

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
EAST LAKEWOOD SANITATION DISTRICT
ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE PROCESSING AND COLLECTION OF
DELINQUENT FEES AND CHARGES**

WHEREAS, the East Lakewood Sanitation District (the “**District**”) is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 32-1-1001(1)(j)(I), C.R.S., the Board of Directors of the District (“**Board**”) is authorized to and does fix and from time to time increase or decrease, fees, rates, tolls, penalties, or charges for services, programs, or facilities furnished by the District (collectively, the “**Fees**”) to properties within and without (each property individually referred to herein as the “**Property**”) the District boundaries; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 32-1-1001(1)(j)(I), C.R.S., until paid, the Fees shall constitute a perpetual lien on and against the property served, and any such lien may be foreclosed in the same manner as provided by the laws of the State of Colorado for the foreclosure of mechanics’ liens; and

WHEREAS, by this Resolution (the “**Resolution**”), the District desires to set forth guidelines for the processing and collection of unpaid and/or delinquent Fees imposed by the District, together with any and all Late Fees, Interest, Penalties and Costs of Collections (each defined separately in this Resolution), (the “**Delinquent Fees and Charges**”); and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding anything in this Resolution to the contrary, the guidelines set forth in this Resolution are intended to create orderly and fair procedures for the processing and collection of Delinquent Fees and Charges and any deviation from the guidelines shall not affect the status of the Lien (as defined below) in any way.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby RESOLVES as follow:

1. Guidelines:

a. ***Perpetual Lien.*** Pursuant to § 32-1-1001(1)(j)(I), C.R.S., all Delinquent Fees and Charges shall constitute a perpetual lien on and against the Property served by the District (the “**Lien**”). All such Liens shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, have priority over all other liens of record affecting the Property and shall run with the Property and remain in effect until paid in full. All Liens contemplated herein may be foreclosed as authorized by law at such time as the District, in its sole discretion, may determine. A Statement of Lien for the total amount due and owing may be recorded against any Property consistent with the District’s policy concerning such Statements of Lien, and nothing in this Resolution shall have any effect on such policy.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the guidelines set forth in this Resolution are intended to create orderly and fair procedures for the processing and collection of Delinquent Fees and Charges and to provide additional notice to interested parties,

including, but not limited to, title companies and the Property owner(s). In the event any or all of the guidelines set forth in this Resolution are not followed, such deviation shall not affect the status of the Lien in any way. Further, the Board may waive any guidelines set forth in this Resolution and may amend them from time to time as it deems necessary.

b. ***District Manager Procedures.*** The District’s Manager, Accountant or Billing Agent (any of which are referred to herein as the “**Manager**”) is responsible for collecting Fees imposed by the District. In the event payment of Fees is delinquent, the Manager may perform the procedures listed below. The Fees are considered delinquent when they have not been paid by their corresponding due date (the “**Delinquent Account**”):

- i. *One (1) Month Past Due:* A delinquent payment “Reminder Letter” may be sent to the address of the last known owner or occupant of the Property according to the Manager’s records. In the event the above mailing is returned as undeliverable, the Manager may send a second copy of the Reminder Letter to: (1) the Property; and (2) the address of the last known owner of the Property as found in the real property records of the County Assessor’s Office (the “**Assessor**”) for the County in which the District is located (collectively, the “**Property Address**”). Said Reminder Letter may: (1) request prompt payment; and (2) notify the Property owner that a Reminder Letter Fee and a Late Fee in the amounts set forth in this Resolution have been assessed.
- ii. *Two (2) Months Past Due:* A “Warning Letter” may be sent to the Property Address: (1) requesting prompt payment; and (2) warning of further legal action should the Property owner fail to pay the total amount due and owing. Along with the Warning Letter, a copy of the most recent account ledger reflecting the total amount due and owing to the District according to the records of the Manager and a copy of this Resolution may also be sent.
- iii. *Seventy-Five (75) Days Past Due:* On the earlier to occur of seventy-five (75) days past due or once the total amount of Delinquent Fees and Charges owing on the Property has exceeded \$1,500.00, regardless of whether the Manager has performed the tasks outlined in Section 1(b) of this Resolution, the Manager may refer the Delinquent Account to the District’s General Counsel (the “**General Counsel**”).

c. ***General Counsel Procedures.*** Upon referral of a Delinquent Account from the Manager, General Counsel may perform the following:

- i. *Upon Referral of the Delinquent Account from the Manager:* A “Demand Letter” may be sent to the Property Address, notifying the Property owner that the Property has been referred to General Counsel for further collections enforcement, including the filing of a statement of lien against the Property. Along with the Demand Letter, a copy of the most recent

account ledger reflecting the total amount due and owing the District according to the records of the Manager may also be sent.

- d. ***Foreclosure or Bankruptcy.*** In circumstances where the Property is being foreclosed upon or where the owner of the Property has declared or is declaring bankruptcy and notice of such bankruptcy action has been provided to the District, the Manager may be permitted, in its discretion, to refer the Delinquent Account directly to General Counsel in order to avoid unnecessary, costly and time-consuming procedures. Upon referral of the Delinquent Account to General Counsel, General Counsel may, in its discretion, immediately file a Statement of Lien on the Property.

2. **Late Fees:**

- a. **“Late Fee(s)”** are assessed on the Property for failure to make timely payments of Fees. Late Fees are applied, regardless of whether the Fees are assessed on a one-time, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, annual, or any other basis.
- b. Late Fees are assessed on the Property **one (1) month from the payment due date.** Pursuant to § 29-1-1102, C.R.S., such Late Fee may be charged by either of the following two methods, whichever is greater:
 - i. One Late Fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) may be assessed on the Property per each assessment or installment of Fees not fully paid prior to the tenth (10th) calendar day following the payment due date; or
 - ii. In lieu of Section 2(b)(i) above, a Late Fee of Five Percent (5%) per month, commencing on the tenth (10th) calendar day following the payment due date, and each month thereafter, may be charged on unpaid Fees until the Late Fee equals Twenty Five Percent (25%) of all outstanding Fees.
- c. Partial payment of any outstanding Delinquent Fees and Charges will not prevent the imposition of Late Fees pursuant to this Section 2.
- d. Payments received will be applied to the balance due in the following order of priority: (1) Late Fees; (2) Interest; (3) Costs of Collections; (4) Legal Fees and Costs; (5) the earliest imposed and unpaid Fees; (6) any successive unpaid Fees in chronological order from the earliest unpaid Fees to the more recently imposed Fees.
- e. No penalty will be assessed on the Property for a credit balance resulting from the prepayment and/or overpayment of Fees. Such credit balances will be carried forward on the account with all subsequent Fees and Delinquent Fees and Charges being deducted until such time as the credit balance is depleted. A Property carrying a credit balance may be assessed Late Fees as provided herein at such time as the

credit balance is insufficient to pay the entire amount of Fees due and owing the District.

3. Interest:

“**Interest**” charges accrue on all delinquent Fees at the rate of Twelve Percent (12%) per annum. Interest shall not accrue and be charged on Late Fees, Interest or Costs of Collections. § 29-1-1102, C.R.S.

4. Costs of Collections:

“**Costs of Collections**” include, but are not limited to, Manager’s and attorneys’ fees and all costs, fees and charges associated with the processing and/or collection of Delinquent Fees and Charges, including the following fixed rates and hourly fees and costs:

- i. *Action Fees.* The following fixed rate fees are charged to a Delinquent Account once the corresponding action has been taken by either the Manager or General Counsel:
 - *Reminder Late Fee:* Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per Reminder Letter. This action is typically performed by the Manager.
 - *Warning Letter Fee:* Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per Warning Letter sent. This action is typically performed by the Manager.
 - *Returned Check Fee:* Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per returned payment.
 - *Attorney Transfer Fee:* Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per Delinquent Account transferred from the Manager to General Counsel. This action is performed by the Manager.
 - *Demand Letter Fee:* Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per Demand Letter sent. This action is performed by General Counsel.
 - *Lien Recording Fee:* One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per each lien recorded on the Property. This action is performed by General Counsel.
- ii. *Attorney Hourly Fees and Costs.* Upon transfer of a Delinquent Account to General Counsel, all hourly attorneys’ fees and costs, including, but not limited to, litigation and expert witness fees and costs, litigation guarantees, service of process and/or publications incurred by the District to collect or defend the Delinquent Fees and Charges are assessed to the Delinquent Account and become part of the perpetual Lien on the Property. All such hourly attorneys’ fees and costs shall be reasonable.

- iii. *Recovery of Costs of Collections.* In accordance with § 29-1-1102(8), C.R.S., nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to prohibit the District from recovering all Costs of Collections whether or not outlined above.

5. Waiver of Late Fees, Interest and Costs of Collections:

a. The Manager and General Counsel each have authority and discretion to waive or reduce portions of the Delinquent Account attributable to Late Fees and Interest. Such action is permitted if either the Manager or General Counsel, in its discretion, determines that such waiver or reduction will facilitate the payment of Delinquent Fees and Charges. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the Manager nor General Counsel shall have the authority to waive Late Fees and Interest which, in the aggregate, exceeds One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). In such case, the Board may make any such determination in its sole discretion.

b. Neither the Manager nor General Counsel is authorized to waive any portion of the Fees or Costs of Collections. In such case, the Board may make any such determination in its sole discretion.

c. Any waiver or reduction of Late Fees or Interest granted pursuant to Sections 6(a) or (b) hereof shall not be construed as a waiver or reduction of future Late Fees and Interest, or as the promise to waive or reduce future Late Fees or Interest. Nor shall any such waiver or reduction be deemed to bind, limit, or direct the future decision-making power of the Board, Manager, or General Counsel, whether related to the Property in question or other properties within the District.

6. Payment Plans:

The Manager and General Counsel each have the authority to enter into or establish payment plans for the repayment of a Delinquent Account. Should the Manager or General Counsel elect not to enter into a payment plan with the Property owner, the Property owner may submit a written request to the Board and the Board may make the determination in its sole discretion.

7. Acceleration and Deceleration of Fees:

The District reserves the right to accelerate and call due an entire unpaid annual Fee on any delinquent account. Such acceleration shall result in the entire unpaid annual Fee being due to the District immediately. The District also reserves the right to decelerate any accelerated Fee.

8. Ratification of Past Actions:

All acts, omissions, waivers and/or payment plans heretofore undertaken by the Manager or General Counsel that would otherwise have been authorized by or not required by this Resolution are hereby affirmed, ratified and made effective as of the date said acts, omissions, waivers and/or payment plans occurred.

9. Additional Actions:

The Board directs its officers, staff and consultants to take such additional actions and execute such additional documents as are necessary to give full effect to the intention of this Resolution.

10. Deviations:

The District may deviate from the procedures set forth in this Resolution if in its sole discretion such deviation is reasonable under the circumstances.

11. Supersedes Prior Resolutions:

This Resolution shall supersede and replace in their entirety all prior resolutions addressing the processing and/or collection of Delinquent Fees and Charges. To the extent that any term or provision in this Resolution conflicts with any term or provision in a previously enacted and valid resolution of the District, the term or provision in this Resolution shall prevail.

12. Severability:

If any term, condition or provision of this Resolution shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such term, condition or provision shall not affect any other provision contained in this Resolution, the intention being that such provisions are severable. In addition, in lieu of such void or unenforceable provision, there shall automatically be added as part of this Resolution a provision similar in terms to such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision so that the resulting reformed provision is legal, valid and enforceable.

13. Savings Provision:

The failure to comply with the procedures set forth herein shall not affect the status of the Delinquent Fees and Charges as a perpetual Lien subject to foreclosure in accordance with law. Failure by the Manager, General Counsel or other authorized representative to take any action in accordance with the guidelines provided herein shall not invalidate subsequent efforts to collect the Delinquent Fees and Charges.

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ADOPTED this 21st day of September, 2022.

EAST LAKEWOOD SANITATION DISTRICT

Paul J Thiele

President

ATTEST:

Carol J Thiele

Secretary

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