ORDINANCE NO. 400
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
UPDATING THE SEWER AND WATER ORDINANCES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT:

1. **Amendment.** Section 1.1 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended by replacing the word "assisting" with "assist" in the second sentence.

2. **Amendment.** The definition of "Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)" in Section 1.4 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

   "1.4.1 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU).

   An attached or a detached residential dwelling unit which provides complete independent living facilities for one or more persons, and is located on a lot with a proposed or existing primary residence, as provided in Government Code section 66313, as it may be amended. It shall include permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel as the single-family dwelling is situated. In the event that Placer County adopts an ordinance regulating ADUs as permitted by State Code, accessory dwelling unit shall include an ADU as defined in such ordinance."

3. **Amendment.** Section 1.4 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended by adding the following definitions in alphabetical order:

   "1.4.2 Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU).

   A unit that is no more than 500 square feet of interior livable space in size and contained entirely within a single-family residence, as provided in Government Code section 66313, as it may be amended."

   "1.4.7 California Plumbing Code (CPC).

   The California Plumbing Code incorporates by adoption the Uniform Plumbing Code of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials with necessary California amendments."

   "1.4.8 Commercial/Industrial.

   Service to customers engaged in selling, warehousing, or distributing a commodity, in some business activity, or in a profession, or in some form of economic or social activity (offices, stores, clubs, schools, hotels, etc.) and for purposes that do not come directly under another classification of service."

   "1.4.9 Connection Fees.

   A one-time charge for customers connecting to the system or a customer increasing capacity. A cost based charge reflecting the value of system capacity based on the utility's infrastructure costs. Does not include meter installation fee, tap fee, fire service detector and/or to physically connect to the system."

"1.4.14 Equivalent Dwelling Unit.

Commercial, industrial, and multi-family units are assigned varying equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) multipliers depending on the type of business, seat count, fixture count, or building size. A residential living unit is 1.0 EDU. The non-residential EDUs are determined using the District's Mixed Use Billing Account type Determination form during the plan check process or during a property inspection."

"1.4.23 Mixed Use Commercial.

A customer that has both residential and commercial uses on the property will be categorized mixed use commercial when the number of commercial equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) is greater than the number of residential EDUs, as determined under the then-current rate schedule or District administrative procedures."

"1.4.24 Mixed Use Multi-Residential.

A customer that has both residential and commercial uses on the property will be categorized mixed use multi-residential when the number of residential equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) is greater than or equal to the number of commercial EDUs, as determined under the then-current rate schedule or District administrative procedures."

"1.4.25 Multi-Family Residential.

Residential uses containing two or more residential units, including apartment buildings, duplexes, townhomes for residential occupancy by one or more persons for sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation purposes."

"1.4.34 Single Family Residential.

A single family residential unit shall mean a single family dwelling that is designed for residential occupancy by one or more persons for sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation purposes."

4. **Amendment.** The definition of "Exempt ADU" in Section 1.4 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

   "1.4.16 Exempt ADU.

   An ADU or JADU for which the District is prohibited from requiring a new or separate utility connection, or from imposing a related connection fee or capacity charge, under Government Code section 66311.5 or any successor statute."

5. **Amendment.** The definition of "Private Service Lateral" in Section 1.4 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended by adding the words "or easement boundary" after the words "property line."

6. **Amendment.** The definition of "Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)" in Section 1.4 of the Sewer Ordinance is deleted in full.

7. **Amendment.** The remaining definitions in Section 1.4 of the Sewer Ordinance are renumbered sequentially, without substantive change, to reflect the additions and deletion made by this Ordinance.

8. **Amendment.** Subsection 2.3.3 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended by replacing the words "the sewer system" with "the District's sewer system."

9. **Amendment.** Subsection 3.2.1(e) of the Sewer Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"(e) The customer shall not have any outstanding amounts owed against the property to be served, on any District water or sewer account, subject to applicable law."

10. **Amendment.** Subsection 3.2.1(f) of the Sewer Ordinance is amended by replacing the words "water connection" with "sewer connection" and the words "water service charges" with "sewer service charges."

11. **Amendment.** Subsection 3.2.2(c) of the Sewer Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"(c) Costs and Expenses. The applicant shall be solely responsible for all costs and expenses. The applicant shall deposit cash into escrow or an irrevocable standby Letter of Credit in favor of the District issued by a bank reasonably acceptable to the District in a sum equal to 125% of the estimated total cost of the construction of the extension facilities prior to commencement of construction. If, upon completion of the work, the amount paid to or deposited with the District is less than said actual costs, the difference shall be paid to the District by the applicant prior to the commencement of service. Any amount paid or deposited in excess of said actual cost will be credited toward usage or refunded upon application."

12. **Amendment.** Subsection 3.2.2(e) of the Sewer Ordinance is amended by adding the following sentences at the end of the subsection:

"Reimbursement agreement shall be effective for a maximum of ten (10) years. Any prorated reimbursement shall be determined by the District based on years remaining on the agreement and total parcels capable of being served. Upon termination of the ten (10) year period, any pro rata share shall become property of the District."

13. **Amendment.** Section 3.4 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"3.4 TERMINATION/RECONNECTION OF SERVICE

Sewer service to an existing developed property may not be terminated. If all uses on the existing developed property requiring sewer service ceases, the owner may request termination of service. The District may approve termination only after the District determines that termination and physical disconnection will not create a public health, safety, environmental, operational, or regulatory concern and the owner provides evidence of any required demolition, building, TRPA, Placer County, or other approvals. Termination of service shall include the removal and capping of the private service lateral at the sewer main. Charges for service will cease effective the first day of the billing period following system disconnection. Any request to reconnect to the sewer system shall be processed as a new application for service. To obtain sewer service for the same parcel in the future will require applying for a new sewer service and payment of all then current fees and charges, and there is no credit for any fees or deposits paid for the sewer service being abandoned."

14. **Amendment.** Section 3.5 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"3.5 TEMPORARY DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE

There is no temporary disconnection of services starting on September 10, 2026. The only way to avoid monthly system charges is to terminate the service in accordance with Section 3.4."

15. **Amendment.** Section 5.3.2 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"5.3.2 Existing Connections.

It shall be unlawful for any owner of a house, building, or property connected to the sewer system to maintain the building sewer in a condition where leakage is such that the tests in this Section cannot be successfully accomplished. If a cleanout has not been installed at the property line, the owner shall notify the District and the District shall install a cleanout prior to cleaning and testing. The District will install the cleanout within 14 days of being notified and between May 1 and October 1. The owner will then be able to complete the necessary cleaning and testing."

16. **Amendment.** Subsection 5.3.3(d) of the Sewer Ordinance is amended by replacing the sentence beginning "The District may, upon written notice" with the following sentence:

"The District may, upon written notice to the property owner, discontinue or restrict sewer service to the property until such repairs are made, to the extent necessary to protect the public health."

17. **Amendment.** Section 6.1.2 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end of the section:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, the District shall apply connection fees, capacity charges, and monthly service charges for accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units in accordance with Government Code section 66311.5, Government Code section 66013, and any successor statutes. An accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit shall not be considered a new residential use for purposes of calculating connection fees or capacity charges for sewer service unless the unit is constructed with a new single-family dwelling. For any accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit described in Government Code section 66323(a)(1), the District shall not require a new or separate utility connection directly between the unit and the Sewer System or impose a related connection fee or capacity charge, except as authorized by Government Code section 66311.5. For any accessory dwelling unit for which a new or separate utility connection may lawfully be required, any connection fee or capacity charge shall be proportionate to the burden of the proposed accessory dwelling unit on the Sewer System, based on square footage or drainage fixture units, and shall not exceed the reasonable cost of providing service."

18. **Amendment.** Section 6.2.1 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"6.2.1 Bills.

Sewer service charges shall begin on the first day of the billing period following the completion of the pressure test required under Section 5.3.1, or the installation of the water meter if a current water customer, or within two years after the permit fees are paid, whichever comes first. Unless the rate schedule provides otherwise, sewer service is billed in arrears. Bills will be mailed or sent electronically at the beginning of each billing period to the address furnished to the District. The customer shall be responsible for keeping the District advised of the address to which bills are to be mailed. Non-receipt of a bill shall not relieve a customer of any payment obligation to the District."

19. **Amendment.** Section 6.2.3 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended by replacing the phrase "set forth in set forth in" with "set forth in."

20. **Amendment.** Section 7.1 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended by adding the words "or the Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency" immediately after the words "Whenever deemed necessary by the District."

21. **Amendment.** Section 7.2.2 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended as follows:

(a) The word "existing" is added immediately before the word "condition" in the final sentence of the introductory paragraph.

(b) In subsection (a), the word "underling" is replaced with "underlying."

22. **Amendment.** Subsection 9.1.10 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"9.1.10 Any wastewater containing cyanides in excess of two tenths of a milligrams per liter (0.2 mg/l)."

23. **Amendment.** Subsection 9.1.17 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended by replacing the words "federal state or local" with "federal, state, or local."

24. **Amendment.** Section 10.6 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"10.6 ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS

The District may issue administrative citations for violations of this Ordinance under the procedures set forth in the Water Ordinance, Government Code section 53069.4, Public Utilities Code section 16472.5, and other applicable law, as each may be amended."

25. **Amendment.** Subsection 11.2.2 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended by replacing the word "placer" with "place" in the first sentence.

26. **Amendment.** The definition of "Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)" in Section 1.4 of the Water Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"1.4.1 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU).

An attached or a detached residential dwelling unit which provides complete independent living facilities for one or more persons and is located on a lot with a proposed or existing primary residence, as provided in Government Code section 66313, as it may be amended. It shall include permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel as the single-family dwelling is situated. In the event that Placer County adopts an ordinance regulating ADUs as permitted by State Code, accessory dwelling unit shall include an ADU as defined in such ordinance."

27. **Amendment.** Section 1.4 of the Water Ordinance is amended by adding the following definitions in alphabetical order:

"1.4.2 Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU).

A unit that is no more than 500 square feet of interior livable space in size and contained entirely within a single-family residence, as provided in Government Code section 66313, as it may be amended."

"1.4.7 California Plumbing Code (CPC).

The California Plumbing Code incorporates by adoption the Uniform Plumbing Code of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials with necessary California amendments."

"1.4.8 Commercial/Industrial.

Service to Customers engaged in selling, warehousing, or distributing a commodity, in some business activity, or in a profession, or in some form of economic or social activity (offices, stores, clubs, schools, hotels, etc.) and for purposes that do not come directly under another classification of service."

"1.4.9 Common Meter.

A common meter account is for irrigation purposes only."

"1.4.10 Connection Fees.

A one-time charge for customers connecting to the system or a customer increasing capacity. A cost based charge reflecting the value of system capacity based on the utility's infrastructure costs. Does not include meter installation fee, tap fee, fire service detector and/or to physically connect to the system."

"1.4.18 Equivalent Dwelling Unit.

Commercial, industrial, and multi-family units are assigned varying equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) multipliers depending on the type of business, seat count, fixture count, or building size. A residential living unit is 1.0 EDU. The non-residential EDUs are determined using the District's Mixed Use Billing Account type Determination form during the plan check process or during a property inspection."

"1.4.21 Mixed Use Commercial.

A customer that has both residential and commercial uses on the property will be categorized mixed use commercial when the number of commercial equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) is greater than the number of residential EDUs, as determined under the then-current rate schedule or District administrative procedures."

"1.4.22 Mixed Use Multi-Residential.

A customer that has both residential and commercial uses on the property will be categorized mixed use multi-residential when the number of residential equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) is greater than or equal to the number of commercial EDUs, as determined under the then-current rate schedule or District administrative procedures."

"1.4.34 Single Family Residential.

A single family residential unit shall mean a single family dwelling that is designed for residential occupancy by one or more persons for sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation purposes."

28. **Amendment.** The definition of "Cross-Connection Control" in Section 1.4 of the Water Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"1.4.13 Cross-Connection Control.

The District's program and measures to protect the Water System from backflow and cross-connections, including hazard assessments, elimination or control of cross-connections, and installation, testing, inspection, and maintenance of approved backflow prevention assemblies, backflow preventers, and air gaps as required by the Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook, the California Plumbing Code, this Ordinance, the Technical Specifications, or District-approved cross-connection control plans or standards."

29. **Amendment.** The definition of "Exempt ADU" in Section 1.4 of the Water Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"1.4.19 Exempt ADU.

An ADU or JADU for which the District is prohibited from requiring a new or separate utility connection, or from imposing a related connection fee or capacity charge, under Government Code section 66311.5 or any successor statute."

30. **Amendment.** The definition of "Multi-Family Residential" in Section 1.4 of the Water Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"1.4.23 Multi-Family Residential.

Residential uses containing two or more residential units, including apartment buildings, duplexes, townhomes for residential occupancy by one or more persons for sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation purposes."

31. **Amendment.** The definition of "Service Size for Billing Purpose" in Section 1.4 of the Water Ordinance is amended by replacing the words "Uniform Plumbing Code" with "California Plumbing Code."

32. **Amendment.** The definition of "Service Unit" in Section 1.4 of the Water Ordinance is amended by replacing the word "basic" with "base."

33. **Amendment.** The definition of "Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)" in Section 1.4 of the Water Ordinance is deleted in full.

34. **Amendment.** The remaining definitions in Section 1.4 of the Water Ordinance are renumbered sequentially, without substantive change, to reflect the additions and deletion made by this Ordinance.

35. **Amendment.** Section 2.3.1 of the Water Ordinance is amended by adding the words "or JADU, except as allowed by law" immediately after the words "Exempt ADU" in the final sentence.

36. **Amendment.** Section 2.3.3, "Change of Accounts," of the Water Ordinance is deleted in full.

37. **Amendment.** Subsection 3.2.1(e) of the Water Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"(e) The customer shall not have any outstanding amounts owed against the property to be served, on any District water or sewer account, subject to applicable law."

38. **Amendment.** Subsection 3.2.3(c) of the Water Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"(c) Costs and Expenses. The applicant shall be solely responsible for all costs and expenses. The applicant shall deposit cash into escrow or an irrevocable standby Letter of Credit in favor of the District issued by a bank reasonably acceptable to the District in a sum equal to 125% of the estimated total cost of the construction of the extension facilities prior to commencement of construction. If, upon completion of the work, the amount paid to or deposited with the District is less than said actual costs, the difference shall be paid to the District by the applicant prior to the commencement of service. Any amount paid or deposited in excess of said actual cost will be credited toward usage or refunded upon application."

39. **Amendment.** Subsection 3.2.3(e) of the Water Ordinance is amended by adding the following sentences at the end of the subsection:

"Reimbursement agreement shall be effective for a maximum of ten (10) years. Any prorated reimbursement amount shall be determined by the District based on years remaining on the agreement and total parcels capable of being served. Upon termination of the ten (10) year period, any pro rata share shall become the property of the District."

40. **Amendment.** Section 4.1.2 of the Water Ordinance is amended by replacing the second sentence with the following sentence:

"A deposit will be paid to the District in accordance with the Fee Schedule, Attachment A-3."

41. **Amendment.** Section 5.1 of the Water Ordinance is amended by replacing the words "All new multi-family residential uses" with "All newly constructed multi-family residential uses."

42. **Amendment.** Section 5.1.1 of the Water Ordinance is amended by replacing the words "within the right of way" with "adjacent to the right of way."

43. **Amendment.** Section 5.1.4 of the Water Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"5.1.4 Size of Meters and Customer Service Line.

Meter size and customer service line size shall be determined by the District in its sole discretion. The District provides a minimum standard of a ¾-inch customer service line and ¾-inch water meter to all water customers."

44. **Amendment.** Section 5.1.5 of the Water Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"5.1.5 Re-evaluation of Meter Size and Customer Service Line.

(a) Requested by Customer. A customer may request a change in the customer service line and meter size based on changed conditions or code compliance upgrades at the place of service or when historical usage indicates a change is warranted. The customer shall be responsible for any costs incurred in making the change including meter installation fees and connection fees. Adjusted water service charges will begin on the first day of the billing period following the completion of the work.

(b) Required by District. The District may require a change in the customer service line, meter, or service size for billing purposes when, based on historical usage, meter performance, inspection, verified fixture count, California Plumbing Code fixture-unit calculations, standard engineering practice, or other relevant information, the District determines that the existing meter or customer service line is not appropriately sized or is operating above or below its rated design capacity. The customer shall be given written notice in advance of any required change. If the change is required solely as a result of the District's reevaluation of existing service conditions and not because of an unpermitted customer change, the District will perform the meter size change at its expense and will not charge connection fees or meter installation fees for the meter size increase. The customer shall remain responsible for costs associated with the customer's private system, including any required change to the customer service line or onsite plumbing. Adjusted water service charges will begin on the first day of the billing period following completion of the work. This subsection does not limit the District's authority under Section 3.3 to require permits, connection fees, meter installation fees, or other charges for altered service, added fixture units, increased use, or work performed without required District approval."

45. **Amendment.** Section 5.2.2 of the Water Ordinance is amended by replacing the words "service may be terminated" with "service may be discontinued in accordance with Chapter 7."

46. **Amendment.** Section 5.2.3 of the Water Ordinance is amended as follows:

(a) The introductory paragraph is amended to read in full as follows:

"The District will test the accuracy of its meters upon the request of a customer and charge the fee per Attachment A-3. The customer may witness the test. If a meter is

found to be working improperly, it will be repaired or replaced by the District and any testing fees refunded or waived."

(b) In subsection (a), the word "fast" is replaced with "over registration," and the final sentence is replaced with the following sentence:

"The cost of the test shall also be waived or refunded."

(c) Subsection (b) is amended to read in full as follows:

"(b) Adjustment for Meter Errors - Slow Meters. If a meter tested at the request of a customer is found to be more than five (5%) percent under registration, the District may bill the customer for the amount of the undercharge based on corrected meter readings for the time service was rendered to the customer requesting the test, or for a period of six months, whichever shall be the lesser."

47. **Amendment.** Section 5.2.4 of the Water Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"5.2.4 Excess Water Use.

Where water meters are installed and available to be read, readings shall be analyzed to determine excess water usage. If the usage is in the abnormal range as determined by the District, the customer shall be notified. The customer remains responsible for monitoring water use and repairing leaks or abnormal use on the customer side of the water service connection. The District's failure to identify, notify, or turn off service for abnormal use shall not relieve the customer of responsibility for water delivered through the meter, except as expressly provided in Section 5.2.5 or required by law."

48. **Amendment.** Section 5.2.5 of the Water Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"5.2.5 Uncontrollable Loss of Water.

Where a customer, through no fault of their own, has incurred excessively high water bills during one event or meter read cycle, relief may be granted by the District even though the water has passed through the water service connection. Relief is intended for situations where lines have frozen and broken, and the detection and correction of such a break could not have reasonably been accomplished in time to avoid the excessively high-water usage. Single family residential customers who have had uncontrollable loss of water greater than 41,000 gallons in one event or meter read cycle may request relief under this subsection. Multi-residential and commercial customer may request relief under this section that have an uncontrollable loss greater than the corresponding Tier 3 threshold for their billing meter size.

Request for relief must be in writing to the District. The General Manager will, to the greatest extent possible, confirm that the high overage was a result of an undetectable condition and was not a direct result of negligence or inattention of the property owner. The General Manager may decide to provide relief for some or all of the overage, consistent with the then-current rate schedule and applicable law. This decision may be appealed to the Board. Relief under this Section is discretionary and does not create a right to a billing adjustment. The District may deny relief where the customer cannot provide documentation satisfactory to the District or where granting

relief would be inconsistent with this Ordinance, the District's rate schedule, or applicable law."

49. **Amendment.** Section 6.1.1 of the Water Ordinance is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end of the section:

"Any water service overcharges or undercharges discovered shall be refunded or billed to the customer for a period of six months or as long as the customer has owned the property, whichever shall be the lesser."

50. **Amendment.** Section 6.1.2 of the Water Ordinance is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end of the section:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, the District shall apply connection fees, capacity charges, meter installation fees, and monthly service charges for accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units in accordance with Government Code section 66311.5, Government Code section 66013, and any successor statutes. An accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit shall not be considered a new residential use for purposes of calculating connection fees or capacity charges for water service unless the unit is constructed with a new single-family dwelling. For any accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit described in Government Code section 66323(a)(1), the District shall not require a new or separate utility connection directly between the unit and the Water System or impose a related connection fee or capacity charge, except as authorized by Government Code section 66311.5. For any accessory dwelling unit for which a new or separate utility connection may lawfully be required, any connection fee or capacity charge shall be proportionate to the burden of the proposed accessory dwelling unit on the Water System, based on square footage or drainage fixture units, and shall not exceed the reasonable cost of providing service."

51. **Amendment.** Section 6.2.1 of the Water Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"6.2.1 Bills.

Water service charges shall begin on the first day of the billing period following the installation of the water meter as required under Section 5.1. Unless the rate schedule provides otherwise, base water service is billed in arrears. Bills will be mailed or sent electronically at the beginning of each billing period to the address furnished to the District. The customer shall be responsible for keeping the District advised of the address to which bills are to be mailed. Non-receipt of a bill shall not relieve a customer of any payment obligation to the District."

52. **Amendment.** Section 6.2.3 of the Water Ordinance is amended by replacing the phrase "set forth in set forth in" with "set forth in."

53. **Amendment.** Section 7.2.1 of the Water Ordinance is amended by replacing the introductory phrase "In addition to discontinuance for non-payment" with "In addition to the provisions set forth in Section 7.1."

54. **Amendment.** Section 7.4 of the Water Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"7.4 TERMINATION/RECONNECTION OF SERVICES

Water service to an existing developed property may not be terminated. If all uses on the property requiring water service have permanently ceased, the owner may request termination of service. The District may approve termination only after the District determines that termination and physical disconnection will not create a public health, safety, environmental, operational, or regulatory concern and the owner provides evidence of any required demolition, building, TRPA, Placer County, or other approvals. Termination of service shall include the removal of the water meter and capping of the private service lateral at the water main. Charges for service will cease effective the first day of the billing period following system disconnection. Any request to reconnect to the water system shall be processed as a new application for service. To obtain water service for the same parcel in the future will require applying for a new water service and payment of all then current fees and charges, and there is no credit for any fees or deposits paid for the water service being abandoned."

55. **Amendment.** Section 7.5 of the Water Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"7.5 OWNER REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY DISCONNECTION OF SERVICES

There is no temporary disconnection of services starting on September 10, 2026. The only way to avoid monthly system charges is to terminate the service in accordance with Section 7.4."

56. **Amendment.** A new Section 8.1.1 of the Water Ordinance is added to read in full as follows:

"8.1.1 Permanent Prohibition on Potable Water Irrigation of Nonfunctional Turf.

(a) For purposes of this Section, the terms "common area," "common interest development," "community service organization or similar entity," "community space," "functional turf," "homeowners' association," "nonfunctional turf," and "recreational use area" shall have the meanings set forth in Water Code section 10608.12, as amended. This Section shall be interpreted consistent with Water Code section 10608.14, as amended.

(b) Potable Water shall not be used to irrigate nonfunctional turf on properties served by the District as follows:

(1) All properties owned by the Department of General Services, beginning January 1, 2027.

(2) All properties owned by local governments, local or regional public agencies, and public water systems, except those specified in paragraph (5), beginning January 1, 2027.

(3) All other institutional properties and all commercial and industrial properties, beginning January 1, 2028.

(4) All common areas of properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities, beginning January 1, 2029.

(5) All properties owned by local governments, local public agencies, and public water systems in a disadvantaged community, beginning January 1, 2031, or the date upon which a state funding source is made available to fund conversion of nonfunctional turf on those properties to climate-appropriate landscapes, whichever is later.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), the use of Potable Water is not prohibited by this Section to the extent necessary to ensure the health of trees and other perennial nonturf plantings, or to address an immediate health and safety need.

(d) Any postponement or revision adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board pursuant to Water Code section 10608.14(c), as amended, shall apply to this Section.

(e) This Section is a permanent water use restriction and applies irrespective of whether a Water Conservation Action Stage has been declared under Section 8.2.

(f) A violation of this Section constitutes non-compliance with this Ordinance and may be enforced pursuant to Chapters 7 and 11 and Attachment A-3, as each may be amended.

(g) The District shall communicate the requirements of this Section to its customers on or before January 1, 2027, and thereafter as reasonably necessary."

57. **Amendment.** Section 9.1 of the Water Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"9.1 GENERAL

No water service connection to any premises shall be installed or maintained by the District unless the public water supply is protected in accordance with the State Water Resources Control Board Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook (CCCPH), the California Plumbing Code, this Ordinance, the Technical Specifications, any District Cross-Connection Control Plan, and other applicable law, as each may be amended."

58. **Amendment.** Section 9.2 of the Water Ordinance is amended as follows:

(a) The following new first paragraph is added:

"The District shall administer a cross-connection control program to protect the water system from contamination or pollution. The General Manager may adopt, maintain, and update a CCCPH compliant Cross-Connection Control Plan, technical standards, forms, procedures, and customer notices. The District may survey premises, perform or require hazard assessments, determine the degree of hazard, determine the type and location of required protection, require corrective action, and coordinate with the State Water Board, the local primacy agency, Placer County, fire authorities, and other agencies."

(b) In the existing paragraph, the words "to the extent required by law" are added immediately after the words "water service connection" in the first sentence.

59. **Amendment.** Section 9.3 of the Water Ordinance is amended as follows:

(a) The first sentence of the first paragraph is replaced with the following sentence:

"It shall be the responsibility of each customer at their own expense to furnish, install, field test, replace, and keep in good working order and safe condition, any and all backflow prevention assembly, air gap, or other backflow protection required by the District."

(b) The following new second paragraph is added:

"No customer shall install, maintain, modify, remove, bypass, or operate any piping, fixture, equipment, auxiliary water supply, irrigation system, fire protection system, or other condition in a manner that creates an unprotected cross-connection or backflow hazard."

60. **Amendment.** Section 9.4 of the Water Ordinance is amended as follows:

(a) The first sentence of the first paragraph is replaced with the following two sentences:

"Backflow prevention assemblies shall be approved for the intended use and installed at the location and in the manner required by the District and applicable law. Each backflow prevention assembly required by the District shall be tested after installation and then thereafter annually to assure proper operation."

(b) In the sentence beginning "In instances where a hazard is deemed great enough," the words "testing may be required" are replaced with "the District may require additional testing."

(c) The second and third sentences of the second paragraph are replaced with the following sentences:

"These approved test forms will be completed by the certified backflow prevention tester and returned to the District by the date indicated. All required field testing and inspections shall be performed by persons certified or otherwise qualified as required by the State Water Board's Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook and the District's Cross-Connection Control Program or Plan."

61. **Amendment.** The first sentence of Section 9.5 of the Water Ordinance is amended to read in full as follows:

"If, following an inspection and/or testing, a required backflow prevention assembly is found to be in non-compliance, the customer shall be notified and given fourteen (14) days to correct the deficiency after which time the inspection will be repeated."

62. **Amendment.** Section 11.3.1 of the Water Ordinance is amended by replacing the words "Government Code section 36900" with "Government Code section 53069.4, Public Utilities Code section 16472.5, or other applicable law."

63. **Amendment.** Subsection 12.2.2 of the Water Ordinance is amended by replacing the word "placer" with "place" in the first sentence.

64. That this Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption and shall be posted and published as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT this 11th day of August, 2026, by the following Roll Call Vote:

AYES:	DIRECTOR HUGHES, THOMPSON, COOLIDGE, AND PRESIDENT DANIELS
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	DIRECTOR MOURELATOS
ABSENT:	NONE

Susan L. Daniels

Sue Daniels, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Bradley A. Johnson, PE
General Manager/CEO/Ex Officio Clerk of the Board