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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 25-02 REGARDING LATE PAYMENT FEES

Adopted by the
President and Board of Trustees
of the
Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District
this 11th day of August, 2025

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WHEREAS, the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District (the "District") is a sanitary district operating pursuant to the Sanitary District Act of 1917, 70 ILCS 2405/1 (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the District has the authority to regulate connections to and use of its sanitary sewer system (the "*District System*"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the District's Ordinance No. 25-02 (the "Sewer User Charge Ordinance"), as amended from time-to-time, the District imposes charges ("Sewer User Service Charges") upon users of the District System whose premises are connected to or required to be connected to the District System ("User"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.3 of the Sewer User Charge Ordinance, the District applies a late payment penalty of 10% of the total unpaid balance whenever a User fails to make payment of Sewer User Service Charges within 21 days after the date the Sewer User Service Charge bill was rendered (the "Late Payment Penalty"); and

WHEREAS, amending the Late Payment Penalty to apply only to unpaid balances of more than ten dollars (\$10) will promote more timely payments, enhance administrative efficiency of the District in rendering and collecting Sewer User Service Charges, support more positive and productive customer interactions, and align with the District's efforts to pursue higher-impact collections while still serving as a reasonable deterrent for late payments; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Trustees (the "District Board") has determined that it is in the best interests of the District and its customers to amend the Late Payment Penalty in the Sewer User Charge Ordinance such that the Late Payment Penalty shall only apply to unpaid balances totaling more than \$10;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NORTHERN MORAINE WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT, COUNTIES OF LAKE AND McHENRY, STATE OF ILLINOIS, as follows:

<u>SECTION ONE</u>. <u>Recitals</u>. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance by reference.

SECTION TWO. Amendment to Section 2.3 of Ordinance No. 25-02. Section Two, entitled "Sewer User Service Charges," of the Sewer User Charge Ordinance (as amended from time-to-time), is hereby amended so that Section 2.3 shall hereafter be and read as follows:

2.3 Sewer User Service Charges shall be billed in arrears on a monthly basis to all sewer users. Bills for sewer service shall be mailed or otherwise delivered on or after the first day of the month succeeding the billing period for which the service is provided, and payment shall be due twenty-one (21) days after the date the bill was rendered. If payment of the entire amount of said bill for Sewer User Service Charges is not received by the District on or before the twenty-first (21st) day after the billing date, and if the total amount of such bill or the total unpaid balance due from said user is more than \$10, then a late payment penalty of ten percent (10%) of the unpaid balance of the current bill shall be added thereto and become due and payable.

SECTION THREE. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District, Counties of Lake and McHenry, State of Illinois, on this 11th day of August, 2025 by the following vote:

Ayes:

(5)

Nays:

(0)

Abstain:

(0)

Absent:

(0)

Approved this 11th Day of August, 2025

Kenneth A. Michaels, Jr., President

Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District

ATTEST:

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