



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
JULY 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of an Agreement between the City of Novi and the City of Northville for an emergency connection to public water in order to provide a secondary source of water at Taft Road.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Engineering and Water & Sewer

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Novi has eight existing emergency water system connections with the Cities of Wixom, Walled Lake, and Farmington Hills. This would be the first with Northville.
- Emergency connections allow for a temporary connection between communities during a water emergency.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This agreement involves an additional water main connection between the City of Novi and the City of Northville for emergency purposes. The purpose of the connection is to provide a secondary source of water in the event of an emergency, such as a loss of pressure in either city. The connection includes a valve which will be closed during normal operation, separating the two city water systems. If needed, the valve can be temporarily opened until the problem has been resolved. This is primarily for the benefit of Northville due to the operating pressures of the two water systems, and therefore Northville is responsible for the entire cost of the project.

This will be the first connection of this kind between Novi and Northville. Novi also has four emergency connections with Wixom, three with Walled Lake, and one with Farmington Hills.

The City of Northville initiated the request and has approved the attached agreement. The agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney (Beth Saarela, June 30, 2026).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of an Agreement between the City of Novi and the City of Northville for an emergency connection to public water in order to provide a secondary source of water at Taft Road.