#### CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTIES OF BRAZORIA AND FORT BEND

BRAZORIA-FORT BEND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3

We, the undersigned officers of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The Board convened in regular session, open to the public, on the 10th day of September, 2024, at a designated meeting location outside the District, and the roll was called of the members of the Board, to-wit:

Corinne Haworth - President
Julie Winkle - Vice President
Afolake Cannon - Secretary

Bret Fugate - Assistant Secretary
Qiunan Chang - Assistant Secretary

All members of the Board were present except the following: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon, among other business, the following was transacted at such meeting:

ORDER ADOPTING CONSOLIDATED RATE ORDER AND RULES AND REGULATIONS; ESTABLISHING A DROUGHT CONTROL PLAN; ESTABLISHING A WASTEWATER CONTROL ORDER; ESTABLISHING CERTAIN OTHER POLICIES; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

was duly introduced for the consideration of the Board. It was then duly moved and seconded that such Resolution be adopted; and, after due discussion, such motion, carrying with it the adoption of said Resolution, prevailed and carried by the following vote:

AYES: All Present

NOES: None

2. A true, full, and correct copy of the aforesaid Resolution adopted at the meeting described in the above and foregoing paragraph is attached to and follows this Certificate; such Resolution has been duly recorded in said Board's minutes of such meeting; the above and foregoing paragraph is a true, full, and correct excerpt from the Board's minutes of such meeting pertaining to the adoption of such Resolution; the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified, and acting officers and members of the Board as indicated therein; each of the officers and members of the Board was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally, in advance of the time, place, and purpose of such meeting and that such Resolution would be introduced and considered for adoption at such meeting and each of such officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of such meeting for such purpose; such meeting was open to the public, as required by law, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of such meeting was given as required by V.T.C.A., Government Code, Chapter 551, as amended.

SIGNED AND SEALED the 10th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

President, Board of Directors

Secretary, Board of Directors

(SEAL)

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WHEREAS, Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 (the "District") is in the process of constructing a water, sewer and storm drainage system to provide service to residential and commercial establishments within the District (the "System"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the District desires to adopt an order ("Rate Order") and Rules and Regulations establishing the rates and conditions under which water and sanitary sewer service would be provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BRAZORIA-FORT BEND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3 THAT:

### **Section 1: Definitions.** The following words or phrases shall have the meanings indicated below:

- A. "<u>Single Family Residential User</u>" means a user of the District's System that consists of one residence designed for use and occupancy by a single family unit.
- B. "Non-Single Family Residential User" means any user of the District's System other than a Single Family Residential User, Non-Taxable User or Public Space User including, but not limited to, commercial establishments, apartments, recreational facilities, clubs, and multi-family dwelling units.
- C. "<u>Non-Taxable User</u>" means a user of the District's water and sewer system that is exempt from ad valorem taxation by the District under the Property Tax Code, including, but not limited to, churches and schools.
- D. "<u>Public Space User</u>" means any user of the District's System for public or homeowner association esplanades, lakes, recreational areas or green spaces ("Public Spaces").

### Section 2: Tap and Inspection Fees.

- A. <u>Single Family Residential Users</u>. Prior to connection to the District's water system, a tap fee in the following amount shall be paid to the District:
- (1) In the case of a 5/8" water meter, the tap fee shall be \$1,537.66, which charge includes landscaping and concrete costs.
- (2) In the case of a 3/4" water meter, the tap fee shall be \$1,697.36, which charge includes landscaping and concrete costs.
- (3) In the case of a 1" water meter, the tap fee shall be \$2,781.21, which charge includes landscaping and concrete costs.
- (4) In the case of a water meter larger than one inch, the tap fee shall be two (2) times the operator's actual charge to the District for installation of the tap and meter, which charge includes landscaping and concrete costs.

Connections to the District's water system shall not be allowed prior to an approved sewer inspection, and all such connections shall be inspected by the District's operator or its subcontractor.

B. Non-Single Family Residential Users. Prior to any connection being made to the District's water system by a Non-Single Family Residential User, a tap fee equal to three (3) times the District's actual cost of installing the tap, meter, and necessary service lines, and repairing or restoring any yards, landscaping, property, sidewalks, streets or other improvements affected by the installation shall be paid to the District (the "Installation Costs"). The District's operator will produce an estimate for the Installation Costs, which will approved by the Board of Directors and sent to the User. The User shall pay the Installation Costs, plus 20%, prior to the installation of the tap. If the actual Installation Costs are greater than the estimated Installation Costs paid by the User, the difference must be paid by the User before the District will provide service to the User. If the actual Installation Costs are less than the estimated Installation Costs paid by the User, a refund for the difference shall be issued to the User.

Connections to the District's water system shall not be allowed prior to an approved sewer inspection, and all such connections shall be inspected by the District's operator or its subcontractor.

#### C. Non-Taxable Users.

- (1) Non-Taxable Users shall pay a tap fee equal to the District's actual cost of installing the tap, meter and any necessary service lines and the cost of repairing or restoring any yards, sidewalks, streets or other improvements affected by the installation (as determined by the District's operator) plus the User's pro rata share of the District's actual cost of the facilities necessary to provide District services to the Non-Taxable User that are financed or are to be fully or partially financed by the District's tax bonds (as determined by the District's consultants and approved by the Board of Directors) (the "Installation Costs").
- (2) The District's operator, together with the District's consultants, will produce an estimate of the Installation Costs, which will then be approved by the Board of Directors and be sent to the User. The User shall pay the estimated Installation Costs prior to installation of the tap. If the actual Installation Costs are greater than the estimated Installation Costs paid by the User, the difference must be paid by the User before the District will provide service to the User. If the actual Installation Costs are less than the estimated Installation Costs paid by the User, a refund for the difference shall be issued to the User.

Connections to the District's water system shall not be allowed prior to an approved sewer inspection, and all such connections shall be inspected by the District's operator or its subcontractor.

- D. <u>Public Space User.</u> All Public Space Users shall be required to have meters installed, which shall be installed by the District's operator. The Public Space User shall pay a tap fee of \$100.00 or an amount equal to the District's cost to install the tap, meter, and any necessary sewer lines, whichever is less.
- E. <u>Irrigation Systems</u>. Prior to connection to the District's water system, a tap fee equal to the District's actual cost for installation plus the cost of the meter shall be paid to the District for irrigation systems that have been authorized by the District and that are to be used solely for the purpose of providing irrigation water to landscaped areas within the District. All such connections to the District's water system shall be made by a representative of the District.

- F. <u>Sewer Connection Inspection</u>. All connections to the District's sewer system shall be made in accordance with the District's Rules and Regulations Governing Waterworks and Sanitary Sewer Systems attached hereto as Exhibit "E." All connections to the District's sewer system shall be inspected by a representative of the District prior to being covered in the ground. In the event a sewer connection is made and covered without inspection by a representative of the District, water service at such location shall be terminated. An inspection fee of \$66.00 per Single Family Residential connection and \$130.00 per Non-Single Family Residential connection and Non-Taxable connection shall be paid to the District. If a sewer connection fails the inspection, an additional inspection at the same rate is to be paid prior to reinspection.
- G. <u>Pre-Facility Inspection</u>. All builders or contractors for property owners within the District may contact the operator, prior to starting any work on property within the District, to do an inspection to verify District facilities. If any District facility is either damaged or cannot be located, the operator will make necessary repairs or locate and make the facilities visible at the expense of the District. A copy of the inspection report will be given to the builder's or contractor's representative, if requested. The cost for each inspection shall not exceed \$66.00 and is payable with the tap fee. After the inspection and any necessary work is completed, the builder or contractor will then be responsible for paying the costs of all damages, adjustments, relocations and repairs found during the Final Site Survey.
- Facility Inspection. After construction has been completed on the property, but before H. service is transferred to a User, the District's operator will conduct a Final Site Survey to reinspect the water tap, meter and all other District facilities on the property for a fee in the amount of \$66.00. (The fee shall be collected at the time the tap fee is paid). The property owner, builder or contractor will be held responsible for any damages or adjustments to District facilities and the cost of repairing, adjusting or relocating the facilities (the "Backcharges") before service shall be initiated to a User. If any reinspections of the facilities are required to ensure that the District's facilities are repaired, relocated or adjusted, a fee in the amount of \$50.00 shall be charged for each such reinspection before service will be transferred to a subsequent User. Payment of the Backcharges, or any inspection or reinspection fees, shall be made on or before the 30th day after the date of the invoice for said charges. The District may withhold the provision of service to the property or to other property owned by any User, property owner, builder or contractor who has failed to timely pay for the Backcharges or any inspection or reinspection fee, including specifically the provision of additional taps; provided, however, the District shall follow the notification procedures set forth in this Rate Order prior to withholding the provision of service.
- I. <u>Title</u>. Title to all District facilities including water meters, water and sewer taps, and all other appurtenances, including meter boxes, shall vest in the District.
- J. Easements. Before service is commenced to any User, the person requesting such service shall grant an easement of ingress and egress to and from the meter for such maintenance and repair as the District, in its judgment, may deem necessary. When sidewalks, driveways or other improvements have been constructed prior to application for connection, such application shall be construed and accepted as a waiver of any claim for damages to such improvements resulting from the reasonable actions of District's operator in installation of the customer's connection.

### Section 3: Platting and Permit Requirements.

A. <u>Permit Requirement</u>. Before any connection is made to the District's System, the person requesting such connection shall provide to the District a copy of: (1) any necessary development or building permit from the appropriate municipality or county; or (2) a waiver for any development or building permit from the appropriate municipality or county.

B. <u>Platting Requirement</u>. Prior to initially connecting to the District's System, a User shall submit to the District's operator proof that the User's property has been platted in accordance with all applicable subdivision ordinances. Acceptable proof of platting includes a copy of the recorded plat, or a certificate from the appropriate municipality or governing entity that the property has been platted or that the property is legally exempt from the platting process.

**Section 4: Regulatory Assessment.** Pursuant to the Texas Water Code, each User of the District's water and sanitary sewer system is hereby assessed a charge of one-half of one percent of the District's charge for water and sewer service. This assessment is included in the rate schedules listed below and will be forwarded to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, as required by the Texas Water Code, and used to pay costs and expenses incurred in its regulation of water districts.

Section 5: Water and Sewer Rates.

Water Usage		Amount of Payment
Single Family	0 – 5,000 gallons 5,001 – 10,000 gallons 10,001 – 20,000 gallons 20,001 & above	\$15.00 (minimum) \$1.50 per each 1,000 gallons \$2.50 per each 1,000 gallons \$3.50 per each 1,000 gallons
Non-Single Family Single-User*	0 – 8,000 gallons 8,001 – 15,000 gallons 15,001 – 75,000 gallons 75,001 – 150,000 gallons 150,001 & above	\$55.00 (minimum) \$2.75 per each 1,000 gallons \$3.00 per each 1,000 gallons \$4.00 per each 1,000 gallons \$5.00 per each 1,000 gallons
Non-Single Family Multi-User*	0 – 8,000 gallons 8,001 – 15,000 gallons 15,001 – 75,000 gallons 75,001 – 150,000 gallons 150,001 & above	\$105.00 (minimum) \$2.75 per each 1,000 gallons \$3.00 per each 1,000 gallons \$4.00 per each 1,000 gallons \$5.00 per each 1,000 gallons
Non-Single Family Commercial Offices and Buildings	0 – 8,000 gallons 8,001 – 15,000 gallons 15,001 – 75,000 gallons 75,001 – 150,000 gallons 150,001 & above	\$130.00 (minimum) \$2.75 per each 1,000 gallons \$3.00 per each 1,000 gallons \$4.00 per each 1,000 gallons \$5.00 per each 1,000 gallons
Multi-Family	up to 10,000 gallons metered water per unit	\$24.89
<i>3</i> ′	per 1,000 gallons metered water for usage over 10,000 gallons per unit	\$2.75
Sewer Usage		Amount of Payment
Single Family	Flat fee per month	\$37.46

Non-Single Family Single-User*	0 – 8,000 gallons 8,001 – 15,000 gallons 15,001 – 75,000 gallons 75,001 – 150,000 gallons 150,001 & above	\$80.00 (minimum) \$2.75 per each 1,000 gallons \$3.00 per each 1,000 gallons \$4.00 per each 1,000 gallons \$5.00 per each 1,000 gallons
Non-Single Family Multi-User*  Non-Single Family Commercial Offices and Buildings	0 – 8,000 gallons 8,001 – 15,000 gallons 15,001 – 75,000 gallons 75,001 – 150,000 gallons 150,001 & above 0 – 8,000 gallons 8,001 – 15,000 gallons 15,001 – 75,000 gallons 75,001 – 150,000 gallons 150,001 & above	\$105.00 (minimum) \$2.75 per each 1,000 gallons \$3.00 per each 1,000 gallons \$4.00 per each 1,000 gallons \$5.00 per each 1,000 gallons \$130.00 (minimum) \$2.75 per each 1,000 gallons \$3.00 per each 1,000 gallons \$4.00 per each 1,000 gallons \$5.00 per each 1,000 gallons
Multi-Family	per 1,000 gallons metered water for usage over 10,000 gallons per unit	\$27.50 \$2.75

#### **Irrigation Meters**

### **Amount of Payment**

All users

\$2.75 per each 1,000 gallons

A. <u>Multi-Family</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the first three months after the date of initial connection to the District's System, the customer shall be charged for water usage at the rate of \$2.20/1,000 gallons. Beginning the first day of the next billing period after the third month, the following percentage of apartment units planned ultimately to be served by such meter will conclusively be deemed to be completed and habitable and billing will be in accordance with the rates set forth above with each unit deemed completed and habitable being considered as one unit:

Months After Tap	Percentage Habitable
4	25%
6	50%
9	75%
12 and thereafter	95%

B. <u>Public Space User</u>. Water service will be provided to public esplanades, recreational areas or green spaces ("<u>Public Spaces</u>") within the District at a rate of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons of water metered. In order to promote conservation of the District's water supply, however, Public Space Users will pay an increased rate to be set by the District if

<sup>\*</sup>Single-user refers to a non-single family user that is one building/user (i.e., a single use gas station.) Multi-user would be a strip center with multiple tenants or retail establishments as users.

the District determines that the Public Space User's water usage is excessive, inefficient, and/or wasteful.

Section 6: North Fort Bend Water Authority. The District has entered into a Groundwater Reduction Plan Participation Agreement with the North Fort Bend Water Authority ("NFBWA"). Pursuant to the Groundwater Reduction Plan Fee imposed by the NFBWA, the District shall pay such fee monthly to the NFBWA in the amount assessed by the NFBWA based on the total water pumped in the prior month.

At the end of each month, the Operator shall prepare a written statement indicating the: (i) the total water pumped by the District for such month; and (ii) the Groundwater Reduction Plan Fee due and payable to the NFBWA. The Operator shall deliver the written statement to the District's Bookkeeper for payment by the District.

The Groundwater Reduction Plan Fee shall be added on the Customer's bill as a separate line item. To cover water that is not billed to Customers, such as water lost through leaks, construction, flushing and other uses, the District will add ten per cent (10%) to the Groundwater Reduction Plan Fee charged to Customers. The Operator shall collect the Groundwater Reduction Plan Fee in addition to other charges.

Section 7: Garbage. The District may contract with an independent contractor to provide for solid waste and trash collection and/or recycling for all Single Family Residential Users within the District. If the Board of the District determines that it is in the best interest of the District to contract for solid waste and trash collection and/or recycling, the charge for such service shall be equal to the costs incurred by the District pursuant to a contract with the applicable garbage collection and/or recycling service, a copy of which may be obtained from the District, plus an administration fee of 15% for the costs incurred by the District. Such charge shall be included on the water and sewer service bill. Failure to pay the solid waste and trash collection and/or recycling service on or before the due date indicated on the water and sewer service bill shall result in the assessment of a 15% penalty on the unpaid balance of the bill for solid waste and trash collection and/or recycling as well as termination of service under the provisions of Section 18 of this Order.

Section 8: Fire Protection Services. There shall be no charge by the District for such services.

### Section 9: Temporary Water Service.

- A. The District's operator shall be authorized to make a temporary connection to any fire hydrant or flushing valve upon receipt of a written request for temporary water service. Such temporary service shall be supplied only through a District meter installed by the District's operator.
- B. The person applying for temporary water service shall be required to deposit \$800.00 with the District to secure the payment for water supplied by the District and the safe return of the District's meter. Upon receipt of full payment for temporary water used and return of the meter in good condition, the deposit will be returned; provided, however, any damage to the meter or unpaid balances will be paid from the deposit.
- C. The fee for temporary water service shall be \$50.00 for costs of installation plus \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons of water delivered through the meter.

Section 10: Surcharge for Service. In fairness to all Users of land within the District, and to honor its contractual obligations and commitments, the District has the right to monitor the use of water and the discharge of sewage to determine if Users are exceeding the amount of capacity committed to serve their land or buildings. As one method of enforcement, the District has determined to reserve the right to impose a surcharge on any User who uses water or discharges sewage in excess of the amount reserved to such User or tract.

Accordingly, in addition to the other charges specified herein, the District has the right to impose an additional charge of \$0.05 per gallon of water used in excess of one hundred ten percent (110%) of the amount of capacity reserved to the tract by any utility commitment letter.

Section 11: Grease Trap Inspection. Each restaurant, fast food establishment, school cafeteria or any other establishment within the District that engages in food preparation or service to the public shall be required to have a grease trap that meets with the District's specifications. For each grease trap installed, there shall be charged an initial inspection fee of \$75.00 and a monthly flat rate inspection fee of \$66.00. If the operator is required to reinspect the grease trap, such reinspection shall be charged at the same \$163.00 rate.

Section 12: Swimming Pool Inspections and Fee. Every User who plans to construct or install a swimming pool within the District shall notify the District's operator in writing prior to commencing construction of the pool. For purposes of this Order, a swimming pool is defined as a pool having a capacity in excess of 10,000 gallons. Upon notification by the User of the intention to construct or install a swimming pool, the User shall pay an inspection fee of \$100.00. After the notification is received, the District's operator shall require that all drains and backwash from the swimming pool, water softening systems or other equipment or facility be installed connecting to the sanitary sewer system and otherwise in accordance with the City of Alvin plumbing code as it relates to swimming pools, and that the proper backflow prevention devices are installed. After the drains have been installed, the User shall notify the District's operator, who shall make an inspection of all swimming pool drains and backflow prevention devices to verify that the proper connections are made, before service is authorized for said swimming pool.

Section 13: Water Softener Inspections and Fee. Every User who plans to install a water softener within the District shall notify the District's operator in writing prior to commencing the installation of the water softener. Upon notification by the User of the intention to install water softener, the User shall pay an inspection fee of \$90.00. After the notification is received, the District's operator shall ensure that all drains from the water softener are connected to the District's sanitary sewer system and that the backflow prevention devices required by the District are installed. After the drains have been installed, the User shall notify the District's operator, who shall make an inspection of all water softener drains, backflow prevention devices, and the sanitary clean-out to verify that the proper connections are made, before service is authorized for said water softener.

### Section 14: Quality of Sewage.

A. <u>Domestic Waste</u>. Only ordinary liquid and water-carried waste from domestic activities that is amenable to biological treatment and that is discharged from sanitary conveniences of buildings connected to a public sanitary sewer system shall be discharged

into the District's sanitary sewer lines. Waste resulting from any process of commerce or industry may not be discharged into the District's sanitary sewer lines except as authorized pursuant to subsection B below.

- B. <u>Commercial and Industrial Waste</u>. All discharges other than waste described in subsection A are prohibited unless the User has applied to and received written authorization from the District for such discharge. The applicant must file a statement with the District containing the following information:
  - (1) Name and address of applicant;
  - (2) Type of industry, business, activity, or other waste-creative process;
  - (3) Quantity of waste to be discharged;
  - (4) Typical analysis of the waste;
  - (5) Type of pretreatment proposed; and
  - (6) Such other information as the District may request in writing.

The District shall have the right to reject any application for discharge of non-domestic waste into the District's sanitary sewer lines if the District determines in its sole discretion that the proposed discharge may be harmful to the District's sanitary sewer system or the environment. The District also shall have the right in approving any application for the discharge of non- domestic waste to impose any limitations on such discharge that the District determines in its sole discretion to be necessary to protect the District's sanitary sewer system or the environment.

- C. <u>National Categorical Pretreatment Standard</u>. If a User is subject to a national categorical pretreatment standard pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under Section 307 of the federal Clean Water Act, the User is prohibited from discharging pollutants into the District's sanitary sewer system in violation of applicable categorical pretreatment standards.
- D. <u>District Testing</u>: <u>Pretreatment</u>. The District shall have the right to sample and test any User's discharge at the discretion of the District's operator, with no limit as to the frequency of the tests, and to charge the User for the District's cost of such sampling and testing. The District also shall have the right to require pretreatment, at the User's expense, of any discharge of non-domestic waste if the District determines in its sole discretion that pretreatment of such waste is necessary to protect the District's sanitary sewer system or the environment, even if pretreatment is not otherwise required pursuant to subsection C above.

### Section 15: Maintenance and Repair.

- A. It shall be the responsibility of each User to maintain the water and sewer lines from the point of connection to the District's System to the building served.
- B. <u>Obstructions</u>. After a water meter has been set, the customer shall at all times keep the area in, around and upon the meter and box and District easements and property under customer's control free from rubbish or obstructions of any kind. Failure to keep the meter

and box and District easements and property under customer's control free from rubbish or obstructions shall result in disconnection of water service and/or the assessment of charges necessary to remove said obstructions. Customers are prohibited from introducing material into the District's sanitary sewer 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 sanitary sewer 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 District costs for removal of the obstruction, plus a District administration fee of 50% of said costs, shall be assessed to the customer.

### Section 16: Plumbing Material Restrictions.

- A. <u>Prohibition on Use of Specified Materials</u>. In addition to the requirements set out in Section 14 hereinabove, the use of the following plumbing materials are prohibited in any and all improvements connected to the District's water system:
  - (1) Any pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 0.25% lead; and
  - (2) Any solder or flux which contains more than 0.2% lead.
- B. <u>Certification of Compliance with Prohibition</u>. Before the District will provide water and sewer service to any new improvement, a certificate of compliance, in the form attached as Exhibit "D," must be submitted to the District.
- Section 17: Plumbing Regulations; Prohibition Against Cross-Connections and Unacceptable Plumbing Practices Penalty for Violation. Pursuant to Chapter 290 of the Texas Administrative Code, the District adopts the following plumbing regulations, which apply to all Users of the District's potable water distribution system.
  - A. <u>Service Agreements</u>. Prior to receiving service from the District to new construction or to buildings containing new plumbing fixtures, or prior to having service reconnected to any building after termination of water service, a User must execute a Service Agreement in the form attached to this Rate Order as Exhibit "B".
  - B. <u>Plumbing Fixtures</u>. A User is not permitted to install any plumbing fixture which is not in compliance with a state approved plumbing code and the plumbing code, if any, required by the city in whose jurisdiction the District is located.
  - C. <u>Prohibition Against Water Contamination</u>. No direct connection between the District's potable water distribution system and a potential source of contamination is permitted. Potential sources of contamination shall be isolated from the District's potable water distribution system by the installation of an air-gap or an appropriate backflow prevention device in accordance with state plumbing regulations. In addition, all pressure relief valves and thermal expansion devices must be in accordance with state plumbing codes and the plumbing code, if any, required by the city in whose jurisdiction the District is located.

Backflow Prevention Assemblies. All sprinkler systems, spas and pools must have D. backflow prevention assemblies installed by the User at the User's sole cost and expense. In addition, the District, in its sole discretion, may require a Non-Single Family Residential User to install a backflow prevention assembly at any meter(s) servicing such a User's property. The District, in its sole discretion, also may require any User to install other backflow prevention assemblies at any fixture in order to prevent contamination of the District's potable water distribution system or if the User's plumbing system poses a high health hazard. A high health hazard is defined by the TCEQ as a "cross-connection, potential cross-connection, or other situation involving any substance that could cause death, illness, spread of disease, or has a high probability of causing such effects if introduced into the potable drinking water supply." If the District determines that a User must install a backflow prevention assembly as a protection against a high health hazard, the backflow prevention assembly used must comply with a state approved plumbing code and the plumbing code, if any, required by the city in whose jurisdiction the District is located, and must be tested and certified at least annually by the District's operator, at the User's sole cost and expense.

The User is responsible for insuring that all backflow prevention assemblies are tested upon installation by the District's operator; the cost will be \$81.93 for Single Family Residential Users and \$163.00 for Non-Single Family Residential Users and Non-Taxable Users which is due and payable prior to the test. The User is solely responsible for the cost of this test. If the District requires the installation of a backflow prevention assembly in order to prevent a serious threat to the District's public water supply, then the District, in its sole discretion, may immediately terminate service to the User. In that event, service will not be restored until the backflow prevention assembly has been installed and tested and a signed and dated original of a "Backflow Prevention Assembly Test and Maintenance Report" in the form attached to this Rate Order as Exhibit "C" has been provided to the District's operator.

If the District determines that a backflow prevention assembly must be installed pursuant to this Rate Order for reasons other than to eliminate a serious threat to the District's public water system, the User must install the backflow prevention assembly within five (5) working days after receipt of notice from the District that such installation is required. In addition, the User must provide the District's operator with a signed and dated original of a "Backflow Prevention Assembly Test and Maintenance Report" in the form attached to this Rate Order as Exhibit "C" within three (3) working days of the installation of the backflow prevention assembly and within three (3) working days of any subsequent repair, maintenance or testing of such assembly. If the User fails to provide the testing certificate within this time, the District, in its discretion, may terminate service to the User pursuant to the terms of this Rate Order. The District's operator will retain such reports for a minimum of three (3) years.

E. <u>Customer Service Inspections</u>. A customer service inspection is required prior to the time the District (i) provides continuous water service to new construction, (ii) provides water service to private plumbing facilities that have been added to existing construction or materially improved or corrected, or (iii) continues service to a User when the District has reason to believe that cross-connections or other unacceptable plumbing practices exist.

The cost of such customer service inspection will be the sole responsibility of the User. For single family residential service and all other types of service, the District's operator must perform the inspection; the cost will be \$98.00 for Single Family Residential Users and \$163.00 for Non-Single Family Residential Users and will be determined on an individual basis for other Users. All fees relating to the customer service inspection shall be paid by the User prior to the inspection, and if the inspection is made in connection with new construction, the fee will be collected with the tap fee.

Prior to initiating service to new construction or buildings containing new plumbing fixtures, the User must provide the District's operator with a signed and dated "Customer Service Inspection Certification" in the form attached to this Rate Order as Exhibit "D". The District's operator will retain such inspection certifications for a minimum of ten (10) years. If the District's operator does not perform the initial customer service inspection, the User will need to obtain a final inspection certificate from the District's operator prior to receiving service. In connection with this final plumbing inspection, the User shall allow its property to be inspected by the District's operator or its subcontractors during normal business hours for possible cross- connections and other unacceptable plumbing practices which violate this Rate Order. The cost of this final plumbing inspection shall be \$66.00 for Single Family Residential Users and \$163.00 for Non-Single Family Residential Users and will be determined on an individual basis for other Users. The cost of this final inspection shall be paid by the User prior to the final plumbing inspection. Thereafter, the District's operator or its subcontractors may, at the discretion of the District and/or the District's operator, periodically inspect a User's plumbing system during normal business hours for the purpose of identifying possible cross-connections and other unacceptable plumbing practices which violate this Rate Order.

F. Prohibition Against Cross-Connections. No cross-connection between the District's potable water distribution system and a private water system is permitted. 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 must be properly installed and such assembly must be annually inspected and tested by a certified backflow prevention device tester. A list of certified backflow prevention device testers may be obtained from the local office of the TCEQ. By accepting service from the District, all Users agree to allow such annual inspection and testing of backflow prevention assemblies to take place during normal business hours. If any User refuses to allow such annual inspection and testing, service to such User will be discontinued until such inspection and testing is completed.

No connection which allows water to be returned to the District's potable water distribution system is permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, any device pursuant to which water is removed from the District's potable water distribution system, circulated through a User's system for condensing, cooling and heating of fluids or industrial processes, including but not limited to a heat exchange system, and routed back to the District's potable water distribution system.

G. Notice of Unacceptable Plumbing Practices. The District shall notify the User in writing of any cross-connection or other unacceptable plumbing practice which has been identified during the customers service inspection, the final plumbing inspection, any 016701.000001\4865-9545-7507.v1

periodic reinspection, or any other inspection. At its sole cost and expense, the User shall immediately correct any unacceptable plumbing practice on its premises and properly install, test and maintain any backflow prevention device required by the District within two (2) working days of receipt of notice of the improper cross-connection. The User shall provide copies of all testing and maintenance records on such devices to the District within three (3) working days of the testing or maintenance. If the User fails to correct the noted unacceptable plumbing practice, the District may immediately terminate water service or, at the User's sole cost and expense, eliminate the cross-connection or correct the unacceptable plumbing practice.

H. Penalty for Violation. The failure of a User to comply with the terms of this Section will be considered a violation of this Rate Order. If such a violation occurs, or if the District determines the existence of a serious threat to the integrity of the District's water supply, the District, in its sole option, may, in addition to all other legal remedies available to it, including those remedies set out in this Rate Order, immediately terminate service or, at the User's sole cost and expense, install the plumbing fixtures or assemblies necessary to correct the unacceptable plumbing practice. If the District terminates service in order to preserve the integrity of the District's water supply, service will be restored only when the source of the potential contamination no longer exists or until additional safeguards have been taken. Any and all expenses associated with the enforcement of this Section shall be billed to the User.

### Section 18: Billing and Termination.

A. Charges for service shall be billed monthly. All bills shall be payable on the 20th day after the date of the statement for said charges. Unless payment is received on or before the 20th day after the date of said statement, such account shall be considered delinquent and interest of ten percent (10%) of the unpaid balance shall be charged. Partial payment shall be applied in the following order: (1) past due amount(s); (2) late fees; and (3) current balance.

The District may, in its discretion, disconnect service for failure to pay all charges, including late fees, by the 30th day after the due date; provided, however, that prior to disconnecting services, the District shall send written notice by United States first class mail to the User at the address of the connection and provide the User with an opportunity to contest, explain or correct the charges, services, or disconnection, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District. The written notice shall inform the User of the amount of the delinquent payment, the date service will be disconnected if payment is not made, the date, time and place of the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, and of the opportunity to contest, explain or correct the charges, services, or disconnection, by presenting in person or in writing such matter to the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting as shown on the notice. The date specified for disconnection shall be ten (10) days after the date of the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors as shown in the notice. The notice shall be deposited, postpaid, in a post office or official depository under the care and custody of the United States Postal Service at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. A written statement by the District's operator that the notice

was so mailed and a certificate of mailing by the United States Postal Service shall be prima facie evidence of delivery of same. If the User appears before the Board in person or in writing, the Board shall hear and consider the matter and inform the User of the Board's determination by sending written notice by United States first class mail to the User at the address of the connection. If the Board elects to terminate service as provided in this section, the District may post notice that service will be disconnected at the user's location for failure to make timely payment.

- B. Any person, corporation or other entity who violates any provision of this Rate Order, in addition to being subject to the penalties described in Section 25, shall be subject to having service terminated; provided, however, that prior to disconnecting service for such violations, the District shall give written notice by first class mail or otherwise, to such person, corporation or other entity, of the pending disconnection, and shall give such person, corporation or other entity the opportunity to contest, explain or correct the violation of the Rate Order at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District. Such disconnection shall be in addition to penalties that may be imposed by the District under Section 26.
- C. A fee of \$15.00 shall be added to an account if a notice of disconnect is mailed to a User. A fee of \$22.00 shall be added to an account if a notice of disconnect is hung on the door of a User's residence or business. If service to a User is disconnected for nonpayment of a delinquent bill or for any cause legally authorized, a reconnection fee of \$70.00 plus a security deposit of \$75.00 payable in accordance with this Rate Order, shall be paid prior to service being restored. A separate \$75.00 deposit shall be required for each such occurrence, up to a maximum of \$225.00. Payment of fees and charges under this Section must be in the form of cash, cashier's check, or money order. In the event that the District's operator removes a User's meter due to unauthorized reconnection of service subsequent to its termination by the District, a removal/reinstallation fee of \$105.00 shall be paid prior to service being restored, which fee is in addition to any other fees imposed.

Section 19: Termination of Service Upon Request of User. Whenever a User of District services temporarily or permanently abandons the structure or building receiving service and no longer wishes to be serviced, he or she shall notify the District's operator at least two (2) days prior to the time he or she desires service to be discontinued. The District shall charge such User \$50.00 for discontinuing and \$50.00 for restoring service if such service is discontinued or restored at the request of the User and he or she is not delinquent in the payment of any bill at the time of the request.

<u>Section 20: Returned Check Charge.</u> The District will charge a \$25.00 fee to any customer for each check given to the District for payment that must be returned for any reason. Payments attempted to be made by a check which is returned shall be considered delinquent unless cash or certified funds are presented to the District for payment within the time period required by the previous section.

### Section 21: Security Deposit.

- A. <u>Single Family Residential</u>. Each Customer establishing a new account for single-family residential service and each Customer re-establishing an account for single-family residential service that has been terminated for non-payment shall be required to pay, prior to the District providing service or restoring service, a security deposit of \$100.00 for Customers who are also the property owner, and \$200 for Customers who are not the property owners (lessees); provided, however, upon request from the Customer, the District will include the deposit on the first water/sewer bill sent to Customer.
  - If Customer fails to pay the deposit upon billing by the District, then Customer's water service shall be terminated in accordance with Section 18 hereof. In addition, each Customer restoring water service where such service has been terminated for non-payment or for any other reason other than the request of such Customer shall be required to pay an additional \$75.00 deposit before service is restored. A separate \$75.00 deposit shall be required for each such occurrence, up to a maximum of \$225.00.
- B. Commercial/Multi-Family Deposit. Each customer establishing a Commercial or a Multi-Family account that has been terminated for non-payment, shall be required to make a security deposit equal to 200% for Multi-Family and 300% for Commercial of the average monthly bill for that connection as estimated by the District's operator, provided, however, that in no event shall the deposit for a Commercial or Multi-Family account be less than \$150.00. In the case of a "strip center", each individually occupied unit must be metered or at the request of the owner of the property one master meter may be approved at the discretion of the Board. The District's operator will verify metering prior to establishing service. All deposits will be posted by the customer prior to service being established. All unoccupied metered units will be billed to the owner and the owner is responsible for such accounts. A "strip center" is defined to include all commercial property, other than for residential use, which is subdivided and leased to individual firms or persons which require utility services.

Section 22: Builder Deposit. Upon first application for connection, the applicant (whether property owner, Builder or other) (the "Applicant") shall pay a security deposit in the amount of \$1,500 (the "Builder Deposit"). The Builder Deposit is solely to secure the payment of costs to repair any District facilities damaged by the Applicant or other parties during the construction of the house, building or other improvement on the applicable property ("Builder Damages"). The Applicant shall be held responsible for any Builder Damages and shall reimburse the District for all costs incurred in repairing the Builder Damages.

After inspection by the District's operator, the District may utilize the Builder Deposit to pay for any repairs to the District facilities made necessary by the Applicant's construction activities. If the Builder Deposit is not sufficient to pay for such Builder Damages, the Applicant shall pay such outstanding balance due. No additional connections to the District's System shall be permitted relative to any Applicant who has outstanding Builder Damages. If Applicant is building more than one house, building or other improvement within the District, the Builder Deposit shall remain at the level set forth above, at all times, and if the District utilizes a portion or all of the Builder Deposit to repair Builder Damages, the Applicant shall pay to the District the amount(s) necessary to maintain the Builder Deposit as set forth above.

The District shall refund the Builder Deposit upon completion of the last house, building or other improvement to be constructed within the District by the Applicant and final inspection by the District's Operator. No interest will be paid by the District on the Builder Deposit.

<u>Section 22: Transfer Fee.</u> A fee of \$36.00 shall be charged by the District to cover the expense to the District for the transfer of water and sewer service from the initial User to each subsequent User.

<u>Section 23: Pressure of Water.</u> The District agrees to use all reasonable efforts to supply to any User adequate pressure of water. The District does not and will not guarantee to any User a specific quantity or pressure of water for any purpose whatsoever. The District is required only to furnish a connection to its System and in no case shall the District be liable for the failure or refusal to furnish water or any particular amount or pressure of water; however, the District shall use reasonable efforts to supply water to all Users at an acceptable minimum pressure.

<u>Section 24: No Free Service.</u> No free service shall be granted to any User for services furnished by the District's System whether such User be a charitable or eleemosynary institution, a political subdivision or municipal corporation, and all charges for service shall be made as required herein.

<u>Section 25: Required Service.</u> No service shall be given from the District's System unless such User agrees to take both water and sewer service, except to Public Space Users and in those instances where the Board determines that both services are not necessary for the preservation of the sanitary condition of water within the District.

### Section 26: Penalties for Violation. Any person, corporation or other entity who:

- A. violates any Section of this Order;
- B. makes unauthorized use of District services or facilities;
- C. causes damage to District facilities by using such facilities in a manner or for a purpose contrary to the purpose for which such facilities were designed;
- D. uses or permits the use of any septic tank or holding tank within the District;
- E. violates the District's Industrial Waste Order, if any;
- F. violates the District's Rules and Regulations Governing Sewer Lines and Sewer Connections:
- G violates the District's Order Adopting a Drought Contingency Plan; or
- H. constructs facilities or buildings which are not included in the approved plans for development required in this Order;

shall be subject to a penalty of up to \$5,000.00 for each breach of each one of the foregoing provisions. Each day that a breach of any provision hereof continues shall be considered a separate breach. This penalty shall be in addition to the other penalties, fees and charges provided by this Rate Order and the laws of the State of Texas and in addition to any other legal rights and remedies of the District as may be allowed by law.

Section 27: Drought Contingency Plan. The Board of the District hereby adopts the Drought Contingency Plan attached hereto as Exhibit "F" and incorporated herein for all purposes.

<u>Section 28: Application.</u> This Rate Order and all of the provisions herein apply only to utility service to land within the District. The Board of Directors shall determine whether to provide any utility service to areas outside of the District and the terms and conditions for such service.

<u>Section 29: Appeal.</u> Any determination by the District's Operator or the District's Engineer or any authorized agent of the District or any dispute regarding the terms and provisions of this Order may be appealed to the Board of Directors of the District, which shall conduct a hearing on the matter. The District's Operator and/or Attorney shall provide the customer with information regarding appeals and hearing procedures upon the customer's request.

<u>Section 29: Amendments.</u> The District's Board of Directors has and specifically reserves the right to change, alter or amend any rate or provision of this Rate Order at any time.

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ADOPTED this 10th day of September, 2024, effective the 1st day of October, 2024.

DocuSigned by:

President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors



# EXHIBIT "A" STANDARD SANITARY SEWER USAGE RATES CALCULATE VALUE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING DATA:

	CALCULATE VALUE BASED ON THE	FOLLOWING DATA.
A)	Residential Development	
	Single Family Residential	315 GPD/ Unit
	Townhouse/Patio/Cluster Homes	315 GPD/Unit
	Duplex /Triplex	315 GPD/ Unit
	Fourplex	270 GPD/Unit
	Condominium	225 GPD/Unit 225 GPD/Unit
	Apartment with Washer/ Dryer	
	Apartment without Washer/ Dryer	225 GPD/Unit
B)	Non-Taxable Development	
	Church	
	Auditorium	1 GPD/Seat
	Administration Building	15 GPD/Capita
	Day School Classroom	10 GPD/Capita
	School	
	Unspecified	15 GPD/Capita
	Elementary	10 GPD/Capita
	Day Care Center	10 GPD/Capita
	Residential	100 GPD/Capita
	Dormitory	90 GPD/Capita
	Hospital	200 GPD/Bed
	Nursing Home	90 GPD/Bed
	Prison	280 GPD/Capita
C)	Office Development	
	Office Building	0.10526 GPD/Square Feet
D)	Retail Development	
	Retail Store	0.07 GPD/Square Feet
	Grocery Store	0.07 GPD/Square Feet
	Convenience Store with gasoline	0.10 GPD/Square Feet
E)	Restaurant Development	

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35 GPD/Seat

Average Full Service 10-12 Hours

Twenty Four (24) Hour Full Service 50 GPD/Seat
Tavern or Loui ge (No Food Service) 10 GPD/Seat
Soda Fountain 10 GPD/Seat
Fast Food Paper Plate Service 10 GPD/Seat
café 20 GPD/Seat

Bakery 0.225 GPD/Square Feet

Pizza Parlor 8 GPD/Seat

Fast Food (No Seating) 0.07 GPD/Square Feet

F) Coiffure Development

Beauty Shop 150 GPD/Shampoo Bowl

Barber Shop 150 GPD/Shampoo Bowl

G) Cleaning Developmen

Washateria (Based on 50 G/ Wash and 10 washes/ day) 500 GPD/Machave

Car Wash

Individual Bay, Self-service w/o reclaim (wand type) 300 GPD/Bay

Individual Bay, Self-service with reclaim (wand type) 0 GPD/Bay

Commercial w/o reclaim (tunnel type) 1200 GPD

Commercial with reclaim (tunnel type) 0 GPD

H) Recreational Development

Theatre

Indoor 5 GPD/Seat
Drive-In 5 GPD/Space
Skating Rink 5 GPD/Capita
Bowling Alley 200 GPD/Lane
Swimming Pool 5 GPD/Swimmer
Stadium 3 GPD/Seat

Country Club 100 GPD/Member and

25 GPD/Guest

Health Club/ Spa w/ swimming pool 10GPD/ Member/ Day

and/or whirlpool

Health Club/Spa w/out swimming pool SGPD/Member/Day

and/or whirlpool

Raquetball Club 160.25GPD/Court

I) Service Station Development

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Station with service (maximum of

1000 GPD if no car wash) 500 GPD/Island

Self Service Station 0.07 GPD/Square Feet

J) Hotel/ Motel Development

Hotel/Motel (excluding restaurant) 79 GPD/ Room

Hotel/Motel (w/kitchenettes) 135 GPD f Room

K} Industrial Development

Warehouse 0.03 GPD/Square Feet

Factory w/ shower

Factory w/o shower

Factory Residential

Industrial Laundry

Clothes or

25 GPD/Capita

80 GPD/Capita

80 GPD/S01bs.

5000 GPD/Machine

Manufacturing 0.05 GPD/Square Feet

L) Transportation Terminal Development

Transportation Terminal (excluding restaurants) 5 GPD/Passenger

M) Other

Film Processor
Fire Station
Funeral Homes
Toilet

1260 GPD/Processor
90 GPD/Capita
675 GPD/ Body
80 GPD/Toilet

### **EXHIBIT "B"**

#### SERVICE AGREEMENT

- I. PURPOSE. BRAZORIA-FORT BEND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3 (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 service agreement 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 sign this agreement 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 this agreement.
- II. PLUMBING RESTRICTIONS. The following unacceptable plumbing practices are prohibited by State regulations.
- A. 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.
- B. 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 pressurezone backflow prevention device.
- C. No connection which allows water to be returned to the public drinking water supply is permitted.
- D. No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 0.25% lead may be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.
- E. No solder or flux which contains more than 0.2 percent lead can be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.
- III. SERVICE AGREEMENT. The following are the terms of the service agreement between BRAZORIA-FORT BEND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3 (the "District") and [NAME OF CUSTOMER] (the "Customer").
- A. The District will maintain a copy of this agreement as long as Customer and/or the premises is connected to the District's water system.
- B. Customer shall allow his/her property to be inspected for possible cross-connections and other unacceptable plumbing practices. These inspections shall be conducted by the District or its designated agent prior to initiating new water service; when there is reason to believe that cross-connections or other unacceptable plumbing practices exist; or after any major changes to the private plumbing facilities. The inspections shall be conducted during the District's normal business hours.

- C. The District shall notify Customer in writing of any cross-connection or other unacceptable plumbing practice which has been identified during the initial inspection or the periodic reinspection.
- D. Customer shall immediately correct any unacceptable plumbing practice on his/her premises.
- E. Customer shall, at his/her 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. Customer understands and agrees that the District does not guarantee any specific quantity or pressure of water for any purpose whatsoever and that the District is not liable to customer for failure or refusal to furnish any particular amount or pressure of water to Customer at any time.
- IV. ENFORCEMENT. If Customer fails to comply with the terms of the Service Agreement, the District shall, at its option, either terminate service or properly install, test, and maintain an appropriate backflow prevention device at the service connection. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of this Service Agreement shall be billed to Customer.

CUSTOMER'S SIGNATURE:	
DATE:	·
ADDRESS:	
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### **EXHIBIT "C"**

### **Backflow Prevention Assembly Test and Maintenance Report**

The following form must be completed for each assembly tested. A signed and dated original must be submitted to the public water supplier for recordkeeping purposes.

### BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY TEST AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

NAME OF PWS: PWS I.D. #: LOCATION OF SERVICE:

The backflow prevention assembly detailed below has been tested and maintained as required by TCEQ regulations and is certified to be operating within acceptable parameters.

Not needed at this address

### TYPE OF ASSEMBLY

Ī	Reduced Pres	ssure Principle k Valve	1	Pressure Vacuum B	
Manufa	cturer:		Size:		
Model Number:	-		Located At:		<u>-</u>
Serial Number:					
	Reduced Pressure Principle A		ssembly	Pressure Vacuum Breaker	
	Double Check Va	live Assembly	Relief Valve	Air Inlet	Check Valve
	1st Check	2nd Check		Opened at psid	psid
Initial Test	DC - Closed Tight <sup>1</sup> RF <sub>-</sub> psid Leaked <sup>1</sup>	Tight 1	Opened at psid	Did Not	Ľeaked <sup>í</sup>
Repairs and Materials Used					
Test After Repair	DC - Closed Tight  REpsid Leaked	Closed Tight <sup>1</sup>	Opened at psid	Opened at psid	psid
	ified to be true.				

### EXHIBIT "D" **Customer Service Inspection Certification**

Name of PWS: PWS ID. #: Location of Service:	
$I, \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \text{, upon inspection}$ the aforementioned public water supply do hereby certify that, to the	of the private plumbing facilities connected to e best of my knowledge:
exists. Potential sources of contamination are isolated from the pubackflow prevention assembly in accordance with state plumbin valves and thermal expansion devices are in compliance with state.	ng regulations. Additionally, all pressure relief
(2) No cross-connection between the public drinking Where an actual air gap is not maintained between the public water educed pressure zone backflow prevention assembly is proper annual inspection and testing by a certified backflow prevention of	r supply and a private water supply, an approved ly installed and a service agreement exists for
(3) No connection exists which would allow the reindustrial processes back to the public water supply.	eturn of water used for condensing, cooling or
(4) No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than	0.25% lead exists in private plumbing facilities.
(5) No solder or flux which contains more than 0.2 installed on or after July 1, 1988.	% lead exists in private plumbing facilities
(6) No plumbing fixture is installed which is not in code. Water service shall not be provided or restored to the priva conditions are determined to be in compliance.	compliance with a state approved plumbing te plumbing facilities until the above
I certify that the following materials were used in the insta Lines: Lead o Copper o PVC o Othe Lead Free o Solvent Weld o Other o	
I recognize that this document shall become a permanent re System and that I am legally responsible for the validity of the infor	
Signature of Inspector Regi	stration Number
Title Type	e of Registration
Date Lice	nse Expiration Date

#### EXHIBIT "E"

# District's Rules and Regulations Governing Waterworks and Sanitary Sewer Systems

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§
COUNTIES OF BRAZORIA AND FORT BEND	§
BRAZORIA-FORT BEND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3	§

### ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

The following Rules and Regulations Governing Waterworks and Sanitary Sewer Systems (the "Rules and Regulations") shall govern the design, installation and inspection of all connections and taps made to the District's water distribution system and 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 waterworks and sanitary sewer system, and the enforcement of these Rules and Regulations.

# ARTICLE II. GENERAL

#### Section 2.01. Definitions.

- A. <u>Customer</u> is any person, partnership, corporation, non-profit corporation, trust or other legal entity served by the District with water and/or sewer services to a residence or business establishment.
- B. <u>District</u> is Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 of Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas.
- C. <u>Engineer</u> is the person, company or corporation which is under contract with the District to design the District's Water Supply System and Sanitary Sewer Collection System and performs any additional services as set forth in the contract with the District.
- D. <u>High Health Hazard</u> 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 District's Water Supply System.
- E. <u>Operator</u> is the person, company or corporation which is under contract with the District to operate the District's Water Supply System and Sanitary Sewer Collection System, collect amounts owed to the District for such services, report monthly to the District on the operations of the District's Water Supply System and Sanitary Sewer Collection System and perform any additional services as set forth in the contract with the District.
- F. <u>Rate Order</u> shall mean the District's Order Adopting Consolidated Rate Order and Rules and Regulations; Establishing a Drought Contingency Plan; Establishing a Wastewater Control Order; Establishing Certain Other Policies; and Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof which may be amended from time to time.
- G. <u>Sanitary Sewer Collection System</u> constitutes the underground sanitary sewer lines owned or leased and operated by the District. This system is composed of all interconnecting laterals, mains, and

trunk 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.

- H. <u>Sanitary Sewer Service Line</u> 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. This service line is owned and maintained by the property owner of the residential dwelling or commercial building.
- I. <u>Sewer Tap</u> is the physical connection between the Sanitary Sewer Service Line and the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System.
- J. <u>Sewer Tap Inspection</u> 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.
- K. <u>State Approved Plumbing Code</u> 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; or
  - 3. National Standard Plumbing Code.
- L. <u>Tap Fee</u> is the fee paid to the District to obtain a water meter and sewer inspection for any dwelling. The amount of the Tap Fee shall be established in the District's Rate Order and may be modified or changed at any time.
- M. <u>Utility Easement</u> is an interest in land, granted by dedication, to public utility entities, including the District, to install and maintain utilities across, over, or 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.
- N. <u>Water Supply System</u> is composed of all water lines, valves, valve boxes, flushing valves, blowoff valves, water meters, water meter service lines, and meter boxes located within public rights-of-way or easements owned or leased and operated by the District. This system is maintained by the District.
- O. <u>Water Meter</u> is the recording device that registers the amounts of water consumed by each Customer of the District. This meter is owned and maintained by the District.
- P. <u>Water Service Line</u> is any line from a residential dwelling or commercial building, which connects to the District's Water Supply System. This service line is owned and maintained by the property owner of the residential dwelling or commercial structure.
- Q. <u>Water Tap</u> is the physical connection of any Water Service Line to the District's Water Supply System. Such connection will be made only by the District's Operator.
- <u>Section 2.02</u>. <u>Platting Requirement</u>. No connection shall be made to the District's Water Supply System or Sanitary Sewer Collection System unless the tract, parcel, or lot of land to be served by such connection:
- A. was first connected to the District's Water Supply System or Sanitary Sewer Collection System prior to September 1, 1987; or

- B. 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
- C. 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.

Prior to any non-residential connection to the District's Water Supply System or the Sanitary Sewer Collection System, the plans and specifications for the Sanitary Sewer Service Line and the Water Service Line must be submitted the District's Engineer for review and approval. Upon the Engineer's review and approval, the plans and specifications shall then be submitted to the District's Operator for review and approval. The cost of the review and approval of the plans and specifications by the District's Engineer and Operator shall be paid by the Customer.

### ARTICLE III. WATER CONNECTIONS

<u>Section 3.01</u>. <u>Water Tap Materials</u>. Only the following types of pipe and fitting materials shall be approved for the installation of Water Taps, including residential Water Taps and commercial Water Taps:

- A. Any meter approved by the City of Houston;
- B. Brass curb stops, corp stops, and related fittings manufactured by Ford, Hays or Muller;
- C. Polyethylene water service pipe, 3/4" to 2";
- D. Cast iron or vinyl iron (C-900) water service pipe, larger than 2";
- E. Water main pipe of the type originally installed;
- F. Plastic meter box up to 2" meter;
- G. Concrete meter box, where traffic use is specified; and
- H. Concrete meter vault per City of Houston specifications for 3" and larger meter.

### Section 3.02. Plumbing Material Prohibitions.

A. Prohibited Materials.

The use of the following materials are prohibited for the installation and repair of the District's Water Supply System and for the installation and repair of any private plumbing facilities:

- 1. any pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 0.25% lead; and
- 2. 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.

B. Certificate of Compliance.

No new connections to the District's Water Supply System shall be made unless a state licensed plumber first submits in writing to the District a Certificate of Compliance, as set forth in Exhibit " $\underline{1}$ "

attached hereto, specifying that the new connection complies with the plumbing material prohibition contained in Section 3.02(A) hereof. The Certificate of Compliance shall be signed by the licensed plumber and must be submitted to the District's Operator prior to continuous service being supplied. The District shall not accept any Tap Fee that is not accompanied by a Certificate of Compliance.

### Section 3.03. Installation.

- A. An Application for Service, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "5," must be filed with the District's Operator. The Customer must pay to the District's Operator all Tap Fees, inspection fees and deposits, as described in the District's Rate Order.
- B. All Water Taps to the District's Water Supply System shall be installed <u>only</u> by the District's Operator.
- C. The District's Operator shall install Water Taps and set meters at a location on adjoining property lines, whenever possible, with the meter box being located in the easement adjacent to the property line and with two (2) meters per box, where appropriate.
  - D. The District's Operator shall be responsible for all repairs to the Water Taps.
- E. After installation of the Water Tap, connection of the Water Service Line shall be made at the expense of the Customer. (Note: This line shall be tested for leaks since all water recorded through the meter will be charged to the Customer).
- F. After connection to the District's Water Supply System, the Water Service Line should be thoroughly flushed as to prevent foreign matter from entering the household system.

#### Section 3.04. Customer Service Inspection Certifications.

- A. A Customer Service Inspection Certification, as described in Exhibit "2" attached hereto, shall be completed prior to providing continuous water service to any new construction, on any existing service where the District has reason to believe that cross-connections or other unacceptable plumbing practices exist, and after any material improvement, correction, or addition to private plumbing facilities. Prior to the District initiating continuous service, a Customer shall provide a Customer Service Inspection Certification to the District. The Customer Service Inspection Certification may only be performed by those individuals described in Subsection B of this Section 3.04. For Customer Service Inspection Certifications performed by the District's Operator, the Customer must pay the District the Customer Service Inspection Fee prior to the Operator performing the inspection and certification. Copies of properly completed Customer Service Inspection Certifications shall be kept on file by the District's Operator and made available, upon request, for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") review. Inspection certifications shall be retained for a minimum of ten (10) years. Failure to provide a Customer Service Inspection Certification in accordance with this Section 3.04 shall constitute a violation of these Rules and Regulations and such violation shall be subject to the enforcement provisions set forth in Article X hereof.
- B. Individuals with the following credentials shall be recognized as capable of conducting a Customer Service Inspection Certification:
  - 1. Plumbing Inspectors and Water Supply Protection Specialists licensed by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners; and

- 2. Certified Waterworks Operators and members of other water related professional groups who have completed a training course, passed an examination administered by the TCEQ or its designated agent, and hold an endorsement granted by the TCEQ or its designated agent.
- C. Private plumbing facilities in violation of Article III hereof shall constitute an unacceptable plumbing practice and violation of these Rules and Regulations. If an unacceptable plumbing practice is discovered, the Customer shall eliminate the unacceptable plumbing practice within thirty (30) days from the date of discovery to prevent possible contamination of the District's Water Supply System. The existence of a serious threat to the integrity of the District's Water Supply System shall be considered sufficient grounds for immediate termination of water service. Service can be restored only when the source of potential contamination no longer exists, or when sufficient additional safeguards have been taken, and a Customer Service Inspection Certification confirming correction of unacceptable plumbing practices has been submitted to the District.
  - D. The Customer Service Inspection Certification shall certify that:
  - 1. No direct connection between the District's Water Supply System and a potential source of contamination exists. Potential sources of contamination are isolated from the District's Water Supply System by an air gap or an appropriate backflow prevention assembly in accordance with state plumbing regulations. Additionally, all pressure relief valves and thermal expansion devices are in compliance with state plumbing regulations.
  - 2. No cross-connection between the District's Water Supply System and a private water source exists. Where an actual air gap is not maintained between the District's Water Supply System 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 recognized backflow prevention assembly tester.
  - 3. No connection exists which would allow the return of water used for condensing, cooling or industrial processes back to the District's Water Supply System.
  - 4. No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 0.25% lead exists in private plumbing facilities.
  - 5. No solder or flux which contains more than 0.2% lead exists in private plumbing facilities installed on or after July 1, 1988.
  - 6. No new or replacement plumbing fixture is installed which is not in compliance with a State Approved Plumbing Code.

### Section 3.05. Prohibited Connections.

- A. No water connection from the District's Water Supply System shall be made to any establishment where an actual or potential contamination or system hazard exists without an air gap separation between the drinking water supply and the source of potential contamination. Where a containment air gap is impractical, individual "internal" air gaps or mechanical backflow prevention devices shall be required at the meter in the form of a backflow prevention device (in accordance with AWWA Standards C510 and C511 and AWWA Manual M14) on those establishments handling substances deleterious or hazardous to the public health.
- B. No water connection from the District's Water Supply System shall be made to any condensing, cooling, or industrial process or any other system of nonpotable usage over which the District does not have sanitary control, unless the said connection is made in accordance with the requirements of

paragraph (A) of this section. Water from such systems cannot be returned to the District's Water Supply System.

C. Overhead bulk water dispensing stations must be provided with an air gap between the filling outlet hose and the receiving tank to protect against back siphonage and cross-contamination.

### Section 3.06. Backflow Prevention Assemblies.

- A. Backflow prevention assemblies shall be installed on any connection which poses a High Health Hazard and any other connection which the District or the District's Operator reasonably believes poses a threat to the District's Water Supply System. Water service provided for lawn sprinklers, swimming pool supply, reflection pool supply or other such applications must incorporate a back flow prevention assembly in accordance with a State Approved Plumbing Code for the particular designated use. No permanent water service will be provided or continued to any new connection in the District which requires a backflow prevention assembly, unless the Customer provides the District with a Backflow Prevention Assembly Test and Maintenance Report (the "Test Report"), as described in Exhibit "3" attached hereto. At the request of the customer, the District's Operator may, on behalf of the District, install the backflow prevention assembly and complete the Test Report at the Customer's cost.
- B. Effective January 1, 1996, all backflow prevention assemblies shall be tested upon installation by a Recognized Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester and certified to be operating within specifications. The Test Report, as described in Exhibit "3" attached hereto, shall be retained for a minimum of three (3) years. The District shall provide these records to the TCEQ for inspection upon request. Backflow prevention assemblies which are installed to provide protection against High Health Hazards must also be tested and certified to be operating within specifications at least annually by a Recognized Backflow Prevention Device Tester.
- C. Recognized Backflow Prevention Device Testers shall have completed a TCEQ approved course on cross-connection control and backflow prevention and passed an examination administered by the TCEQ or its designated agent. The accredited tester classification shall be broken down into two categories:
  - 1. The "General Tester" is qualified to test and repair backflow prevention assemblies on any domestic, commercial, industrial or irrigation service.
  - 2. The "<u>Fireline Tester</u>" is qualified to test and repair backflow prevention assemblies on firelines only. The State Fire Marshall's office requires that a person performing maintenance on firelines must be employed by an Approved Fireline Contractor.
- D. Individuals who can show proof of completion of a course and passage of an exam based on the ABPA or ASSE National Exam, prior to the effective date of these regulations, may be recognized as accredited for the term of their current certification (not to exceed three (3) years).
- E. Gauges used in the testing of backflow prevention assemblies shall be tested for accuracy annually in accordance with the University of Southern California's Foundation of Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research and/or the American Water Works Association Manual of Cross Connection Control (Manual M-14). Test gauge serial numbers must be included on the Test Report and Recognized Backflow Prevention Device Testers shall have gauges tested for accuracy.
- F. A Test Report must be completed by the Recognized Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester for each assembly tested. The signed and dated original must be submitted to the District's Operator for record keeping purposes.

- G. Repairs to backflow prevention assemblies shall be performed by authorized individuals as recognized by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners, the TCEQ, Texas Irrigators Advisory Council, or the Texas Commission on Fire Protection-State Fire Marshall's Office, depending upon application and use.
- H. The use of a backflow prevention device at the service connection shall be considered as additional backflow protection and shall not negate the use of backflow protection on internal hazards as outlined and enforced by a State Approved Plumbing Code.

### Section 3.07. Customer Service Agreements.

A. The District is responsible for protecting its Water Supply System from contamination or pollution which can result from unacceptable plumbing practices. To this end, the District has adopted plumbing restrictions to provide protection to the District's Water Supply 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 "4" attached hereto, before the District will begin service.

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

- B. The Customer shall allow his/her property to be inspected for possible cross-connections and other unacceptable plumbing practices. These inspections shall be conducted by the District or its designated agent prior to initiating new water service; when there is reason to believe that cross-connections or other 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.
- C. The District shall notify the Customer in writing of any cross-connection or other unacceptable plumbing practices which have been identified during the initial inspection or the periodic reinspection.
- D. The Customer shall immediately correct any undesirable plumbing practice on his/her premises.
- E. 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. If a Customer fails to comply with the terms of the Customer Service Agreement, the District shall, at its option, either terminate service or properly install, test, and maintain an appropriate backflow prevention assembly at the service connection. 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. Only one Sanitary Sewer Service Line connection to the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System is permitted for each residence or 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.

- B. No opening in the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System will be allowed to remain overnight or during rain.
- C. 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.
- D. All Sanitary Sewer Service Lines should be run from wyes or stacks directly to the houses without meanders or bends.
- <u>Section 4.02</u>. <u>Sanitary Sewer Service Line Materials</u>. 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:
- A. Vitrified clay pipe conforming to ASTM Specification C700 with joint coupling conforming to ASTM Specifications C425 or C594 and installed according to ASTM C12.
- B. Cast iron soil pipe, standard weight, conforming to ASTM Specification A74 with rubber gasket joint coupling conforming to ASTM Specification C564.
- C. Poly-vinyl-chloride PSM (PVC) pipe conforming to ASTM Specification D3034 or ASTM specification F789 (with UL listing) and installed according to ASTM D2321.
- D. Ductile Iron Pipe conforming to ANSI A21.51 with rubber gasket joints ANSI A21.11 and installed according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- E. Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS) pipe material conforming to ASTM Specification D2751.

### Section 4.03. Size and Grade of Sanitary Sewer Service Lines.

- 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 - 14 inch drop per hundred feet (1.2%);
  - 2. 6 inch pipe - 8 inch drop per hundred feet (0.7%); and
  - 3. 8 inch pipe - 5 inch drop per hundred feet (0.4%).
- 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%); and
  - 3. 8 inch pipe - one foot drop per hundred feet (1%).

### Section 4.04. 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 constructed to City of Houston standards and a grease trap with sampling port constructed to City of Houston standards when required by the District's Engineer and Operator.

### Section 4.05. Fittings and Cleanouts.

- A. No bends or turns at any point will be greater than forty-five degrees (45°).
- B. Each horizontal Sanitary Sewer Service Line will be provided with a cleanout at its upper terminal; and each such run of piping which is more than ninety (90) feet in length will be provided with a cleanout for each ninety (90) feet or fraction thereof in the length of such piping.
- C. 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.
  - D. Cleanouts will be made with air-tight mechanical plug.

### Section 4.06. Installation of Sewer Taps and Issuance of Permits.

- A. Sanitary Sewer Service Lines must be at least 24 inches below (vertically) and at least 9 feet from (horizontally) any Water Service Line (far side or near side connection). If this is not possible, a cast iron casing over the Water Service Line must be installed by the Customer, which casing will be inspected by the Operator.
- B. Excavation for Sewer Taps shall be water tamped in all areas within 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.
- C. All stacks shall be installed in locations shown on the plans. Stacks shall be capped and the cap lightly cemented in place. Wyes will not be installed by the line contractor. Wye saddles will be paid for in the line contract, but will be delivered to the District's Operator. The District's Operator will furnish the Customer a saddle at the time of inspection.
- D. An Application for Service (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "5") must be filed with the District's Operator prior to construction of any Sanitary Sewer Service Line, and the Tap Fee and/or Sewer Tap Inspection fee as established in the District's most current Rate Order should accompany the application. (Application forms are available from the District's Operator.) 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 and construction is authorized by the District's Operator.

- E. 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 reinspections) shall be made to the District's Operator at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the inspection.
- F. 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.
- G. 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.
- H. 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.
- I. During inspection of the Sanitary Sewer Service Line, the District's Operator will examine all District facilities, such as manholes, valves, flush valves, and inlets on and adjacent to the lot. The connection permit will not be granted until any damage to these facilities has been repaired.
- J. The District's Operator will complete the Inspection Form (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "6") and file it for record with the Application.
- K. A connection permit will be issued after the Sewer Tap Inspection is performed and the District's Operator confirms that all requirements of these Rules and Regulations have been met.
- L. Connection permits which are rejected for any deficiency shall be promptly corrected and a reinspection requested. A reinspection fee as set forth in the District's Rate Order shall be paid at the time the reinspection 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 and Wastewater Control 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, downspouts and yard or area drains.

C. Swimming pool and/or spa connections will not be made to the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System unless specifically approved by the District in writing.

# **ARTICLE VII.**PRIVATE WELLS/TANKS

The construction of water wells and/or the installation of septic tanks is prohibited without prior written approval by the Board of Directors. Said approval, if granted by the Board of Directors, will state the purpose for the construction of a water well and the intended use of the water.

# ARTICLE VIII. AVAILABILITY OF ACCESS/OBSTRUCTIONS

By application for connection to the District's Sanitary Sewer Collection System and/or Water Supply 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 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 WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AND SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

- A. Damage to the District's Water Supply System or the 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.
- B. After a water meter has been set or a fire hydrant installed, the Customer shall at all times keep the area in, around and upon such facilities and District easements and property under Customer's control free from rubbish or obstructions of any kind, including shrubbery. Failure to keep such facilities and District easements and property under Customer's control free from rubbish or obstructions of other kind, including shrubbery, shall result in disconnection of water service and/or the assessment of charges necessary to remove said obstructions. 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.
- C. 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 Water Supply System or Sanitary Sewer Collection System, including, with respect to the waterworks system, water plants, flushing valves, valve boxes, and water

lines up to the meter box and including meters; provided, however, that duly authorized members of the local fire department shall have the right to use such flushing valves for fire protection purposes.

- D. It shall be unlawful for any person to connect any building to the District's Water Supply System without a meter or to have a straight line connection to a building without being metered. It shall also be unlawful for any person, other than the District's Operator or Engineer, to draw water from the District's Water Supply System (except for the use of water for firefighting purposes) without being metered, including the unauthorized use of a flushing valve or unmetered water taps.
- E. 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 Water Supply System or 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:

- A. Discontinuance of water service.
- B. Disconnection and sealing of sanitary sewer connection.
- C. 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.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.

# EXHIBIT "1" TO EXHIBIT "E"

# CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH PROHIBITION ON USE OF SPECIFIED MATERIALS IN CONNECTIONS TO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT WATER SYSTEM

compli	certify that the connection ates in full with the "Prohibition of Use of	, a duly licensed plumber in the State of Texas,(the "Connection")  Specified Materials" provision contained in the Amended I further certify that:
(a) No	contamination exists. Potential sources Supply System by an air gap or an appr	ict's Water Supply System and a potential source of s of contamination are isolated from the District Water ropriate backflow prevention assembly in accordance with y, all pressure relief valves and thermal expansion devices odes.
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(c)	No pipe or pipe fitting which contains n	nore than 0.25% lead exists in private plumbing facilities.
(d)	No solder or flux which contains more to on or after July 1, 1988.	han 0.2% lead exists in private plumbing facilities installed
(e)	No plumbing fixture is installed which is	s not in compliance with a State Approved Plumbing Code.
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		Printed Name
		Company Name Texas License No.:
		Date

# EXHIBIT "2" TO EXHIBIT "E"

Service Inspection Certification

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NOTE: THIS SERVICE INSPECTION CERTIFICATION IS FURNISHED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF INSPECTING THE PLUMBING FACILITIES AT THE AFORESAID LOCATION OF SERVICE FOR UNACCEPTABLE PLUMBING PRACTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID DISTRICT'S RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING WATER AND SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES, SERVICE LINES, AND CONNECTIONS. NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY IS INTENDED OR MADE AS TO THE ADEQUACY, QUALITY OR FITNESS OF THE PRIVATE PLUMBING FACILITIES.

Signature of Inspector:	
Registration Number:	
Title:	
Type of Registration:	
Date:	

# EXHIBIT "3" TO EXHIBIT "E"

### Backflow Prevention Assembly Test and Maintenance Report

The following form must be completed for each assembly tested. A signed and dated original must be submitted to the District for record keeping purposes:

### BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY TEST AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

PWS I.D.	Name of District: PWS I.D. #: Location of Service:					
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The above is	certified to be true.					
		Certified Tester: Cert. Tester No.: Date:				

### EXHIBIT "4" TO EXHIBIT "E"

#### CUSTOMER SERVICE AGREEMENT

SECTION I. PURPOSE.	(the "District") is responsible
for protecting its Water Supply System from contaminat	ion or pollution which could result from
unacceptable plumbing practices. The purpose of this Service	Agreement is to notify each customer of the
plumbing restrictions which are in place to provide this protect	ction. The District enforces these restrictions
to ensure the public health and welfare. Each customer must s	ign this Customer Service Agreement before
the District will begin service.	
SECTION II. PLUMBING RESTRICTIONS. The following	llowing unacceptable plumbing practices are
prohibited by State regulations:	

- A. No direct connection between the District's Water Supply System 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.
- B. No cross-connection between the District's Water Supply System and a private water system is permitted. These potential threats to the District's Water Supply System shall be eliminated at the service connection by the installation of an air gap or a reduced pressure-zone backflow prevention device.
- C. No connection which allows water to be returned to the District's Water Supply System is permitted.
- D. No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 0.25% lead may be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.
- E. No solder or flux which contains more than 0.2% lead can be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.

SECTION III. SERVICE AGREEMENT.	The following are the terms of this Customer Service
Agreement between	_(the "District") and
(the "Customer"):	

- A. The District will maintain a copy of this Customer Service Agreement as long as the Customer and/or the premises is connected to the District.
- B. The Customer shall allow his/her property to be inspected for possible cross-connections and other unacceptable plumbing practices. These inspections shall be conducted by the District or its designated agent prior to initiating new water service; when there is reason to believe that cross-connections or other 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.
- C. The District shall notify the Customer in writing of any cross-connection or other unacceptable plumbing practices which have been identified during the initial inspection or the periodic reinspection.

- D. The Customer shall immediately correct any unacceptable plumbing practice on his/her premises.
- E. 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.

<u>SECTION IV.</u> <u>ENFORCEMENT.</u> If the Customer fails to comply with the terms of this Service Agreement, the District shall, at its option, either terminate service or properly install, test, and maintain an appropriate backflow prevention device at the service connection. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of this Service Agreement shall be billed to the Customer.

NOTE: THE PURPOSE OF THE CUSTOMER SERVICE AGREEMENT IS TO NOTIFY CUSTOMERS OF THE PLUMBING RESTRICTIONS OF THE DISTRICT ADOPTED TO PROTECT THE DISTRICT'S WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM. INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT'S OPERATOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SERVICE AGREEMENT ARE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DISCOVERING AND ELIMINATING UNACCEPTABLE PLUMBING PRACTICES. THE DISTRICT OR THE DISTRICT'S OPERATOR MAKES NO REPRESENTATION AS TO THE ADEQUACY, QUALITY, OR FITNESS OF THE CUSTOMER'S PRIVATE PLUMBING FACILITIES.

Customer's		
Signature	2	
Date:		
Address:		

### EXHIBIT "<u>5</u>" TO EXHIBIT "E"

### APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

(Please print or type)

	Duplicate to: (Address)
	(Subdivision and Section)
(Subdivision and Section)	
(Name of Applicant)	(Lot) (Block)
(Street Address)	(Street Address)
(Phone)	(City) (State) (Zip)
Installation to be performed by:	(Plumber or Sub-contractor) (Phone)
Type of pipe material to be used: PVC, A	
Date:Requested by:	<del>-</del>
	(Signature)
Applicant to draw sketch of house layout and p  For District Use Only	proposed location of water and sewer service line:
Date Application Received:	
Date Construction Authorized:	
Connection Information:	
WYE Location	
Stack Location	
Manhole Location	
Date of Inspection 1st2nd_3rd	Date Permit
Granted	
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### EXHIBIT "<u>6</u>" TO EXHIBIT "E"

# INSPECTION FORM SANITARY SEWER SERVICE

Lot	Block	_Section		
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			at	AM/PM
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_	Wye			
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		INSTALLA	ATION	
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Directn	ess to Wye			
Slope				
Full Co	ontact w/bedding	-		
Connec	ction w/Main			
Conditi	on of Other District			
	Facilities on Lot			
Connec	ction Permit is appro-	ved (not approv	red).	
	service to Lot is appr			
This sea	rvice reinspected on	(S	ee Attached new repor	t).
Comme	ents:			
Copy to			χ.	
	Applicant		By:	
			District Inspe	ctor
	Manager		A) :	
			Authorized Re	presentative of Applicant

#### **EXHIBIT "F"**

# DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR BRAZORIA-FORT BEND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3 ARTICLE I

POLICY AND PURPOSE

Section 1.01: Declaration of Policy, Purpose, and Intent

In order to conserve the available water supply and protect the integrity of water supply facilities, with particular regard for domestic water use, sanitation, and fire protection, and to protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety, and to minimize the adverse impacts of water supply shortage or other water supply emergency conditions, Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 (the "District") hereby adopts the following regulations and restrictions on the delivery and consumption of water.

Water uses regulated or prohibited under this Drought Contingency Plan (the "Plan") are considered to be non-essential, and continuation of such uses during times of water shortage or other emergency water supply condition is deemed to constitute a waste of water which subjects the offender(s) to penalties as defined in Article VII of this Plan.

Section 1.02: Public Involvement

Opportunity for the public to provide input into the preparation of the Plan was provided by the District by means of holding public hearings during regular meetings of the Board of Directors of the District during preparation of the Plan.

Section 1.03: Public Education

The District will periodically provide the public with information about the Plan, including information about the conditions under which each stage of the Plan is to be initiated or terminated and the drought response measures to be implemented in each stage. This information will be provided by means of letters to the residents, notices on the utility bills, placing of signs in the District, or other similar measures, as appropriate.

Section 1.04: Coordination with Regional Water Planning Groups

The service area of the District is located within Regional Water Planning Area H ("Region H") under the Texas Water Plan, and the District will provide a copy of this Plan to Region H.

Section 1.05: Authorization

The Board of Directors of the District, along with Eco Resources, Inc. (the District's "Operator"), is hereby authorized and directed to implement the applicable provisions of this Plan upon determination that such implementation is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare. The Operator shall have the authority to initiate or terminate drought or other water supply emergency response measures as described in this Plan.

Section 1.06: Application

The provisions of this Plan shall apply to all persons, customers, and property utilizing water provided by the District. The terms "person" and "customer" as used in the Plan include individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, and all other legal entities.

### **ARTICLE II**DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Plan, the following definitions shall apply in addition to the definitions from Section 1 of the Order Adopting Consolidated Rate Order and Rules and Regulations; Establishing a Drought Contingency Plan; Establishing a Wastewater Control Order; Establishing Certain Other Policies; and Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof:

Aesthetic water use: water use for ornamental or decorative purposes such as fountains, reflecting pools, and water gardens.

Commercial and institutional water use: water use which is integral to the operations of commercial and non-profit establishments and governmental entities such as retail establishments, hotels and motels, restaurants, and office buildings.

Conservation: those practices, techniques, and technologies that reduce the consumption of water, reduce the loss or waste of water, improve the efficiency in the use of water or increase the recycling and reuse of water so that a supply is conserved and made available for future or alternative uses.

Customer: any person, company, or organization using water supplied by the District.

Domestic water use: water use for personal needs or for household or sanitary purposes such as drinking, bathing, heating, cooking, sanitation, or for cleaning a residence, business, industry, or institution.

Even number address: street addresses, box numbers, or rural postal route numbers ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8, and locations without addresses.

Industrial water use: the use of water in processes designed to convert materials of lower value into forms having greater usability and value.

Landscape irrigation use: water used for the irrigation and maintenance of landscaped areas, whether publicly or privately owned, including residential and commercial lawns, gardens, golf courses, parks, and rights-of-way and medians.

Non-essential water use: water uses that are not essential nor required for the protection of public, health, safety, and welfare, including:

- (a) irrigation of landscape areas, including parks, athletic fields, and golf courses, except as otherwise provided under this Plan;
  - (b) use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle;
- (c) use of water to wash down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
  - (d) use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
  - (e) flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street;
  - (f) use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools or jacuzzi-type pools;
- (g) use of water in a fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes except where necessary to support aquatic life;
- (h) failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s); and
  - (i) use of water from hydrants for construction purposes or any other purposes other than fire fighting.

Odd numbered address: street addresses, box numbers, or rural postal route numbers ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9.

#### ARTICLE III DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES

### Section 3.01. Criteria for Initiation and Termination of Drought Response Stages

The Operator shall monitor water supply and/or demand conditions on a daily basis and shall determine when conditions warrant initiation or termination of each stage of the Plan, that is, when the specified "triggers" are reached.

The triggering criteria described below are based on known system capacity limits. The District will adopt measures for each stage of the Plan as warranted by the triggers. The stages will not necessarily be adopted in consecutive order.

Section 3.02. Stage 1 Triggers -- Mild Water Shortage Conditions

#### A. Requirements for initiation

Customers shall be requested to voluntarily conserve water and adhere to the prescribed restrictions on certain non-essential water uses, defined in Article II hereof, when the following condition is reached:

When total daily water demand equals or exceeds 80% of the District's available water well capacity (e.g., based on the "safe" operating capacity of water supply facilities), or when the water supply facilities cannot meet or are in danger of not being capable of meeting water supply demand, as determined by the District's Operator.

#### B. Requirements for termination

Stage 1 of the Plan may be rescinded when the District's Operator determines that all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 3 consecutive days.

Section 3.03. Stage 2 Triggers --- Moderate Water Shortage Conditions

#### A. Requirements for initiation

Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain non-essential water uses for Stage 2 of this Plan when any of the following conditions occur:

When total daily water demand equals or exceeds 85% of the District's available water well capacity (e.g., based on the "safe" operating capacity of water supply facilities), or when the water supply facilities cannot meet or are in danger of not being capable of meeting water supply demand, as determined by the District's Operator.

#### B. Requirements for termination

Stage 2 of the Plan may be rescinded when the District's Operator determines that all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 3 consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 2, Stage 1 becomes operative, unless otherwise notified.

Section 3.04. Stage 3 Triggers -- Severe Water Shortage Conditions

#### A. Requirements for initiation

Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain non-essential water uses for Stage 3 of this Plan when any of the following conditions occur:

When total daily water demand equals or exceeds 90% of the District's available water well capacity (e.g., based on the "safe" operating capacity of water supply facilities), or when the water supply facilities cannot meet or are in danger of not being capable of meeting water supply demand, as determined by the District's Operator.

#### B. Requirements for termination

Stage 3 of the Plan may be rescinded when the District's Operator determines that all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 3 consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 3, Stage 2 becomes operative, unless otherwise notified.

Section 3.05. Stage 4 Triggers -- Critical Water Shortage Conditions

#### A. Requirements for initiation

Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain non-essential water uses for Stage 4 of this Plan when any of the following conditions occur:

When total daily water demand equals or exceeds 95% of the District's available water well capacity (e.g., based on the "safe" operating capacity of water supply facilities), or when the water supply facilities cannot meet or are in danger of not being capable of meeting water supply demand, as determined by the District's Operator.

#### B. Requirements for termination

Stage 4 of the Plan may be rescinded when the District's Operator determines that all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 3 consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 3, Stage 2 becomes operative, unless otherwise notified.

Section 3. 06. Stage 5 Triggers -- Emergency Water Shortage Conditions

#### A. Requirements for initiation

Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions for Stage 5 of this Plan when the Operator determines that a water supply emergency exists based on:

- 1. Major water line breaks, pump or system failures, or other events which cause unprecedented loss of capability to provide water service; or
  - 2. Natural or man-made contamination of the water supply source(s).

#### B. Requirements for termination

Stage 5 of the Plan may be rescinded when the District's Operator determines that all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 3 consecutive days.

Section 3.07. Stage 6 Triggers -- Water Allocation

#### A. Requirements for initiation

Customers shall be required to comply with the allocation plan prescribed in Article IV of this Plan and comply with the requirements and restrictions for Stage 5 when any of the following conditions occur:

When total daily water demand equals or exceeds 97% of the District's available water well capacity, or when the water supply facilities cannot meet or are in danger of not being capable of meeting water supply demand, as determined by the District's Operator.

#### B. Requirements for termination

Stage 6 of the Plan may be rescinded when the District's Operator determines that all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 3 consecutive days.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

### DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES Section 4.01. Public Notification

The Operator shall monitor water supply and/or demand conditions on a daily basis and, in accordance with the triggering criteria set forth in Section III of this Plan, shall determine when a mild to moderate, severe, critical, or emergency water shortage condition exists and shall implement the following notification procedures:

#### A. Notification

Before any notification of the public occurs, the Operator shall notify the Board of Directors of the need to evoke mandatory water conservation procedures.

The Operator shall notify the public by means of:

- 1. direct mail to each customer,
- 2. signs posted in public places, or
- 3. other measures that might be appropriate.

#### B. Additional Notification

The Operator shall notify directly, or cause to be notified directly, the following individuals and entities:

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (required when mandatory restrictions are imposed),
  - 2. Major water users,
  - 3. Critical water users, i.e. hospitals.
- Section 4.02. Stage 1 Response -- Mild Water Shortage Conditions

#### A. Goal

Achieve a 15 percent reduction in daily water demand to reduce the well motor run time from 18 hours to 14 hours or less.

- B. Best Management Practices
  - 1. Reduce flushing of water mains.
- 2. Notify customers of the implementation of the voluntary water use restrictions by sending the letter attached as Exhibit 1.
  - C. Voluntary Water Use Restrictions for Reducing Water Demand

The following voluntary water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

1. Customers are requested to voluntarily limit the irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), and irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.

- 2. All operations of the District shall adhere to water use restrictions prescribed for Stage 2 of the Plan.
- 3. Customers are requested to practice water conservation and to minimize or discontinue water use for non-essential purposes.
- Section 4.03. Stage 2 Response -- Moderate Water Shortage Conditions

#### A. Goal

Achieve a 20 percent reduction in daily water demand to reduce the well motor run time from 20 hours to 14 hours or less.

- B. Best Management Practices
  - 1. Reduce flushing of water mains.
- 2. Notify customers of the implementation of the water use restrictions by sending the letter attached as Exhibit 2.
  - C. Water Use Restrictions for Reducing Water Demand

Upon threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

- 1. Irrigation of residential landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), and irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However, irrigation of residential landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.
- 2. Irrigation of green belts, common areas, esplanades and sports field shall be limited to Mondays and Fridays between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- 3. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rises. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
- 4. Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- 5. Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a re-circulation system.
- 6. Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the District.
- 7. Use of water for the irrigation of golf course greens, tees, and fairways is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. However, if the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the District, the facility shall not be subject to these regulations.

- 8. All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.
  - 9. The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
- a. wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
- b. use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
  - c. use of water for dust control;
- d. flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street;
- e. failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).
- Section 4.04. Stage 3 Response -- Severe Water Shortage Conditions

#### A. Goal

Achieve a 25 percent reduction in daily water demand to reduce the well motor run time from 22 hours to 14 hours or less.

- B. Best Management Practices
  - 1. Discontinue flushing of water mains.
- 2. Notify customers of the implementation of the mandatory water use restrictions by sending the letter attached as Exhibit 3.

#### C. Water Use Restrictions

All requirements of Stage 2 shall remain in effect during Stage 3 except that:

- 1. Irrigation of residential landscaped areas shall be limited to designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight and shall be by means of hand-held hoses, hand-held buckets, drip irrigation, or permanently installed automatic sprinkler system only. The use of hose-end sprinklers is prohibited at all times.
- 2. Irrigation of green belts, common areas, esplanades and sports field shall be limited to Mondays and Fridays between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight
- 3. The watering of golf course tees is prohibited unless the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the District.
- 4. The use of water for construction purposes from designated fire hydrants under special permit is to be discontinued.
- Section 4.05. Stage 4 Response -- Critical Water Shortage Conditions

#### A. Goal

Achieve a 30 percent reduction in daily water demand to reduce well motor run time from 24 hours to 14 hours or less.

#### B. Best Management Practices

- 1. Discontinue flushing of water mains; discontinue irrigation of public landscaped areas.
- 2. Notify customers of the implementation of the water use restrictions by sending the letter attached as Exhibit 4.

#### C. Water Use Restrictions

Under threat of penalty for violation, the water use restrictions of Stages 1, 2 and 3 shall be mandatory and shall remain in effect during Stage 4 except:

- 1. Irrigation of residential landscaped areas shall be limited to designated watering days between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight and shall be by means of hand-held hoses, hand-held buckets, or drip irrigation only. The use of hose-end sprinklers or permanently installed automatic sprinkler systems is prohibited at all times.
- 2. Irrigation of green belts, esplanades and sports field shall be limited to Mondays and Fridays between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- 3. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is absolutely prohibited.
- 4. The filling, refilling, or adding of water to swimming pools, wading pools, and jacuzzitype pools is prohibited.
- 5. Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a re-circulation system.
- 6. No application for new, additional, expanded, or increased-in-size water service connections, meters, service lines, pipeline extensions, mains, or water service facilities of any kind shall be approved, and time limits for approval of such applications are hereby suspended for such time as this drought response stage or a higher-numbered stage shall be in effect.

Section 4.06. Stage 5 Response -- Emergency Water Shortage Conditions

#### A. Goal

Restore normal water supply as soon as possible.

#### B. Best Management Practices

- 1. Discontinue flushing of water mains; discontinue irrigation of public landscaped areas.
- 2. Notify customers of the implementation of the water use restrictions by sending the letter attached as Exhibit 5.

#### C. Water Use Restrictions

All requirements of Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall remain in effect during Stage 5 except (1) irrigation of landscaped areas and (2) use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle are absolutely prohibited.

### Section 4.07. Stage 6 Response -- Water Allocation

In the event that water shortage conditions threaten public health, safety and welfare, the Operator is hereby authorized to allocate water according to the water allocation plan set forth below. The Operator shall notify the Customers by placing signs at the entrances of all subdivisions in the District, and by sending the letter attached as Exhibit 6.

#### A. Single Family Residential Customers

The allocation to residential water customers residing in a single-family dwelling shall be as follows:

Persons per Household	Gallons per Month	
	6	
1 or 2	6,000	
3 or 4	7,000	
5 or 6	8,000	
7 or 8	9,000	
9 or 10	10,000	
11 or more	12,000	

"Household" means the residential premises served by the customer's meter. "Persons per household" includes only those persons currently physically residing at the premises and expected to reside there for the entire billing period. It shall be assumed that a particular customer's household is comprised of two (2) persons unless the customer notifies the Operator of a greater number of persons per household on a form prescribed by the District, set forth in Attachment 1 to Exhibit 6. The District shall use its best efforts to see that such forms are mailed, otherwise provided, or made available to every residential customer. If, however, a customer does not receive such a form, it shall be the customer's responsibility to go to the Operator's offices to complete and sign the form claiming more than two (2) persons per household. New customers may claim more persons per household at the time of applying for water service on the form prescribed in Attachment 1 to Exhibit 6. When the number of persons per household increases so as to place the customer in a different allocation category, the customer may notify the District on such form and the change will be implemented in the next practicable billing period. If the number of persons in a household is reduced, the customer shall notify the Operator in writing within two (2) days. In prescribing the method for claiming more than two (2) persons per household, the District shall adopt methods to insure the accuracy of the claim. Any person who knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence falsely reports the number of persons in a household or fails to timely notify the District of a reduction in the number of person in a household shall be fined not less than \$250.00.

Residential water customers shall pay the following surcharges:

\$3.00 for the first 1,000 gallons over allocation.

\$4.00 for the next 1,000 gallons over allocation.

\$5.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation.

Surcharges shall be cumulative.

#### B. Master-Metered Multi-Family Residential Customers

The allocation to a customer billed from a master meter which jointly measures water to multiple permanent residential dwelling units shall be allocated 5,000 gallons per month for each dwelling unit. Customers billed from a master meter under this provision shall pay the following monthly surcharges:

\$2.00 per thousand gallons for the first 1,000 gallons over allocation.

\$3.00 per thousand gallons for the second 1,000 gallons over allocation.

\$4.00 per thousand gallons for the third 1,000 gallons over allocation.

\$5.00 per thousand gallons for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation.

Surcharges shall be cumulative.

#### C. Commercial Customers

A monthly water allocation shall be established by the District for each nonresidential commercial customer other than an industrial customer who uses water for processing purposes. The commercial customer's allocation shall be approximately 70% percent of the customer's usage for the previous month. Provided, however, a customer, 70% percent of whose monthly usage is less than 5,000 gallons, shall be allocated 5,000 gallons. It shall be the customer's responsibility to contact the Operator to determine the allocation. Upon request of the customer or at the initiative of the District, the allocation may be reduced or increased if, (1) the designated period does not accurately reflect the customer's normal water usage, or (2) other objective evidence demonstrates that the designated allocation is inaccurate under present conditions. A customer may appeal an allocation established hereunder to the District. Nonresidential commercial customers shall pay the following surcharges:

\$2.00 per thousand gallons for the first 1,000 gallons over allocation.

\$3.00 per thousand gallons for the second 1,000 gallons over allocation.

\$4.00 per thousand gallons for the third 1,000 gallons over allocation.

\$5.00 per thousand gallons for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation.

Surcharges shall be cumulative.

#### D. Industrial Customers

A monthly water allocation shall be established by the District for each industrial customer, which uses water for processing purposes. The industrial customer's allocation shall be approximately, 90% percent of the customer's previous month's water usage. It shall be the customer's responsibility to contact the Operator to determine the allocation, and the allocation shall be fully effective notwithstanding the lack of receipt of written notice. Upon request of the customer or at the initiative of the District, the allocation may be reduced or increased, (1) if the designated period does not accurately reflect the customer's normal water use because the customer had shutdown a major processing unit for repair or overhaul during the period, (2) the customer has added or is in the process of adding significant additional processing capacity, (3) the customer has shutdown or significantly reduced the production of a major processing unit, (4) the customer has previously implemented significant permanent water conservation measures such that the ability to further reduce water use is limited, or (6) if other objective evidence demonstrates that the designated allocation is inaccurate under present conditions. A customer may appeal an allocation established hereunder to the District. Industrial customers shall pay the following surcharges:

\$2.00 per thousand gallons for the first 1,000 gallons over allocation.

\$3.00 per thousand gallons for the second 1,000 gallons over allocation.

\$4.00 per thousand gallons for the third 1,000 gallons over allocation.

\$5.00 per thousand gallons for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation.

Surcharges shall be cumulative. As used herein, "block rate" means the charge to the customer per 1,000 gallons at the regular water rate schedule at the level of the customer's allocation.

#### ARTICLE V ENFORCEMENT

- A. No person shall knowingly or intentionally allow the use of water from the District for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, governmental, or any other purpose in a manner contrary to any provision of this Plan, or in an amount in excess of that permitted by the drought response stage in effect at the time pursuant to action taken by the Operator in accordance with provisions of this Plan.
- B. Any person who violates this Plan is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). Each day that one or more of the provisions in this Plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense. If a person is convicted of three or more distinct violations of this Plan, the Operator shall, upon due notice to the customer, be authorized to

discontinue water service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connection charge, as set forth in the District's Rate Order, and any other costs incurred by the District in discontinuing and re-connecting service. In addition, suitable assurance must be given to the District that the same action shall not be repeated while the Plan is in effect. Compliance with this plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court.

- C. Any person, including a person classified as a water customer of the District, in apparent control of the property where a violation occurs or originates shall be presumed to be the violator, and proof that the violation occurred on the person's property shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the person in apparent control of the property committed the violation, but any such person shall have the right to show that he/she did not commit the violation. Parents shall be presumed to be responsible for violations of their minor children and proof that a violation, committed by a child, occurred on property within the parents' control shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the parent committed the violation, but any such parent may be excused if he/she proves that he/she had previously directed the child not to use the water as it was used in violation of this Plan and that the parent could not have reasonably known of the violation.
- D. The Operator, police officer, or other person(s) designated by the District, may issue a citation to a person he/she reasonably believes to be in violation of this Ordinance. The citation shall be prepared in duplicate and shall contain the name and address of the alleged violator, if known, the offense charged, and shall direct him/her to appear in the Justice of the Peace Court on the date shown on the citation for which the date shall not be less than 3 days nor more than 5 days from the date the citation was issued. The alleged violator shall be served a copy of the citation. Service of the citation shall be complete upon delivery of the citation to the alleged violator, to an agent or employee of a violator, or to a person over 14 years of age who is a member of the violator's immediate family or is a resident of the violator's residence. The alleged violator shall appear in the Justice of the Peace Court to enter a plea of guilty or not guilty for the violation of this Plan. If the alleged violator fails to appear in the Justice of the Peace Court, a warrant for his/her arrest may be issued. A summons to appear may be issued in lieu of an arrest warrant. These cases shall be expedited and given preferential setting in the Justice of the Peace Court before all other cases.

#### ARTICLE VI VARIANCES

- A. The Operator may, in writing, grant temporary variance for existing water uses otherwise prohibited under this Plan if it is determined that failure to grant such variance would cause an emergency condition adversely affecting the health, sanitation, or fire protection for the public or the person requesting such variance and if one or more of the following conditions are met:
- 1. Compliance with this Plan cannot be technically accomplished during the duration of the water supply shortage or other condition for which the Plan is in effect.
- 2. Alternative methods can be implemented which will achieve the same level of reduction in water use.
- B. Persons requesting an exemption from the provisions of this Ordinance shall file a petition for variance with the District within 5 days after the Plan or a particular drought response stage has been invoked. All petitions for variances shall be reviewed by the Operator, and shall include the following:
  - 1. Name and address of the petitioner(s).
  - 2. Purpose of water use.
  - 3. Specific provision(s) of the Plan from which the petitioner is requesting relief.
- 4. Detailed statement as to how the specific provision of the Plan adversely affects the petitioner or what damage or harm will occur to the petitioner or others if petitioner complies with this Ordinance.
  - 5. Description of the relief requested.
  - 6. Period of time for which the variance is sought.

- 7. Alternative water use restrictions or other measures the petitioner is taking or proposes to take to meet the intent of this Plan and the compliance date.
  - 8. Other pertinent information.
- C. Variances granted by the Operator on behalf of the District shall be subject to the following conditions, unless waived or modified by the Operator:
  - 1. Variances granted shall include a timetable for compliance.
- 2. Variances granted shall expire when the Plan is no longer in effect, unless the petitioner has failed to meet specified requirements.

No variance shall be retroactive or otherwise justify any violation of this Plan occurring prior to the issuance of the variance.

# ARTICLE VII END OF DROUGHT CONTINGENCY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

When the District is able to return to normal water use, the District shall send out the letter attached as Exhibit 8, or otherwise notify the customers of the District of the end of all water use restrictions.

### EXHIBIT 1 TO EXHIBIT "F"

Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility
District No. 3
Of Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties, Texas
(Drought Stage 1)

(Date)

Dear Customer:

Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 is unable to provide water at the customary levels or pressure.

To ensure that an adequate supply of water is available for drinking and bathing, you are hereby notified that Stage One of the Drought Contingency Plan is now in effect. Stage One includes the following VOLUNTARY water use restrictions:

- (a) Irrigation of residential landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), and irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However, irrigation of residential landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.
- (b) Irrigation of green belts, esplanades and sports field shall be limited to Mondays and Fridays between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- (c) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rises. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
- (d) Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or jacuzzitype pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- (e) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a re-circulation system.
- (f) Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the District.
- (g) Use of water for the irrigation of golf course greens, tees, and fairways is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. However, if the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the District, the facility shall not be subject to these regulations.
  - (h) All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.
  - (i) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:

- (1) wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
- (2) use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
  - (3) use of water for dust control;
  - (4) flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
- (5) failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

The Board of Directors appreciates your cooperation and perseverance during this Conservation Condition. Once the Conservation Condition ends, we will notify you and you may then return to normal usage. If conditions should worsen, you will be notified of more stringent restrictions to ensure the availability of water in your community.

Very truly yours,

**Board of Directors** 

#### EXHIBIT 2 TO EXHIBIT "F"

Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility
District No. 3
Of Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties, Texas
(Drought Stage 2)

(Date)

Dear Customer:

Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 is unable to provide water at the customary levels or pressure.

To ensure that an adequate supply of water is available for drinking and bathing, you are hereby notified that Stage 2 of the Drought Contingency Plan is now in effect. Stage 2 includes the MANDATORY water use restrictions set forth below. Any person who violates the water use restrictions set forth below is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). Each day that one or more of the provisions in this Plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense. If a person is convicted of three or more distinct violations of this Plan, the Operator shall, upon due notice to the customer, be authorized to discontinue water service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connection charge, as set forth in the District's Rate Order, and any other costs incurred by the District in discontinuing and re-connecting service. In addition, suitable assurance must be given to the District that the same action shall not be repeated while the Plan is in effect. Compliance with this plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court.

#### WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

- (a) Irrigation of residential landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), and irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However, residential irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.
- (b) Irrigation of green belts, esplanades and sports field shall be limited to Mondays and Fridays between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- (c) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rises. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
- (d) Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or jacuzzitype pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- (e) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a re-circulation system.

- (f) Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the District.
- (g) Use of water for the irrigation of golf course greens, tees, and fairways is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. However, if the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the District, the facility shall not be subject to these regulations.
  - (h) All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.
  - (i) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
  - (1) wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
  - (2) use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
    - (3) use of water for dust control;
    - (4) flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
  - (5) failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

The Board of Directors appreciates your cooperation and perseverance during this Conservation Condition. Once the Conservation Condition ends, we will notify you and you may then return to normal usage. If conditions should worsen, you will be notified of more stringent restrictions to ensure the availability of water in your community.

Very truly yours,

Board of Directors

### EXHIBIT 3 TO EXHIBIT "F"

Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility
District No. 3
Of Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties, Texas
(Drought Stage 3)

(Date)

Dear Customer:

Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 is experiencing severe water shortage conditions and is unable to provide water at the customary levels or pressure.

To ensure that an adequate supply of water is available for drinking and bathing, you are hereby notified that Stage 3 of the Drought Contingency Plan is now in effect and the MANDATORY restrictions set forth below are now in effect. The Board of Directors is aware of the inconvenience of these severe restrictions, but it is imperative that the water supply not only be available for drinking and bathing but also for fire fighters in the event of a house fire. Any person who violates the water use restrictions set forth below is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). Each day that one or more of the provisions in this Plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense. If a person is convicted of three or more distinct violations of this Plan, the Operator shall, upon due notice to the customer, be authorized to discontinue water service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connection charge, as set forth in the District's Rate Order, and any other costs incurred by the in discontinuing service. In addition, suitable assurance must be given to the District that the same action shall not be repeated while the Plan is in effect. Compliance with this plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court.

#### WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

- (a) Irrigation of residential landscaped areas shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9). Irrigation of residential landscaped areas shall be limited to designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight and shall be by means of hand-held hoses, hand-held buckets, drip irrigation, or permanently installed automatic sprinkler system only. The use of hose-end sprinklers is prohibited at all times.
- (b) Irrigation of green belts, esplanades and sports field shall be limited to Mondays and Fridays between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- (c) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle not occurring on the premises of a commercial car wash and commercial service stations and not in the immediate interest of public health, safety, and welfare is prohibited. Further, such vehicle washing at commercial car washes and commercial service stations shall occur only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- (d) Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or jacuzzitype pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- (e) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a re-circulation system.
- (f) Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare. The use of water for construction purposes from designated fire hydrants under special permit is to be discontinued.

- (g) The watering of golf course tees is prohibited unless the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the District.
  - (h) All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.
  - (i) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
  - (1) wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
  - (2) use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
    - (3) use of water for dust control;
    - (4) flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
  - (5) failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

Failure to comply with the Water Use Restrictions is deemed a violation of the Drought Contingency Plan and may result in the termination of water and sewer service to your property. Water and sewer service will not be restored until noncompliance is discontinued and a reconnect fee of \$100 is paid.

The Board of Directors appreciates your cooperation and perseverance during this Drought Stage. Once the Drought Stage ends, we will notify you and you may then return to normal usage. If conditions should worsen, you will be notified of more stringent restrictions to ensure the availability of water in your community.

Very truly yours,

Board of Directors

### EXHIBIT 4 TO EXHIBIT "F"

Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility
District No. 3
Of Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties, Texas
(Drought Stage 4)

(Date)

#### Dear Customer:

Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 is experiencing critical water shortages conditions and is unable to provide water at the customary levels or pressure.

To ensure that an adequate supply of water is available for drinking and bathing, you are hereby notified that Stage 4 of the Drought Contingency Plan is now in effect and the MANDATORY restrictions set forth below are now in effect. The Board of Directors is aware of the inconvenience of these severe restrictions, but it is imperative that the water supply not only be available for drinking and bathing but also for fire fighters in the event of a house fire. Any person who violates the water use restrictions set forth below is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). Each day that one or more of the provisions in this Plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense. If a person is convicted of three or more distinct violations of this Plan, the Operator shall, upon due notice to the customer, be authorized to discontinue water service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connection charge, as set forth in the District's Rate Order, and any other costs incurred by the District in discontinuing and re-connecting service. In addition, suitable assurance must be given to the District that the same action shall not be repeated while the Plan is in effect. Compliance with this plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court.

#### WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

- (a) Irrigation of residential areas shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9). Irrigation of residential landscaped areas shall be limited to designated watering days between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight and shall be by means of hand-held hoses, hand-held buckets, or drip irrigation only. The use of hose-end sprinklers or permanently installed automatic sprinkler systems is prohibited at all times.
- (b) Irrigation of green belts, esplanades and sports field shall be limited to Mondays and Fridays between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- (c) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is absolutely prohibited.
- (d) The filling, refilling, or adding of water to swimming pools, wading pools, and jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited.
- (e) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a re-circulation system.
- (f) Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare. The use of water for construction purposes from designated fire hydrants under special permit is to be discontinued.

- (g) The watering of golf course tees is prohibited unless the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the District.
  - (h) All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.
  - (i) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
  - (1) wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
  - (2) use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
    - (3) use of water for dust control;
    - (4) flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
  - (5) failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).
- (j) No application for new, additional, expanded, or increased-in-size water service connections, meters, service lines, pipeline extensions, mains, or water service facilities of any kind shall be approved, and time limits for approval of such applications are hereby suspended for such time as this drought response stage or a higher-numbered stage shall be in effect.

The Board of Directors appreciates your cooperation and perseverance during this Conservation Condition. Once the Conservation Condition ends, we will notify you and you may then return to normal usage. If conditions should worsen, you will be notified of more stringent restrictions to ensure the availability of water in your community.

Very truly yours,

Board of Directors

#### EXHIBIT 5 TO EXHIBIT "F"

Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility
District No. 3
Of Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties, Texas
(Drought Stage 5)

(Date)

#### Dear Customer:

Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 is experiencing emergency water conditions and is unable to provide water at the customary levels or pressure.

To ensure that an adequate supply of water is available for drinking and bathing, you are hereby notified that Stage 5 of the Drought Contingency Plan is now in effect and the MANDATORY restrictions set forth in below are now in effect. The Board of Directors is aware of the inconvenience of these severe restrictions, but it is imperative that the water supply not only be available for drinking and bathing but also for fire fighters in the event of a house fire. Any person who violates the water use restrictions set forth below is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). Each day that one or more of the provisions in this Plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense. If a person is convicted of three or more distinct violations of this Plan, the Operator shall, upon due notice to the customer, be authorized to discontinue water service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connection charge, as set forth in the District's Rate Order, and any other costs incurred by the District in discontinuing or re-connecting. In addition, suitable assurance must be given to the District that the same action shall not be repeated while the Plan is in effect. Compliance with this plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court.

#### WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

- (a) Irrigation of all residential landscaped areas is prohibited.
- (b) Irrigation of green belts, esplanades and sports fields is prohibited.
- (c) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is absolutely prohibited.
- (d) The filling, refilling, or adding of water to swimming pools, wading pools, and jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited.
- (e) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a re-circulation system.
- (f) Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare. The use of water for construction purposes from designated fire hydrants under special permit is to be discontinued.
- (g) The watering of golf course tees is prohibited unless the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the District.
  - (h) All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.
  - (i) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:

- (1) wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
- (2) use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
  - (3) use of water for dust control;
  - (4) flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
- (5) failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).
- (i) No application for new, additional, expanded, or increased-in-size water service connections, meters, service lines, pipeline extensions, mains, or water service facilities of any kind shall be approved, and time limits for approval of such applications are hereby suspended for such time as this drought response stage or a higher-numbered stage shall be in effect.

The Board of Directors appreciates your cooperation and perseverance during this Conservation Condition. Once the Conservation Condition ends, we will notify you and you may then return to normal usage. If conditions should worsen, you will be notified of more stringent restrictions to ensure the availability of water in your community.

Very truly yours,

Board of Directors

### EXHIBIT 6 TO EXHIBIT "F"

Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility
District No. 3
Of Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties, Texas
(Drought Stage 6)

(Date)

#### Dear Customer:

Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 is experiencing emergency water conditions and must implement water allocation measures.

You are hereby notified that Stage 6 of the Drought Contingency Plan is now in effect and the MANDATORY water allocations and water use restrictions set forth below are now in effect. Any person who violates the water use restrictions set forth below is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). Each day that one or more of the provisions in this Plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense. If a person is convicted of three or more distinct violations of this Plan, the Operator shall, upon due notice to the customer, be authorized to discontinue water service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connection charge, as set forth in the District's Rate Order, and any other costs incurred by the District in discontinuing or re-connecting service. In addition, suitable assurance must be given to the District that the same action shall not be repeated while the Plan is in effect. Compliance with this plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court.

#### WATER ALLOCATION

# RESIDENTIAL WATER CUSTOMERS ALLOCATED WATER AS FOLLOWS:

RESIDING IN A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING SHALL BE

Persons per Household	Gallons per Month	
1 or 2	6,000	
3 or 4	7,000	
5 or 6	8,000	
7 or 8	9,000	
9 or 10	10,000	
11 or more	12,000	

Each residential water customer is deemed to have 2 persons per household unless written notification is provided to the District in Attachment 1. Residential water customers shall pay the following surcharges:

\$3.00 for the first 1,000 gallons over allocation.

\$4.00 for the next 1,000 gallons over allocation.

\$5.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation.

Surcharges shall be cumulative.

# MASTER-METERED MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS SHALL BE ALLOCATED WATER AS FOLLOWS:

The allocation to a customer billed from a master meter which jointly measures water to multiple permanent residential dwelling units shall be allocated 5,000 gallons per month for each dwelling unit. Customers billed from a master meter under this provision shall pay the following monthly surcharges:

- \$2.00 per thousand gallons for the first 1,000 gallons over allocation.
- \$3.00 per thousand gallons for the second 1,000 gallons over allocation.
- \$4.00 per thousand gallons for the third 1,000 gallons over allocation.
- \$5.00 per thousand gallons for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation.

Surcharges shall be cumulative.

#### COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS

A monthly water allocation for commercial customers, other than an industrial customer, shall be approximately 70% percent of the customer's usage for the previous month. Provided, however, a customer, 70% percent of whose monthly usage is less than 5,000 gallons, shall be allocated 5,000 gallons. It shall be the customer's responsibility to contact the Operator to determine the allocation. Commercial customers shall pay the following surcharges:

- \$2.00 per thousand gallons for the first 1,000 gallons over allocation.
- \$3.00 per thousand gallons for the second 1,000 gallons over allocation.
- \$4.00 per thousand gallons for the third 1,000 gallons over allocation.
- \$5.00 per thousand gallons for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation.

The surcharges shall be cumulative. As used herein, "block rate" means the charge to the customer per 1,000 gallons at the regular water rate schedule at the level of the customer's allocation.

#### INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS

The industrial customer's allocation shall be approximately, 90% percent of the customer's previous month water usage. It shall be the customer's responsibility to contact the Operator to determine the allocation, and the allocation shall be fully effective notwithstanding the lack of receipt of written notice. Industrial customers shall pay the following surcharges:

- \$2.00 per thousand gallons for the first 1,000 gallons over allocation.
- \$3.00 per thousand gallons for the second 1,000 gallons over allocation.
- \$4.00 per thousand gallons for the third 1,000 gallons over allocation.
- \$5.00 per thousand gallons for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation.

The surcharges shall be cumulative.

#### WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

To ensure that an adequate supply of water is available for drinking and bathing, you are hereby notified that Stage 6 of the Drought Contingency Plan is now in effect. The Board of Directors is aware of the inconvenience of these severe restrictions, but it is imperative that the water supply not only be available for drinking and bathing but also for fire fighters in the event of a house fire. The following mandatory restrictions are now in effect:

- (a) Irrigation of landscaped areas is prohibited.
- (b) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is absolutely prohibited.

- (c) The filling, refilling, or adding of water to swimming pools, wading pools, and jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited.
- (d) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a re-circulation system.
- (e) Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare. The use of water for construction purposes from designated fire hydrants under special permit is to be discontinued.
- (f) The watering of golf course tees is prohibited unless the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the District.
  - (g) All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.
  - (h) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
  - (1) wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
  - (2) use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
    - (3) use of water for dust control;
    - (4) flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
  - (5) failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).
- (j) No application for new, additional, expanded, or increased-in-size water service connections, meters, service lines, pipeline extensions, mains, or water service facilities of any kind shall be approved, and time limits for approval of such applications are hereby suspended for such time as this drought response stage or a higher-numbered stage shall be in effect.

The Board of Directors appreciates your cooperation and perseverance during this Conservation Condition. Once the Conservation Condition ends, we will notify you and you may then return to normal usage. If conditions should worsen, you will be notified of more stringent restrictions to ensure the availability of water in your community.

Very truly yours,

Board of Directors

# Attachment 1 to Exhibit 6 TO EXHIBIT "F"

### CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

To: Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Muni No. 3 c/o Eco Resources, Inc.	icipal Utility District	
I, the undersigned, hereby noti that the number of persons in the house	ify Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal ehold at	Utility District No. 3ispersons.
Executed this	day of	
	Name:	

#### EXHIBIT 7 TO EXHIBIT "F"

Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility
District No. 3
Of Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties, Texas

CITATION

(Date)

Dear Customer:		
On, your Restrictions of Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility termination of water and sewer service to your property. Service use and upon payment of a \$100 reconnect fee. In addition, you now in effect. To have service restored you should contact the Utility District No. 3 at	e will be restored upon discontinuous will have to sign a copy of the ne operator of Brazoria-Fort Benderator of Brazoria-Fort Benderator	ion has resulted in the ation of the prohibited water use restrictions
In addition, if you fail to take the steps listed above, the District will consider the imposition of Monetary Penalties for Noncompliance. In addition to disconnection, the District may impose a penalty of up to \$5,000.00 for each violation of this Plan. Each day that a breach of any provision of this Plan continues shall be considered a separate violation. This penalty shall be in addition to any other legal rights and remedies of the District as may be allowed by law. We urge you to comply with the provisions of the District's Drought Contingency Plan.		
	Sincerely,	
	Board of Directors	

### EXHIBIT 8 TO EXHIBIT "F"

Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility
District No. 3
Of Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties, Texas

(Date)

Dear Customer:

The Drought Condition has ended. You may return to normal water usage. The Board of Directors of Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 appreciates your cooperation and perseverance during this period and would appreciate your continued attention to water use. Continued water conservation practices will help ensure water availability in the future. Thank you for your efforts.

Very truly yours,

**Board of Directors**