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EX PARTE,
CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

419th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NOTICE ORDER

On the 10th day of September, 2021, the City of Houston (the "City") filed its First Amended Petition for Expedited Declaratory Judgment pursuant to Chapter 1205 of the Texas Government Code (the "Petition") in this cause. Chapter 1205 of the Texas Government Code requires the Court to immediately issue an order, in the form of a notice, to certain interested parties. It is therefore ORDERED that

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING (I) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, (II) ALL PERSONS RESIDING WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY, (III) ALL PERSONS WHO OWN PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY, (IV) ALL TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY, AND (V) ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM A RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST IN ANY PROPERTY OR FUNDS TO BE AFFECTED BY THE INCREASED RATES, CHARGES, AND FEES FOR USE OF THE CITY'S COMBINED WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY SYSTEM ("SYSTEM") REFERENCED IN THE PETITION of their right to appear remotely, as described below, for hearing and trial on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. before the 459th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas, and to then and there show cause why the Petition should not be granted and the City's imposition of increased rates, charges, and fees for users of the System should not be validated.

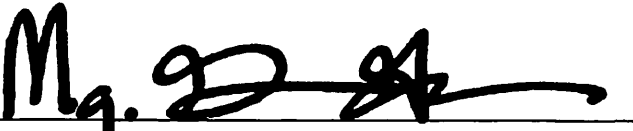
Pursuant to Emergency Orders Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster issued by the Texas Supreme Court and Emergency Orders issued by Travis County, it is anticipated the show cause hearing will be conducted by remote proceedings and the Court will consider as evidence sworn statements made out of court or sworn testimony given remotely, out of court, such as by teleconferencing, videoconferencing, or other means. Interested parties that wish to appear may contact Shannon Matusek-Steele via email at Shannon.Matusek-Steele@traviscountytexas.gov or by telephone at 512-854-9384, on or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 4, 2021, to make arrangements to attend the hearing by remote means.

By the Petition, the City seeks an expedited declaratory judgment on the legality and validity of the City's imposition of increased rates, charges, and fees for use of the System effective September 1, 2021 and annually every April 1 thereafter through 2026 (the "Rates"), as authorized by City Ordinance 2021-515, adopted June 23, 2021 (the "Rate

Ordinance”) and reflected in the final table of water and wastewater rates (the “Rate Table”) published as of September 1, 2021, on the website of the Secretary of the City of Houston: <http://www.houstontx.gov/citysec/>. Pursuant to Section 1205.021 of the Texas Government Code, the City seeks a declaration that:

- a) The City of Houston has legally and validly imposed the Rates and may implement them according to the schedule set forth in the Rate Table;
- b) In accordance with Section 1205.151 of the Texas Government Code, the Court’s judgment in the lawsuit shall constitute a permanent injunction against the institution or prosecution by any person or entity of any action or proceeding contesting the legality and validity of the Rate Ordinance or the Rates; the implementation of the Rates; any other matter adjudicated by the Court’s judgment in the action; and any matter that could have been raised in the proceeding.

SIGNED: September 10, 2021



JUDGE PRESIDING
MAYA GUERRA GAMBLE