

OAK LODGE WATER SERVICES DISTRICT

**DECLARATION OF THE END OF THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC**

JULY 20, 2021

WHEREAS, an emergency exists when a human created or natural circumstance causes or threatens widespread loss of life, injury to person or property, human suffering, interruption of services, or financial loss;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Oak Lodge Water Services District (“District”) declared on March 17, 2020, the District to be in a local State of Emergency due to the public health and financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic (the “Emergency Declaration”);

WHEREAS, since its initial adoption of the Emergency Declaration, the Board routinely reviewed the basis for the emergency and adopted various addenda extending the effective date for so long as the Board found that the facts giving rise to the state of emergency continued to exist and continued to constitute an emergency;

WHEREAS, throughout the state of emergency, the Board took action to adopt certain programs and policies for the purpose of alleviating the temporary adverse economic impacts that residential and non-residential customers of the District were experiencing due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and widespread curtailing of economic activities during the emergency state;

WHEREAS, among these mitigation actions were the District’s temporary suspension of late fees and interest penalties on delinquent charges; red tag fees and disconnection fees; and water shutoffs due to the inability to make payment;

WHEREAS, the Emergency Declaration is set to expire on July 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the basis for the Emergency Declaration no longer exists and wishes to declare an end to the local state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and order the resumption of the District’s non-emergency policies and ongoing programs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OAK LODGE WATER SERVICES DISTRICT
DECLARES AND ORDERS:**

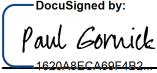
Section 1. Declaration. The Board hereby declares the end to the local state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and declares the termination of the March 17, 2020 Emergency Declaration.

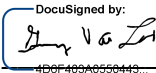
Section 2. Order. Staff for the District is directed to end the suspension of late fees and interest penalties on delinquent charges, red tag fees and disconnection fees, and water shutoffs as of the Effective Date of this Declaration. Staff is further directed to resume implementing the District’s non-emergency rules, regulations, policies, and programs. The District’s ongoing financial assistance programs shall remain unaffected by this order.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Declaration is effective immediately and remains in effect unless and until superseded by future action of the Board.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY 2021, EFFECTIVE AS OF THE DATE OF ADOPTION.

OAK LODGE WATER SERVICES DISTRICT

By  _____
Paul Gornick, President

By  _____
Ginny Van Loo, Secretary/Vice President