TO: City Council

FROM: Tyle Zuchowski, Water Resources & Sustainability Deputy Director

DATE: November 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. O2026-007, Tumwater Municipal Code – Sewer Service Regulations

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1) Recommended Action:

Adopt Ordinance No. O2026-007, Tumwater Municipal Code Changes – Sewer Service Regulations.

This Ordinance was recommended for adoption on the consent calendar after holding a public hearing at the November 2, 2026, Council Meeting.

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2) Background:

The LOTT Clean Water Alliance is responsible for developing and implementing a pretreatment program compliant with state and federal requirements. The intent of the program is to regulate discharges into the sanitary sewer system to protect maintenance staff, the treatment facilities, and our local water resources. The LOTT Discharge and Industrial Pretreatment Regulations were updated in 2025 and need to be formally recognized, as amended, through this update to the city's sewer code. Additionally, to promote gender-neutral and inclusive language the term "manhole" in the sewer codes is being replaced "maintenance hole".

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3) Policy Support:

The Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement for Wastewater Management by the LOTT Wastewater Alliance was signed in 1999 by the partners (Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Thurston County) committing the partners to LOTT's authority regarding pretreatment regulations.

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4) Alternatives:

- ❑ Do not approve proposed code amendments; however, LOTT's local regulatory authority will be limited and the city's compliance status will be at risk.

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5) Fiscal Notes:

There are no costs associated with the amendment code, aside from staff time to process.

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6) Attachments:

A. Ordinance No. O2026-007, Tumwater Municipal Code – Sewer Service Regulations