

AN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY

WHEREAS, the City of Willard, Missouri ("City"), operates municipal water supply and wastewater (sewer) collection and treatment systems for the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and utility customers; and

WHEREAS, prudent financial management and Missouri state regulatory standards require that municipal utility rates be self-supporting, equitable, cost-based, and sufficient to cover operations, maintenance, system depreciation, capital improvement plans, and debt service obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen directed that rates be evaluated on a yearly basis, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen desires to commission a professional Comprehensive Utility Rate Study to evaluate the existing water and sewer rate structures, assess future capital and operating financial requirements, and recommend equitable, updated utility rate schedules; and

WHEREAS, Great River Engineering was rated first in the recent RFQ process, they will be in attendance to answer any questions on rate study processes and costs. This contract is hereby noted as Exhibit A

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Aldermen hereby authorizes and directs the execution of a Comprehensive Water and Wastewater (Sewer) Rate Study. The scope of the study shall include, but is not limited to:

- Section 1: Reviewing current rate structures, revenues, and operating expenditures for both the treated water and wastewater utilities.
- Section 2: Evaluating multi-year projections for operations, maintenance, equipment replacement, inflationary adjustments, and capital improvement needs.
- Section 3: Analyzing user account metrics, volumetric consumption patterns, and customer growth trends
- Section 4: Developing equitable, cost-of-service based rate structure alternatives (including base fees, volumetric rates, and capital recovery/capacity fees
- Section 5: Providing public presentation(s) of findings and recommendations to the Board of Aldermen and City staff.
- Section 6: Evaluate the City's in-city and out-of-city rate structure to determine the actual cost of providing service to each customer group. The analysis will consider infrastructure condition, maintenance history, operational differences, administrative

costs, and other relevant cost factors to support any recommended rate differentials.

Section 7: Consulting and Engineering fees shall not exceed \$39,500.00____ \$24,500.00____

Read, this first time on 27th day of July, 2026.

Read, this second time, passed, and truly agreed to by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Willard, Missouri this 27th day of July, 2026.

Troy Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Courtney Myers, City Clerk