Operator, existing wye and stack connections must be utilized for connection of a Sanitary Sewer Service Line to the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System.
- D. Commercial users shall install a sampling well constructing to District's Engineer standards and a grease trap with sampling port constructed to District's Engineer standards.
- E. Grease Traps. As grease is a substance prohibited from discharge into the District's System, grease traps and sampling wells or other acceptable restraining devices must be used in any user situation where there is a possibility that grease may be discharged in the District's System. Such grease traps, sampling wells or other such devices must be maintained in proper working order and cleaned on a regular basis. Installation, maintenance, and replacement requirements may be imposed by the District's Operator in situations where grease traps, sampling wells or other such devices may be necessary or where such facilities are not functioning properly. The District's Operator will inspect a user facility quarterly to insure proper maintenance and the user shall pay a fee of \$35.00 per inspection. In the event the facility fails an inspection, the District's Operator shall notify the Customer and re-inspect the facility in ten (10) days. If the facility fails the re-inspection, the District's Operator shall notify the Customer and re-inspect in one (1) week. If the facility again fails the re-inspection, the District's Operator shall notify the Customer and re-inspect the facility daily until the facility passes inspection. The fee for each re-inspection shall be \$35.00. At each inspection, the Customer shall provide the District's Operator with a copy of the manifest from the company cleaning the grease trap, sampling well or other similar facility and disposing of the grease.

Section 4.07 Installation of Sewer Taps and Issuance of Permits.

- U. Sanitary Sewer Service Lines which cross or parallel any Water Service Lines must be installed in accordance with Chapter 290 of the TCEQ Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems. The District's Operator and the water supply company will inspect the lines.
- V. Excavation for Sewer Taps shall be water tamped in all areas within five (5) feet (vertically or horizontally) of any existing sewer lines, sidewalks or driveways. Soil not suitable for water tamping (clay modules, organic material or silty soils) shall be removed and replaced with suitable backfill materials.
- W. All stacks shall be installed in locations shown on the plans. Stacks shall be capped and the cap lightly cemented in place.
- X. An application for Service (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 4) must be filed with the District's office prior to approval of construction of any Sanitary Sewer Service Line, and the Sewer Inspection fee as established in the District's most current Rate Order should accompany the application. (Application forms are available from the District's office.) Construction of any Sanitary Sewer Service Line must not begin until the design

of the Sanitary Sewer Service Line is approved by the District's Engineer or District's Operator.

- Y. When the Sanitary Sewer Service Line is complete, and prior to backfilling the pipe trench, the Customer shall request an inspection of the Sanitary Sewer Service Line. Requests for inspections (or re-inspections) shall be made to the District office at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the inspection.
- Z. The Sewer Tap shall be made only under the supervision of the District's Operator by use of an adapter of a type compatible with materials being joined. The Sewer Tap shall be watertight. No cement grout materials are permitted.
- AA. Any damage to the District's facility shall be repaired promptly by the Customer under the direction of the District's Operator. Major damage will be repaired by the District's Operator at the Customer's expense.
- BB. Backfilling of a Sanitary Sewer Service Line trench must be accomplished within twenty-four (24) hours of inspection and approval. Backfill material shall be sand or loam free of large lumps or clods. No debris will be permitted in the trench or backfill.
- CC. During inspection of the Sanitary Sewer Service Line, the District's Operator will examine all District facilities, such as manholes, cleanouts, and sewer lines, etc. on and adjacent to the lot. Sewer service will not be granted until any damage to these facilities has been repaired.
- DD. The District's Operator will complete the Sanitary Sewer Inspection Form and file it for record with the Application.
- EE. Sewer Service will not be approved until after the Sewer Inspection is performed and the District's Operator confirms that all requirements of these Rules and Regulations have been met.
- FF. Connection permits which are rejected for any deficiency shall be promptly corrected and a re-inspection requested. A re-inspection fee as set forth in the District's Rate Order shall be paid at the time the re-inspection is requested.

ARTICLE V FEES AND CHARGES

The District's fees and charges shall be as established by its Rate Order.

ARTICLE VI EXCLUDED FLOW AND WASTE

- A. No waste material which is not biologically degradable will be permitted to discharge into the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System, including mud and debris accumulated during service line installation. The Customer should refer to the District's Rate Order for specific information concerning acceptable discharges into the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System. The Customer is to be fully responsible for cleaning and jetting lines of any dirt or debris permitted to enter during service construction.
- B. No surface runoff water will be permitted to be discharged into the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System, including but not limited to, down spouts and yard or area drains.
- C. Swimming pool and/or spa connections will not be made to the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System.
- D. No Septic Systems will be permitted to be connected to the District's Sanitary Sewer facilities without running a new lateral line that by-passes existing septic system.

ARTICLE VII PRIVATE WELLS/TANKS

Section 7.01 Septic Tank Permits None allowed. All persons owning or leasing property within 150' from the sanitary sewer system must make application to and connect to the sewer disposal facility.

Section 7.02 Private Water Wells. For Customers charged on a water volume basis, with private water wells, the user, at his/her expense, shall install a water meter on user's water line, in a location accessible to District personnel. When the meter is installed, user shall notify the District monthly with the previous month's water meter reading. The District reserves the right to read such meters at its discretion.

ARTICLE VIII
AVAILABILITY OF ACCESS/OBSTRUCTION

By application for connection to the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System, the Customer shall be deemed to be granting to the District and its representatives a right of ingress and egress to and from the meter or point of service for such installation, maintenance and repair as the District, in its judgment, may deem reasonably necessary. The Customer shall also be deemed to be granting to the District and its representatives a right of ingress and egress to the Customer's property, including the interior and exterior of the Customer's premises, for the purpose of performing the inspection and completing the Customer Service Inspection Certifications required by these Rules and Regulations. Taps and connections will not be made when, in the opinion of the District's Engineer or Operator, the work area is obstructed by building materials or other debris or the work area is not completed or finished to grade. When sidewalks, driveways or other improvements have been constructed prior to application for service, such application shall be construed and accepted as the Customer's waiver of a claim for any damages to such improvements resulting from the reasonable actions of the District's Operator in installation of the connection.

ARTICLE IX
PROTECTION OF DISTRICT'S SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

- A. Damage to the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System by the District's Customers, including developers and builders, plumbers, will be repaired by the District at the Customer's expense.
- GG. Customers are prohibited from introducing material into the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System which could cause obstruction of said system. In the event that an inspection by the District's Engineer or Operator reveals foreseeable damage to the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System resulting from a Customer's failure to prevent obstructions from entering said system, the District reserves the right to remove the obstruction immediately and without notice. Any costs incurred by the District for removal of an obstruction to the District's system, plus a District administration fee of 20% of said costs, shall be assessed to the Customer.
- HH. It shall be unlawful for any person, unless authorized in writing by the District's Operator to tamper or interfere with, obstruct access to, or as a result of willful action injure, deface, or destroy any facilities that are a part of the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System.
- II. It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit, throw, drain, discharge, or otherwise cause to be injected into any sewer, manhole, catch basin, flush tank, or other facility that is a part of the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System any debris or foreign substance that would interfere with the proper and routine functioning thereof.

ARTICLE X
ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

Any and all of the following remedies may be employed by the District to abate and prevent any violation of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations.

- 12. Discontinuance of water service.
- 13. Disconnection and sealing of sanitary sewer connection.
- 14. The Board hereby imposes the following civil penalties for breach of any rule or regulation of the District: The violator shall pay the District twice the costs the District has sustained due to the violation up to \$5,000. A penalty under this Section is in addition to any other penalty provided by the laws of this State and may be enforced by complaints filed in the appropriate court of jurisdiction in the county in which the District's principal office or meeting place is located. If the District prevails in any suit to enforce its rules, it may, in the same action, recover any reasonable fees for attorneys, expert witnesses, and other costs incurred by the District before the court. The amount of the attorneys' fees shall be fixed by the Court.

15. A Customer found in violation of these Rules and Regulations shall be liable to the District for all expenses borne by the District including laboratory fees, legal fees, engineering fees and other costs incurred by the District in establishing the violation and resolving the cause of the violation.
16. A Customer found in violation of these Rules and Regulations who causes or contributes to a violation by the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System of effluent parameters shall be liable to the District for all expenses borne by the District, including legal and engineering fees related to any lawsuit filed by federal, state, or local authorities regarding violations by the District of effluent parameters applicable to the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System.

ARTICLE XI
EFFECTIVE DATE

These Rules and Regulations shall become effective immediately.