



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution authorizing The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, hereinafter referred to as "Metro", to enter into an agreement with the White House Utility District, hereinafter referred to as "District", for District's reading of water consumption meters and for disconnecting and reconnecting water service.

WHEREAS, Metro provides sewer transportation and treatment services to a portion of District's water customers; and,

WHEREAS, to appropriately bill customers and respond to customer service inquiries, Metro desires to enter into a cooperative agreement with District under which District proposes to provide and Metro proposes to pay, for District's monthly water consumption reading for those customers with Metro's sewer service; and,

WHEREAS, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 12-9-101, et seq., ("The Interlocal Cooperation Act") authorizes political subdivisions of the state to enter into cooperative agreements by resolution of the local governing body; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to enter into the Agreement between Metro and District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein, by and between The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and the White House Utility District is hereby 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 authorizes the Metropolitan Government ("Metro") to enter into an agreement with the White House Utility District ("WHUD") for reading and maintaining water consumption meters and disconnecting and reconnecting water service for Metro's sewer customers.

Pursuant to the terms of this agreement, WHUD agrees to read the water consumption meter of each of Metro's water service customers. WHUD will submit these readings to Metro. WHUD will notify Metro of new accounts, closed accounts, or account changes within five business days. WHUD will promptly notify Metro if water consumption meters within the scope of this agreement are found to be malfunctioning or inoperable. Each month, Metro will pay WHUD \$0.67 per water meter reading data provided to Metro for its use in sewerage billing. WHUD will add an annual inflation amount to this fee after the first year and in each following year during the term of the agreement. Metro would also bill and collect reconnection fees from any water customer service when the disconnection and reconnection was made at Metro's request.

The term of this agreement is 10 years, beginning on October 1, 2024. Either party may terminate this agreement upon 180 days written notice to the other party.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-9-101, et seq., authorizes local governments in Tennessee to enter into cooperative agreements by resolution.

Fiscal Note: Metro would pay White House Utility District (WHUD) a basic fee of \$0.67 per water meter reading provided for monthly sewer billing. Metro would also bill and collect reconnection fees from any water customer service when the disconnection and reconnection was made at Metro's request. Metro will pay WHUD, during regular business hour, a fee of \$35 per hour with a minimum fee of \$35, or \$70 per hour outside regular business hours, with a minimum fee of \$70, for onsite assistance from WHUD for termination or reinstatement of water service of a Metro sewer system customer. Metro and WHUD will consider updating the fee and annual escalator for inflation beginning October 1, 2029 related to the cost of meter reading and data transfer service.