

**ORDER ADOPTING RULES GOVERNING WATER, WASTEWATER
AND DRAINAGE SERVICES AND REGULATING PRIVILEGES ON LAND AND
EASEMENTS OWNED BY THE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, under Section 49.212, Texas Water Code, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Block House Municipal Utility District (the "District") is authorized to adopt and enforce all necessary charges, fees or rentals for providing District facilities or services; and

WHEREAS, under Section 54.205, Texas Water Code, the Board is authorized to adopt and enforce reasonable rules and regulations to: (i) secure and maintain safe, sanitary and adequate plumbing facilities as part of its sewer system; (ii) to preserve the sanitary condition of all water controlled by the District; (iii) to prevent waste or the unauthorized use of water; (iv) to regulate privileges on any land or easement controlled by the District; or (v) provide and regulate a safe and adequate freshwater distribution system.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BLOCK HOUSE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The attached Rules Governing Water, Wastewater and Drainage Services of Block House Municipal Utility District and Regulating Privileges on Land and Easements owned by the District (the "Rules") are hereby approved and adopted, and will be enforced by the District.

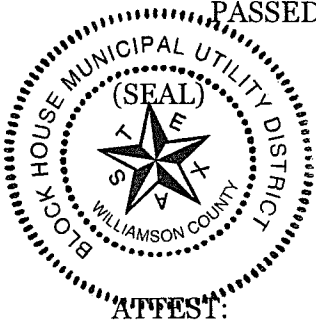
Section 2. The general policies set forth in the District's Order Establishing Water and Wastewater Service Rates, Charges and Tap Fees and Adopting General Policies with Respect to the District's Water, Wastewater and Drainage Systems, as amended from time to time, will constitute a part of, and will be enforceable in accordance with, the Rules.

Section 3. The Rules may be amended from time to time by the Board by orders amending specific parts or provisions of the Rules.

Section 4. This Order supersedes all prior Orders Adopting Rules Governing Water, Wastewater and Drainage Services and Regulating Privileges on Land and Easements Owned by the District, including the prior Order dated June 28, 2017.

Section 5. A substantive statement of the Rules and the penalties for their violation has been published in the manner specified in Section 54.207, Texas Water Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of February, 2021.



ATTEST:

Cecilia Roberts, President
Board of Directors

Byron Koenig, Secretary
Board of Directors

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Chapter 1. Introduction

Sec. 1.01. Authority. These Rules are promulgated pursuant to Section 54.205 of the Texas Water Code.

Sec. 1.02. Definitions. As used in these Rules, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

“District” means Block House Municipal Utility District.

“District’s representative” means the General Manager of the District or a representative or employee of the District engaged in carrying out the terms of or performing services prescribed by these Rules pursuant to either general or specific authorization to do so from the General Manager or the Board of Directors of the District.

“Hazardous Waste” means any chemical, compound, mixture, substances or article designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) to be “hazardous”, as that term is defined by federal or state law.

“Living Unit Equivalent” or “LUE” means a dwelling unit or, in the case of a commercial customer, its equivalent pursuant to the following schedule:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>LUE</u>
5/8”	1
3/4”	1.5
Over 3/4”	as determined by District engineer

“Illicit Discharge” means any discharge to the District’s storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater. This includes illegal dumping or the unauthorized discarding of solid waste on District property.

“Non-Domestic Waste” means any waste other than domestic sewage including, by way of example only and not by way of limitation, industrial waste, commercial waste and water from swimming pools.

“Rules” means these Rules Governing Water, Wastewater and Drainage Services, as amended from time to time.

“Temporary Water User” means a party involved in a construction project in the District or in other activities directly related thereto who needs a water supply on a temporary basis to carry out the project and who does not desire to make a permanent connection to the District’s water system.

“Rate Order” means the District’s Order Establishing Water and Wastewater Service Rates, Charges and Tap Fees, and Adopting General Policies with Respect to the District’s Water, Wastewater and Drainage Systems, as amended from time to time.

“Systems” means the District’s water, wastewater and drainage systems.

“Plumbing Code” means the version of the Plumbing Code adopted and enforced by the City of Cedar Park from time to time.

Chapter 2. Procedures for Connection

Sec. 2.01. Applications for Connections; Charges.

(a) Applications; Proof of Ownership. Any person desiring to make a connection to the District's Systems shall first apply to and obtain permission from the District's representative. Applications for connections shall be made by the record owner of the property. Proof of ownership shall be presented to the District's representative at the time the application for connection is made.

(b) Content of Applications. The application for a connection permit shall include the following:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant.
- (2) The person or persons for whom the connection will be made.
- (3) The exact location where the connection will be made and the house or building which will be served by the connecting line.
- (4) The date and time when the connection will be made.
- (5) The type or description of the materials to be used for the connecting line and tap for the physical connection between the connecting line and the house or building.
- (6) The manner or method by which the connecting line between the water distribution or wastewater collection line and the house or building will be installed and connected; e.g., hand excavation, machine excavation, boring, etc.
- (7) Evidence satisfactory to the District's representative that the person who will actually make the tap and install the connecting line has comprehensive general liability insurance in the minimum amounts of \$300,000 bodily injury and \$50,000 broad form property damage with an underground rider and a completed operations rider.

(c) Review of Application. The District's representative shall review every application submitted pursuant to this Section 2.01. Upon finding that the application complies with the requirements of this Section 2.01 and determining that the materials to be used for the connecting line and the connections, and the methods and procedures to be followed in laying the line and making the connections, are at least equivalent to the standards of the most recent edition of the Uniform Building Code (published by the International Conference of Building Officials) for connections, and are in compliance with the applicable criteria set forth in these Rules, the District's representative may approve the application and grant permission for the connection to be made upon such terms and conditions as are necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes and objectives of these Rules.

(d) Payment of Fees. The applicable fees for connection to the District's Systems are as set forth in the Rate Order. These fees shall be paid to the District for each connection made to the District's Systems before the connection is made. On an undeveloped tract or lot, the fees shall be paid prior to commencement of construction of any improvements on the tract or lot, even though the connection itself may be made at a later date.

(e) Payment of Security Deposit. Any security deposit required under the Rate Order must be received by the District before service is actually commenced to any property connected to the District's water and wastewater system. Security deposits are not transferable to another

party and will be held by the District to assure the prompt payment of all bills for water and wastewater services to the customer. A customer in good standing will be permitted to transfer a security deposit from one residence to another residence within the District upon disconnection of service to the original residence and the payment of the applicable transfer fee and all charges due for service to the original residence. Following 60 consecutive months of timely payment of the District's utility bills, a homeowner who owns and occupies a residence within the District and has no delinquent ad valorem taxes owed to the District on the property or any prior terminations or late fees incurred on the account will, upon written request to the District's representative, be entitled to a refund of a security deposit; however, the District may require the customer to replace the security deposit at one-and-a-half (1.5) times the normal deposit for a homeowner if the customer thereafter makes late payments for two or more months within a 12 month period or in the event service is terminated due to a dishonored check or if payment has not been received prior to the termination date set forth in the notice for termination. The refund provided by the District will only be issued in the form of a credit on the account. A homeowner or renter whose service is disconnected due to nonpayment, violation of the District's Rules, or any other reason other than the customer's request will be required to deposit an additional security deposit of \$100 for a homeowner and \$150 for a renter for each disconnection, up to a maximum deposit of \$500 for a homeowner and \$750 for a renter. A customer who is required to replace a deposit shall be subject to the requirements of the District's Rules and Rate Order.

At its option, the District may apply all or any part of a customer's security deposit against any delinquent bill of the customer. Upon discontinuation of service the deposit will be applied against amounts due, including any disconnection fees, whether because of the customer's delinquency or upon the customer's request. Any unapplied portion of the customer's security deposit remaining after deduction of such amounts will be refunded to the customer. As provided by law in no event will the security deposit bear interest.

(f) Payment of Other Charges. In addition to the foregoing charges, any delinquent taxes or other charges owed to the District by the owner or occupant of the property to which a water or wastewater connection is to be made or to which water or wastewater service is to be provided shall be paid prior to the time any connection or reconnection is actually made or the service to the property is actually commenced. Any delinquent amounts due from the owner of the property to which water and wastewater service has been provided during any period in which the property owner had an account established with the District must be paid before any new account will be established for a tenant of the owner of the property.

Sec. 2.02. Temporary Water Connections.

(a) Application; Approval. A Temporary Water User may, upon obtaining approval of the District's representative, make a connection to the District's water system at a surface flushing valve or fire hydrant. The Temporary Water User shall make an application to the District's representative for a temporary water connection, which application shall state the location where the connection is desired, the approximate size of the connection, the anticipated pattern of use of the water correlated as to volumes and periods of time during the day, and the approximate duration of the connection. If the District's representative determines that the Temporary Water User's requirements from the District's water system will not unreasonably interfere with the operation of the District's water system or the use thereof by the regular customers of the water system, the temporary water connection shall be approved. Every temporary water connection shall be equipped with a vacuum breaker or backflow preventer approved by the District's representative. The amount of water used shall be determined by a temporary water meter provided by the District at the Temporary Water User's expense and installed at the connection or by agreement between the Temporary Water User and the

District's representative. The District's representative may impose such reasonable limitations and conditions on the Temporary Water User as in the judgment of the District's representative are necessary to prevent unreasonable interference with the operation of the District's Systems or the use thereof by regular customers of the District.

(b) Fees and Charges. All costs of connection to and disconnection from the District's water system shall be paid by the Temporary Water User. The Temporary Water User shall also make a security deposit in the amount set forth in the Rate Order for the size of the temporary connection. All charges for water service to the temporary water connection shall be billed and paid at least monthly.

Sec. 2.03. Procedure for Connections and Reconnections (Including Taps). All connections and reconnections (including taps) to the District's Systems shall be made by and at the expense of the person requesting the connection. Before receiving water service from the District, an applicant requesting a connection must provide a customer service inspection certification to the District, as required by Section 3.05. The tap, the line to a water or wastewater tap from the building or premises to receive service, and the connection to the building or premises shall not be covered in the ground until they have been inspected and approved by the District's representative as being in compliance with these Rules. Reference is specifically made to Chapter 3 of these Rules for the construction and inspection procedures and requirements.

Sec. 2.04. Maintenance of and Restrictions on Connecting Lines. It shall be the responsibility of each user of the District's Systems to maintain the water and wastewater lines leading from the points of connection to the District's Systems to the building or premises served. The wastewater line shall be maintained so as to prevent infiltration of water to or exfiltration of wastewater from the wastewater line. Gutters, drains, downspouts or other sources of rain and storm water shall not be connected to the plumbing or wastewater line of the building or premises served.

Sec. 2.05. Water and Wastewater Service Billings. Monthly rates for water and wastewater services are as set forth in the Rate Order. Charges for water and wastewater shall be billed monthly. If a customer's bill is paid with a dishonored check or draft, the District's representative may give the customer one week's notice that the bill shall be paid in a form and manner specified in the notice, failing which water and wastewater services will be terminated. In addition, a person who pays a bill with a dishonored check or draft shall be charged the amount specified in the Rate Order. Notice of this charge shall be posted in the District office. If the bill is not paid in the manner and within the time specified in the notice, the customer's water and wastewater services may be terminated by the District in accordance with the procedures established by the District.

Sec. 2.06. Fire Line, Irrigation and Special Water Connections.

(a) Permanent connections to the District's water system to provide water for facilities specifically designed for fire protection of particular buildings in the District, for irrigation and for any other special purposes approved by the District's representative (hereafter a "Special Connection") shall be made in accordance with the procedures, requirements and charges specified in this Chapter 2 for regular water connections as modified or supplemented by this Section 2.06. A person who receives or is provided a water supply, water service or wastewater service from any person or source or by any means (including, by way of example only, a private water well for water supply or septic tank for sanitary waste disposal) other than through the District's Systems is not eligible to make or maintain a Special Connection to the District's water system.

(b) The following additional rules apply to temporary and permanent connections for fire fighting and fire protection purposes:

(1) The standby charges for permanent fire line connections are payable on an annual basis and are as set forth in the Rate Order. Standby charges shall be billed annually in advance. The bill for such charges shall be due when rendered and shall be delinquent unless paid by the date specified in the bill.

(2) Temporary fire line connections, such as for fire hoses to combat active fires in the District, may be made at any surface flushing valve or fire hydrant of the District, as the exigencies of the matter may require without prior notification to or approval of the District. However, after such a connection is made, notice shall be given to the District's representative as promptly as possible. The person or persons making the temporary fire line connection shall inform the District of the amount of time water was used through the temporary connection and the estimated amount of water used.

(3) No meter shall be required or provided by the District for a fire line connection. The amount of water used through a fire line connection for any purpose, including fire fighting, shall be determined by the District's representative on the basis of information and dates reasonably available. In the absence of fraud, capriciousness or grossly arbitrary action, the determination of the District's representative shall be final. The charge for the water used shall be based on the rates specified in the Rate Order.

(c) A late charge of 10% of the amount of any bill issued pursuant to this Section that is delinquent shall be made for each month the delinquent amount remains unpaid.

Sec. 2.07. Standby Fees. The District does not presently charge standby fees but reserves the right to do so whenever in the judgment of the Board of Directors such fees are necessary or desirable for the benefit of the District.

Sec. 2.08. Unauthorized Use of Water and Wastewater Systems; Meter Tampering.

(a) It is a violation of these Rules to:

(1) Use water from the District's water system other than:

- (a) through an authorized tap for which necessary fees, deposits and other charges have been paid;
- (b) through a temporary water connection as authorized by Section 2.02 of this Chapter 2;
- (c) through a fire line connection as authorized by Section 2.06 of this Chapter 2; or
- (d) on the premises for which the tap was originally made; and

(2) Discharge wastewater to the District's wastewater system:

- (a) other than through an authorized tap for which necessary connection fees, deposits and other charges have been paid;
- (b) generated on premises other than that for which the tap was originally made;

- (c) generated at a building other than that for which the tap was originally made; or
- (d) of a type different from that contemplated at the time the tap was originally made;

provided, however, that subparagraphs 2(c) and 2(d) shall not apply if authorization has been granted by the District's representative for such discharge.

(b) All water meters used to measure the water delivered to a District customer by the District are District property and meter tampering is strictly prohibited. For purposes of these Rules, "meter tampering" or any similar term means tampering with a water meter or other District equipment; damaging, destroying or altering a meter; bypassing a meter; reconnecting service without authorization to do so, whether the disconnection was due to non-payment or for any other reason; installing a lock or other device on a meter or otherwise impairing the ability of the District or its authorized representative to terminate service; any other instance of alteration, modification, diversion or bypass, including physically disorienting a meter, attaching objects to a meter, including in order to divert service or to bypass the meter, inserting objects into the meter, or using other electrical or mechanical means to tamper with, bypass, or divert water service; failing to have a meter installed or covering or physically obstructing the location of the meter. Meter tampering, meter bypassing and diverting service are all prohibited by these Rules. Reconnecting service without authorization will be prosecuted as theft of service.

(c) Any party who tampers with a District meter or takes water from an unmetered or other unauthorized connection to the District's Systems will be subject to a penalty in the amount of \$500 for the first violation, \$1,000 for the second violation, and \$1,500 for the third violation and each subsequent violation. Each day during which the meter tampering or unauthorized connection continues will constitute a separate violation. Any such party will also be liable for the costs of all water unmeasured or diverted as a result of his or her meter tampering. Any person who violates this Section must also pay for the water or wastewater service taken without authorization at three (3) times the rate specified in the Rate Order and must reimburse the District for all costs of the District and its officers, Directors, employees, agents and attorneys incurred in enforcing these Rules and repairing any damage or injury that may have been caused to the District's Systems as a result of the tampering or unauthorized use. The amount of water used or wastewater service received will be determined by the District's representative on the basis of such information and data as is reasonably available and, in the absence of fraud, capriciousness or grossly arbitrary action, the determination of the District's representative will be final. The District may offset a customer's deposit against the amount of any penalties or costs imposed as a result of a violation of this Section and may further require that the deposit be replaced and any unpaid penalties and costs paid before service is reconnected.

Sec. 2.09. Disconnection and Reconnection.

The failure of an owner or occupant of property receiving water and/or wastewater service from the District to comply with any of the provisions of this Chapter 2, or to pay when due all fees, deposits and other charges owed to the District under this Chapter 2, all taxes due the District for more than six months, or any other charges owed to the District, shall constitute a breach of the District's contract for service, and the District may, after notice and an opportunity for hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Rate Order, disconnect all District service to the property (hereafter referred to as the "delinquent property").

If service to a property is terminated by the District for cause, there shall be charged a reconnection fee as set forth in the Rate Order before service is again commenced to the property. Reconnection or restoration of service may be performed only by the District's representative. If the service is reconnected or restored by someone other than the District's representative before all charges related to the termination of services are paid or arrangements for the payment thereof satisfactory to the District's representative have been made, the District may physically sever the service connection, including removal of the water meter at the delinquent property.

Sec. 2.10. Easements. Before service is commenced to any property or, after termination of service for any cause, before service is restored to the property, the person requesting such service shall grant an easement of ingress and egress to and from the meter or place of connection for such maintenance and repair as the District's representative shall deem necessary.

Sec. 2.11. No Free Service. No free service shall be granted to any user for service provided by or through the District's Systems, whether such user be a charitable or eleemosynary institution, a political subdivision, or a municipal corporation, and all charges for water and wastewater service shall be made as required herein.

Sec. 2.12. Required Service. Except as authorized in Sections 2.02 and 2.06 of this Chapter 2, no service shall be provided by or through the District's Systems unless the user agrees to take both water and wastewater services.

Sec. 2.13. Non-Domestic Waste (Including Swimming Pool Water).

(a) The discharge of Non-Domestic Waste (including water from swimming pools) into the District's wastewater system shall require the prior approval of the District. If the District agrees to permit any such discharge, rates and charges shall be established to provide for an equitable assessment of costs whereby rates and charges for discharges of Non-Domestic Waste correspond to the cost of the treatment of such Non-Domestic Waste, taking into account the volume and character of the Non-Domestic Waste and all other waste treated, and any special techniques of treatment or operation required for the Non-Domestic Waste. The rates and charge shall provide for an equitable system of cost recovery which is sufficient to produce revenues, in proportion to the percentage of Non-Domestic Waste to be treated relative to the total waste load to be treated by the District, so as to provide for the operation and maintenance of the District's wastewater system, for the amortization of the District's indebtedness for the cost of the District's wastewater system, and for such additional costs as may be necessary to provide adequate waste treatment to meet the waste discharge requirements applicable to the District on a continuing basis.

(b) If, in the opinion of the District Engineer, pretreatment of any Non-Domestic Waste is necessary to prevent harm to the District's wastewater system or to prevent interference with the proper and efficient operation and maintenance of the District's wastewater treatment system, the District's representative shall require pretreatment as recommended by the District Engineer as a precondition to the receipt and treatment to such Non-Domestic Waste or shall deny the request to the District to received and treat such Non-Domestic Waste.

Sec. 2.14. Required Fees from Developers for Service. Each developer who subdivides property within the District shall be required to pay all applicable fees of the City of Cedar Park ("City") for property owned by the developer which is to receive water service from the District. Said fees shall be in the amounts set by City ordinance. Said fees shall be considered to cover all

cost of the City for storage, water transmission and water purchase or production relating to the provision of water service to the developer's property within the District. The District shall not have any responsibilities or obligations concerning said fees. Each developer shall pay one-half of the total of the City's tap fee and service availability fee, or more than one-half at the developer's option, at least twelve (12) months before permanent water service will be required by the District for the property which is to receive said service. The developer shall pay the balance of the total tap fee and service availability fee prior to or at the time of final platting of said property. Said second payment must be made at least three months before said service is required. If the tap fee and/or service availability fee is increased or decreased by the City, payment of the fees by the developer shall be based on the then-current total tap fee and service availability fee. If the City establishes time periods for payment of tap fees and/or service availability charges by other City customers, which time periods are shorter than those set forth herein for the developer, then said shorter time periods shall apply to the payments by the developer rather than the time requirements of this Section.

Sec. 2.15. Drainage.

(a) General. The District's drainage systems, including, without limitation, all drainage easements, channels, storm sewer facilities and all other facilities owned, maintained or controlled by the District for the purpose of collecting, controlling, storing, managing or distributing storm and flood waters or run-off, shall be protected from abuse, in order to assure the proper functioning of all such facilities for the benefit of all property owners and residents of the District. Pursuant to Title 40, Part 122 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the District adheres to the storm water regulatory provisions, as referenced in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Sections 318, 402, 405 of the Clean Water Act.

(b) Unauthorized materials. No unauthorized materials such as liquids, solids, grass or yard clippings, trash, pet waste, construction materials, oils or grease, shall be introduced into the District's storm sewer system. Only runoff entirely composed of storm water or certain allowable non-storm water shall be discharged into the storm sewer system. The following non-storm water sources may be discharged from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4"):

(1) water line flushing (excluding discharges of hyper-chlorinated water, unless the water is first de-chlorinated and discharges are not expected to adversely affect aquatic life);

(2) runoff or return flow from landscape irrigation, lawn irrigation, and other irrigation utilizing potable water, groundwater, or surface water sources;

(3) discharges from potable water sources that do not violate Texas Surface Water Quality Standards;

(4) diverted stream flows;

(5) rising ground waters and springs;

(6) uncontaminated ground water infiltration;

(7) uncontaminated pumped ground water;

(8) foundation and footing drains;

(9) air conditioning condensation;

- (10) water from crawl space pumps;
- (11) individual residential vehicle washing;
- (12) flows from wetlands and riparian habitats;
- (13) de-chlorinated swimming pool discharges that do not violate Texas Surface Water Quality Standards;
- (14) street wash water, excluding street sweeper waste water;
- (15) discharges or flows from emergency firefighting activities (firefighting activities do not include washing of trucks, run-off water from training activities, test water from fire suppression systems, and similar activities);
- (16) other allowable non-storm water discharges listed in 40 CFR 122.26(d)(2)(iv)(B)(1);
- (17) nonstorm water discharges that are specifically listed in the TPDES Multi Sector General Permit (MSGP) or the TPDES Construction General permit (CGP);
- (18) Discharges that are authorized by a TPDES or NPDES permit or that are not required to be permitted; and
- (19) Other similar occasional incidental non-stormwater discharges such as spray park water, unless the TCEQ develops permits or regulations addressing these discharges.

(c) Site Inspections. The District, through its representatives, may determine through site inspection if an illicit discharge poses or could pose a threat to the integrity of the District's storm sewer system. Any person or entity who disposes unauthorized materials pursuant to Section 2.15(b), or causes a condition that might potentially impede the free flow of storm water runoff to the drainage facilities or the District's right-of-way and easements, will be responsible for (1) removing such unauthorized materials and restoring the drainage facilities to their prior condition or (2) reimbursing the District for all costs of the removal and restoration if the District opts, at its sole discretion, to perform such work. In addition to or in place of the foregoing, the District may assess a penalty for the violation under Section 2.15, or Chapter 5 of these Rules.

(d) Erosion Control Devices. Prior to the construction of any improvements within the District, proper erosion control devices shall be designed, installed, and maintained at all times.

(1) Erosion control devices shall be maintained in place at all times before and during construction activities. Contractors shall control all waste at the construction site such as discarded building materials, concrete truck washout water, chemicals, litter, and sanitary waste that may cause adverse impacts to water quality.

(2) Prior to the completion of construction activities, where erosion control devices are specified, the contractor must control post-construction storm water discharge. All erosion control devices and non-structural controls must be maintained in good condition as determined by the District's Representative.

(e) Penalties. Any party who violates the provisions of Section 2.15 of these Rules may be subject to a penalty in the amount of \$1,000 per violation. Each day during which an unauthorized activity to discharge occurs will constitute a separate violation.

Chapter 3. Standards and Procedures for Water and Wastewater Connections

Sec. 3.01. General Construction and Connection Procedures.

(a) Any person desiring to make a connection to or receive service from either the District's water or wastewater systems shall comply with the applicable requirements of Chapter 2 of these Rules.

(b) The person proposing to actually make a connection shall be responsible for determining the location of all utilities and services in the work area and shall be responsible for the immediate repair of any damage to the utilities, services and facilities that may result from the work. The utilities, facilities and services to which this provision applies include, but are not limited to, street lights, electric lines, boxes and transformers, natural gas facilities, television cable facilities, water lines, wastewater lines, telephone facilities, curbs and concrete flat work, and irrigation systems.

(c) After a connection is made to the District's Systems pursuant to authorization granted by the District's representative, and before the connecting line and connections are covered or enclosed with dirt or any other material, the District's representative shall inspect the same to determine whether or not they have been properly installed in accordance with the requirements of this Chapter 3, the connection permit, and the District's Tap Administration Guidelines. The District's representative shall also determine whether the bedding materials to be used to cover or enclose the connecting line and connections are suitable under the standards required by this Chapter 3 and the connection permit. The person to whom the permit is issued shall be responsible for covering or enclosing the connecting line and connections with proper materials authorized and approved by the District's representative.

(d) The person making a tap or installing a service line shall backfill any cuts made in paved streets. The cuts shall be filled with sand, road base and cement materials which shall be compacted to standard acceptable densities as established by the District's representative and shall be covered with paving material in a manner acceptable to the District.

(e) All water and wastewater connection lines and materials, except water meters, shall be furnished by the party installing the lines. Water meters shall be furnished by the District upon payment of applicable fees and charges and shall remain the property of the District.

(f) Prior to installing underground cables or facilities in the area of the District's water and wastewater lines, representatives of all utility companies shall be required to meet with the District's representative to file such companies' construction plans and schedules with the District, and to review the engineering plans illustrating the location of the District's lines. Such utility companies shall determine the location of all utilities and services in the work area and shall be responsible for the immediate repair of any damage to the utilities, services and facilities that may result from the work.

Sec. 3.02. Standards Governing Water Service Lines and Connections.

(a) These regulations govern the installation of all service connections to the District's Water Systems. These regulations are intended as a supplement to the Plumbing

Code. Where these regulations conflict with the Plumbing Code, the decision of the District's engineer shall be determinative in resolving the conflict. In addition to compliance with these Rules, all connections shall comply with the Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems promulgated by the TCEQ ("*TCEQ Rules*") set forth in 30 Texas Administrative Code ("*TAC*") Sections 290.38 - 290.491, as amended from time to time. In the event of a conflict between these Rules and the TCEQ Rules, the more stringent rule shall apply.

(b) As used in this Section 3.02, "service line" means the water service pipe from the foundation of the residential or commercial building to the water service stub or water main owned by the District.

(c) Except as may be authorized pursuant to Section 2.06 of these Rules, only one service line connection to the District's water system is permitted for each single family dwelling, and each single family dwelling unit shall have one water meter through which all water to the unit shall flow and be metered.

(d) The following requirements apply to water connection facilities:

(1) Water pipe and fittings shall be of brass, copper, cast iron, galvanized malleable iron, galvanized wrought iron, galvanized steel, or other approved materials. Asbestos-cements, PE or PVC water pipe manufactured to recognized standards may be used for cold water distribution systems outside a building.

(2) Cast iron fittings up to and including two (2) inches in size shall be galvanized.

(3) All malleable iron water fittings shall be galvanized.

(4) Piping and tubing which has previously been used for any purpose other than for potable water systems shall not be used.

(5) Valves up to and including two inches (2") in size shall be of brass or other approved material. Sizes over two inches (2") may have cast iron or brass bodies. Each gate valve shall be a full-way type with working parts of non-corrosive material.

(6) A full-way gate valve controlling all outlets shall be installed on the discharge side of each water meter.

(7) Water service lines or any underground water pipe shall not be run or laid in the same trench with non-metallic sewer or drainage piping, except as provided below. Water service lines and wastewater service lines shall be not less than three feet (3') apart horizontally and shall be separated by undisturbed or compacted earth.

(8) The water service line may be placed in the same trench with the wastewater service line provided all three of the following conditions are met:

(a) The bottom of the water service line at all points shall be at least twelve inches (12") above the top of the wastewater service line.

(b) The water service line shall be placed on a solid shelf excavated at one side of the common trench and the two lines shall be separated by a minimum of eighteen inches (18").

(c) The water service line shall be installed with water tight joints tested to a minimum of 150 PSI.

(9) A minimum of four feet (4') of type "L" soft copper pipe shall be installed at the end of the water service line at the connection to the water meter.

(10) Water service lines shall be bedded in washed sand to provide six inches (6") of cushion below the line. The water service line shall be bedded properly in the sand before the District inspection is requested, and the same for the cover shall be on the site at the time. The trench bottom and walls shall be cleared of all protruding rocks which could damage the pipe before the sand bedding is placed. Washed sand shall be filled to the same elevation as the top of the adjacent curb and shall be compacted to a Proctor density of 90%. No rocks or other material over six inches (6") in diameter shall be used for backfill over the same.

(e) A District-owned water meter and a District-approved meter box shall be installed for each water connection at the location specified by the District's representative. If water meter box subsides or tilts more than one inch (1") within one year after it is installed, the person or firm who installed it shall be obligated to raise or straighten the meter box to the proper position. The following materials can be used for the installation of the water meters and meter boxes in the District:

- (1) U-Branch - James Jones Model J-1575 or approved equal.
- (2) Flat Head Angle Stop - James Jones Model J-1526 or approved equal.
- (3) P.E. Heavy Wall Service - ASTM 2737 line or approved equal.
- (4) Concrete meter box with metal lid.
- (5) Drain tile and metal lid to cover owner's cut-off valve.
- (6) "Quazite", Fiberglass-Reinforced composite meter boxes.
- (7) 6½" x ¾" brass meter nipple - James Jones J-130 or approved equal.

The above list is a typical service list to connect either 5/8" or ¾" meters. Installation of larger meters shall use the same quality materials as above with appropriate increases in size.

(f) Potable water supply piping, water discharge outlets, backflow prevention devices or similar equipment shall not be located so as to make possible the submergence of such equipment in any contaminated or polluted liquid or substance.

(g) Lawn sprinkling systems shall be equipped with an approved vacuum breaker installed in the discharge side of each of the last valves. The vacuum breaker shall be installed at least six inches (6") above the surrounding ground and above a sufficient number of heads so at no time will the vacuum breaker be subjected to back pressure or drainage.

(h) The District's water system shall be protected from swimming pool makeup water by means of an approved backflow preventer or an adequate air gap.

Sec. 3.03. Standards Governing Wastewater Service Lines and Connections.

(a) These rules govern the installation of all wastewater connections with the wastewater system serving the District. These regulations are intended as a supplement to the Plumbing Code. Where these regulations conflict with the Plumbing Code, the decision of the District's engineer shall be determinative in resolving the conflict. In addition to compliance with these Rules, all connections shall comply with the Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems promulgated by the TCEQ Rules set forth in 30 TAC Sections 290.38 - 290.491, as amended from time to time. In the event of a conflict between these Rules and the TCEQ Rules, the more stringent rule shall apply.

(b) As used in this Section 3.03, "service line" means the wastewater line from the foundation of the residential or commercial building to the wastewater collection line owned by the District.

(c) Only one service line connection to the District's wastewater collection system is permitted for each residential or commercial building.

(d) Only the following types of pipe and fitting materials are approved for constructing service lines. Pipe and fittings in each individual service line shall be of identical material.

(1) Vitrified clay pipe conforming to ASTM Specification C700 with joint coupling conforming to ASTM Specification C425 or C594 and installed in accordance with ASTM C12.

(2) Cast iron soil pipe, standard weight, conforming to ASTM Specification C564.

(3) Poly-vinyl Chloride PSM (PVC) pipe conforming to ASTM Specification D3034 and installed in accordance with ASTM D2321.

(4) Ductile-Iron pipe conforming to ANSI A21.51 with rubber gasket joints, conforming to ANSI A21.11 and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

(5) Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS) pipe material conforming to ASTM Specification D2751.

(e) A PVC Schedule 40 or SDR 35 4" x 6" increaser shall be used at the property line for all wastewater connections to increase the size of the service line to tie into the wastewater service stub.

(f) The service line shall be installed with water tight joints and tested to a minimum of 150 PSI without leaking.

(g) Minimum sizes of service lines shall be as follows:

Residential Building — Four inches (4") in diameter
Commercial Building — Six inches (6") in diameter

(h) Maximum and minimum grades shall be in compliance with the Plumbing Code and the City of Cedar Park Plumbing Ordinance.

(i) Service lines shall be constructed to true alignment and grade. Warped and/or sagging lines will not be permitted. Service lines shall be bedded in washed sand to provide six

inches (6") of cushion below the line. The service line shall be bedded properly in the sand before the District inspection is requested, and the sand for the cover shall be on the site at the time of the inspection. The trench bottom and walls shall be cleared of all protruding rocks which could damage the line before the sand bedding is placed in the trench. Washed sand shall be filled to the same elevation as the top of the adjacent curb and shall be compacted to a Proctor density of 90%. No rocks or other material over six inches (6") in diameter shall be used for backfill over the sand.

(j) The building tie-on connection will be made directly to the stub-out from the building plumbing at the foundation on all waste outlets.

(k) Water-tight adapters of a type compatible with the materials being joined will be used at the point of connection of the service line to the building plumbing. No cement gout materials will be permitted.

(l) Existing service connections, stubs, wyes or stacks must be utilized for connection of the service line to the District's wastewater collection line unless an exception is approved by the District's representative.

(m) No residential swimming pool will be connected to the District's wastewater system.

(n) No rain gutter or downspout will be connected to the District's wastewater system.

(o) No bends or turns at any point in the service line may be greater than 45 degrees.

(p) Each horizontal service line will be provided with a cleanout at its upper terminal, and each run of piping which is more than ninety feet (90') in length will be provided with a cleanout for each ninety feet (90') or fraction thereof, in the length of such piping.

(q) Each cleanout 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.

(r) Cleanouts will be made with air-tight mechanical plugs.

Sec. 3.04. Customer Service Agreement and Plumbing Regulations.

(a) Authority. Pursuant to the requirements of the Chapter 341, Subchapter C of the Texas Health & Safety Code and 30 TAC Section 290.46(i), the District is required to adopt rules to allow for proper enforcement of the requirements of the TCEQ.

(b) Applicability. All customers receiving water and/or wastewater utility service from the District are subject to the requirements of this Section. The provisions of this Section shall constitute a service agreement between the District and each customer receiving utility services from the District. By requesting and/or accepting utility service from the District, each customer agrees to comply with the provisions of this Section.

(c) Purpose. The District is responsible for protecting the drinking water supply from contamination or pollution which could result from improper plumbing practices. The purpose of this Section is to notify each customer of the plumbing restrictions which are in place to provide this protection. The District enforces these restrictions to ensure the public health

and welfare. Each customer must agree to comply with this Section as a condition to receiving water and/or wastewater services from the District.

(d) Plumbing Restrictions. The following undesirable plumbing practices are prohibited:

(1) No direct connection between the public drinking water supply and a potential source of contamination is permitted. Potential sources of contamination shall be isolated from the public water system by an air-gap or an appropriate backflow prevention device.

(2) No cross-connection between the public drinking water supply and a private water system is permitted. These potential threats to the public drinking water supply shall be eliminated at the service connection by the installation of an air-gap or a reduced pressure-zone backflow prevention device.

(3) No connection which allows water to be returned to the public drinking water supply is permitted.

(4) No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than eight percent (8.0%) lead may be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.

(5) No solder or flux which contains more than two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) lead can be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.

(e) Service Conditions. The following are the terms for the provision of service between the District and each customer of the District:

(1) The customer shall comply with the provisions of these Rules as long as the customer is receiving service from the District.

(2) The customer must allow his or her property to be inspected for possible cross-connections and other undesirable plumbing practices as required by Section 3.05. These inspections may be conducted by the District or its designated agent prior to initiating service and periodically thereafter. All inspections will be conducted during the District's normal business hours.

(3) The District shall notify the customer in writing of any cross-connection or other undesirable plumbing practice which has been identified during the initial inspection or the periodic reinspection.

(4) The customer shall immediately correct any undesirable plumbing practice on his premises.

(5) The customer shall, at his expense, properly install, test, and maintain any backflow prevention device required by the District. Copies of all testing and maintenance records shall be provided to the District.

(f) Enforcement. If the customer fails to comply with the terms of this Section, the District may assess fines in accordance with Chapter 4 of these Rules, and shall either terminate service and/or properly install, test, and maintain an appropriate backflow prevention device at

the service connection. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of this Chapter shall be billed to the customer.

Sec. 3.05. Customer Service Inspections.

(a) Authority. Title 30 TAC Section 290.46(j) requires the District to adopt rules providing for the conduct and certification of customer service inspections. Inspections of new residential and commercial plumbing construction as required by the Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 1301, will be conducted by the City of Cedar Park pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement for Plumbing Inspections Within Block House Municipal Utility District.

(b) Inspections. A completed customer service inspection certification must be provided to the District in the following instances:

- (1) before the District provides service to new construction;
- (2) when the District has reason to believe that cross-connections or other unacceptable plumbing practices exist on any existing service;
- (3) after any material improvement, correction or addition to any existing private plumbing facilities; and
- (4) before the District provides services for any new irrigation system plumbing installation.

(c) Records. Upon completion of the inspections, a customer service inspection certification in the form attached as **Exhibit “1”** will be completed and retained in the District’s files. The District will maintain copies of completed customer service certifications for a minimum of ten years.

(d) Unacceptable Plumbing Practices. If unacceptable plumbing practices are discovered, they must be promptly repaired and eliminated by the customer or applicant for service to prevent contamination of the water supplied by the District. The existence of an unacceptable plumbing practice is sufficient grounds for immediate termination of service without notice in order to protect the health and safety of all District customers. Service will not be restored until the potential source of contamination has been eliminated or additional safeguards have been taken and a new customer service inspection certification is provided to the District.

(e) Enforcement. If the customer fails to comply with the terms of this Section, the District may assess fines in accordance with Section 5.02 of these Rules, and may terminate service. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of this Section will be billed to the customer.

Chapter 4. Miscellaneous

Sec. 4.01. Encroachments Onto District Property.

(a) The posting, placement, installation, or attachment of signs, or any personal property, fixture or other encroachments upon any District real or personal property or easement is strictly forbidden, unless a specific license agreement authorizing the encroachment is approved by the Board of Directors of the District.

(b) If any person or entity posts, places, installs or attaches a sign upon any real property or easement of the District, the District's representative will immediately remove the encroachment and may back-charge the cost of the removal to the responsible party.

(c) If any person or entity places, installs or attaches any personal property, fixture or other encroachment, including any fence, planting or storage of personal property, upon any real property or easement of the District, the District's representative will give written notice to the encroaching party to remove the encroachment within 24 hours of the date of the notice. If the encroaching party fails to remove the encroachment within the 24-hour period, the District may remove the encroachment and back-charge the cost of the removal to the encroaching party. If the District is unable to determine the identity of encroaching party, the District may remove the encroachment without notice, and without liability to the owner of any personal property removed or damaged as a result of the removal.

(d) In addition to any penalties assessed under Section 5.02 of these Rules, the District may discontinue services to enforce payment of an unpaid charge under this rule.

Sec. 4.02. Dumping and Unauthorized Disposal of Refuse or Hazardous Waste Prohibited.

(a) It is a violation of these Rules to cause any foreign materials or debris to be placed or deposited on or discharged onto any District property, including, but not limited to grass or tree clippings, trash, construction debris, or Hazardous Waste.

(b) Dumpsters and trash containers within the District's parks are for use and convenience of the District's park patrons only, and may be used by such patrons only for the disposal of refuse generated by activities within the District's parks. It is a violation of these Rules for any person other than a park patron to dispose of any refuse in a District park dumpster or trash container, or for a park patron to dispose of refuse generated in any manner other than activities within the District's parks in a District park dumpster or trash container. The disposal of construction debris, landscape trimmings, or Hazardous Waste in a District park dumpster or trash container is specifically prohibited.

(c) In connection with the District's solid waste collection and disposal system, the following acts are prohibited:

(1) depositing, causing to be deposited, or permitting to accumulate any dry or wet solid waste upon any public or private premises within the District in such a manner as to emit noxious or offensive odors or to become unsanitary or injurious to public health or safety;

(2) causing or permitting a solid waste collection receptacle or roll-off container or the contents of such receptacle or roll-off container to be maintained in a condition that is foul, offensive, or otherwise hazardous to the public health or safety; and

(3) disposing of Hazardous Waste on any public or private premises within the District. For information regarding the proper disposal of Hazardous Waste, please contact the District's General Manager.

Sec. 4.03. Damage to District Fencing.

(a) The perimeter fencing along the rights of way of Block House and Creek Run Drive and fences around District property, including parks and pools (collectively, District Fencing"), constitute District property.

(b) It is a violation of these Rules to alter, damage, deface or destroy any District Fencing.

(c) It is a violation of these Rules for any resident or property owner to allow or fail to prevent a pet from digging under, damaging or destroying any District Fencing.

(d) It is a violation of these Rules for any resident or property owner to allow any tree, tree limb, or other landscaping on his or her lot or property to encroach, lean upon, displace, or damage any adjacent District Fencing.

(e) In the event of any damage to District Fencing arising due to a violation of these Rules described in (c) or (d) above, the District may require the resident or property owner to repair the damage or replace the fencing. In addition, if the damage was caused by an encroaching tree or tree limb, the District may require the resident or property owner to remove the tree or limb in question. The District will give notice to the responsible resident and/or property owner of any required remedial action under this Section and, if the resident or property owner fails to take the required action within five business days following notice from the District, the District may elect to repair the damage and, if the damage was caused by a tree or tree limb, to remove the encroaching tree or limb and backcharge the costs of such repair, replacement and/or tree or limb removal to the adjoining resident or property owner, in addition to pursuing any other penalties imposed by these Rules.

Sec. 4.04. Fires. The building of fires on District property constitutes a violation of these Rules, except for fires contained within enclosed grills provided by the District when the use of such grills is not prohibited and as otherwise expressly approved by the Board. No camp fires are permitted on District property at any time. Causing a fire on any District property, including by the improper disposal of smoking materials, constitutes a violation of these Rules. In addition to the penalties imposed by these Rules, any individual who is determined to have caused a fire on District property will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and will be subject to exclusion from the District's parks and other District property.

Chapter 5. Appeals and Violations

Sec. 5.01. Appeal to Board of Directors. Any person aggrieved by any action of the District's representative in administering the provisions of these Rules may appeal to the Board of Directors of the District. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

Sec. 5.02. Penalties for Violation. Violation of these Rules will result in the offending party being subject to the payment of a penalty in an amount that does not exceed the jurisdiction of a justice court, as provided by Section 27.031, Texas Government Code. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. In addition, the offending party shall be liable to the District for any costs incurred by the District in connection with any repairs or corrections necessitated by any such violation. The foregoing shall be in addition to any other penalties provided by state law. Pursuant to Sections 49.004 and 54.206 of the Texas Water Code, these Rules may be enforced by complaints filed in the appropriate court of jurisdiction in Williamson County, Texas, and will be recognized by the courts as if they were penal ordinances of a city.

EXHIBIT "1"

*** ** FOR WATER SERVICE TO CHANGE FROM BUILDER TO HOME OWNER, THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT BY AN APPROVED INSPECTOR WITH THE CREDENTIALS AS SHOWN UNDER 290.46 (j)(1).**

Appendices
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§290.47(d) Appendix D: Customer Service Inspection Certificate

Customer Service Inspection Certificate

Name of PWS _____

PWS I.D.# _____

Location of Service _____

Reason for Inspection: New construction ☐
 Existing service where contaminant hazards are suspected ☐
 Major renovation or expansion of distribution facilities ☐

I _____, upon inspection of the private water distribution facilities connected to the aforementioned public water supply do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge:

- | | Compliance | Non-Compliance |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| (1) No direct connection between the public drinking water supply and a potential source of contamination exists. Potential sources of contamination are isolated from the public water system by an air gap or an appropriate backflow prevention assembly in accordance with Commission regulations. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) No cross-connection between the public drinking water supply and a private water system exists. Where an actual air gap is not maintained between the public water supply and a private water supply, an approved reduced pressure-zone backflow prevention assembly is properly installed and a service agreement exists for annual inspection and testing by a certified backflow prevention assembly tester. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) No connection exists which would allow the return of water used for condensing, cooling or industrial processes back to the public water supply. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (4) No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 8.0% lead exists in private water distribution facilities installed on or after July 1, 1988. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (5) No solder or flux which contains more than 0.2% lead exists in private water distribution facilities installed on or after July 1, 1988. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

I further certify that the following materials were used in the installation of the private water distribution facilities:

Service lines	Lead	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copper	<input type="checkbox"/>	PVC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solder	Lead	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lead Free	<input type="checkbox"/>	Solvent Weld	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

I recognize that this document shall become a permanent record of the aforementioned Public Water System and that I am legally responsible for the validity of the information I have provided.

Remarks: _____

Signature of Inspector

Registration Number

Title

Type of Registration

Date