

approved, and the Director of the Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services is authorized to execute said Agreement.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution approves an agreement between the Metropolitan Government and the Harpeth Valley Utilities District of Davidson and Williams Counties, Tennessee (“HVUD”) to authorize HVUD to read water consumption meters and bill Metro sewer customers.

Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 12-9-101, *et seq.* authorizes political subdivisions of the state to enter into cooperative agreements by resolution of the local governing body.

Metro provides sewer transportation and treatment services to customers receiving water service from HVUD. Customer sewer bills are determined by water consumption measured by individual meters read monthly by HVUD.

Pursuant to the terms of this agreement, HVUD would be authorized to read the water consumption meter for each of Metro’s sewer service customers. HVUD will then submit the readings to Metro electronically. Metro will calculate and individually bill its sewer customers using the meter readings provided by HVUD. HVUD will note changes to accounts such as new accounts, closed accounts, and status changes when the reading is submitted to Metro. HVUD will maintain and assure the proper performance of the meters and notify Metro in the event a water consumption meter has been found to be malfunctioning or inoperable as well as any estimated billing. Finally, Metro would notify HVUD of a customer’s non-payment. HVUD will grant Metro conditional permission, by letter or email, to disconnect the customer’s water service meter. Metro will notify the customer that the water will be disconnected. Metro would then disconnect the water service and reinstate service as needed.

The term of this agreement is 10 years, beginning December 19, 2023, and may be extended by agreement of the parties. Either party may terminate the agreement upon 180 days’ written notice to the other party.