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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI,  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ABATEMENT ORDER ON CONSENT WITH  
THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**WHEREAS**, on April 25, 2023, Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) staff conducted an investigation due to a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) from the City of Willard collection system at the Frisco Highline Trail overpass on US Highway 160; and.

**WHEREAS**, MDNR staff observed City of Willard staff diverting approximately 1000 gallons of sewage to a nearby ditch, which then flows into a tributary to the Little Sac River, causing a discharge of sewage.; and.

**WHEREAS**, analysis of an effluent sample collected during inspection showed an E. coli level greater than 242,000#/100mL, causing pollution to a tributary to Little Sac River; and

**WHEREAS**, MDNR issued Notice of Violation (NOV) No. 230029 to the City of Willard on May 16, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Willard responded to the NOV on June 13, 2023, stating experience of force main failures and plans to correct such potential failures and education of City staff regarding handling of SSO effluent; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Willard updated MDNR on March 4, 2025, regarding plans and specifications for force main replacement and construction permit applications; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 9, 2025, MDNR issued Construction Permit No. MO-GC00884; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 10, 2025, the City of Willard entered into a construction contract with Young's General Contracting, Inc. for the replacement of the force main; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Alders has approved a final financing plan demonstrating the City's capacity to complete the project under sound financial terms; and

**WHEREAS**, MDNR has submitted and updated Abatement Order on Consent (AOC) on February 17, 2026, attached as Exhibit "A".

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

**SECTION I:** The Board of Alders hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Willard, an Abatement Order on Consent with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, attached as Exhibit "A".

**SECTION II:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon and after its passage and approval.

Read two times and passed at a meeting of the Board of Alders of the City of Willard, Missouri, on the **23rd day of February 2026.**

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Troy Smith, Mayor

Attested By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Courtney Myers, City Clerk