

A SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. ____

Pursuant to Government Code Section 25124(b), the following constitutes a summary of Ordinance No. ____ introduced for consideration by the Board of Directors of Tehama County Sanitation District No. 1.

The Ordinance amends portions of Ordinance 2119 and adds new provisions governing the administration, operation, use, and maintenance of wastewater collection and treatment services provided by Tehama County Sanitation District No. 1. Among other things, it authorizes the District, beginning in 2026, to establish or update annual service fees, connection fees, inspection fees, sewer capacity charges, and capping and abandonment fees by Board resolution, while stating that the ordinance itself does not change existing monetary amounts previously established under Ordinance 2119.

The Ordinance clarifies application requirements for sewer connections, billing and property merger rules, and owner responsibility for maintaining laterals and preventing inflow and infiltration. It establishes excess flow enforcement provisions, including notices, timelines for corrective action, possible higher user fees tied to hydraulic equivalents, and authority for the District to inspect private laterals from exterior access points with notice. It also creates CCTV inspection triggers for certain property transfers, major remodels, unpermitted work, and nuisance conditions; sets standards for valid inspections; and requires repair, replacement, or approved plans of action when defects are found.

The Ordinance also includes findings concerning wastewater system capacity, public health, environmental protection, fairness in enforcement, and exemption from review under the California Environmental Quality Act. It contains severability provisions and states that it becomes operative on July 1, 2026, or 30 days after adoption, whichever is later, and remains in effect until June 30, 2027, unless extended, rescinded, or superseded sooner. A certified copy of the full text of the Ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Tehama County Clerk, and if adopted, the Ordinance or a summary will be published as required by law.

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