CREATION OF THE WATER & SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Town of Hillsborough's Water & Sewer Fund has experienced and will continue to face significant financial challenges due to large debt service payments, old plants and infrastructure, low fund balances, and high rates; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hillsborough Board of Commissioners established a Citizens' Advisory Task Force in October 2000 to evaluate the Town's Water & Sewer Fund operations for the purpose of providing objective analysis, suggestions, and guidance regarding the Fund's condition and operation; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens' Advisory Task Force produced a report (dated July 1, 2001) releasing the group's findings, recommendations, and analysis regarding their review of the Town's water and sewer operations; and

WHEREAS, the original "charge" of the Task Force is now satisfied with the completion of the Report; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force recommends that a permanently standing Water & Sewer Advisory Committee be established by the Town of Hillsborough; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and scope of the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee would be as follows:

- To meet at least quarterly with the Town's staff for the purpose of receiving updates regarding key operational, policy, and financial issues facing the Water & Sewer Fund;
- To request information from the staff so as to stay informed and knowledgeable as it related to key issues, concerns, and opportunities facing the Water & Sewer Fund;
- To provide recommendations to the Town staff and Board of Commissioners as the Committee deems appropriate regarding general operational, financial, public information, and other issues related to the management of the Water & Sewer Fund;
- The Committee will not make recommendations regarding individual personnel matters (e.g., hiring, firing, and disciplinary issues) within the Water & Sewer Fund;
- The Committee will consist of between 6-8 members, appointed by the Town's Board of Commissioners, the Town will strive to maintain an even balance between in-town and out-of-town water/sewer customers, or as close as is reasonable possible;

- Committee Members will serve staggered four-year terms. Thus, half of the original appointees will be appointed to serve two-year terms and the other half will be appointed to serve four-year terms;
- The Board of Commissioners may choose to have one (1) of its members serve as an ad hoc member of the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Town of Hillsborough Board of Commissioners that it hereby creates the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee, and appoints the following members to serve the following terms: Scott Neal (4 years), Michael Harvey (4 years), Donna Lee Jones (4 years), Chris Cole (2 years), Jack Snipes (2 years), Dorothy Johnson (2 years), Jim Singleton (2 years), and Jeffrey Wright (4 years).

ADOPTED this 8th Day of October 2001.

Mayor Horace H. Johnson, Sr.

ATTEST:

Donna F. Armbrister, Town Clerk