

MAPLETON WATER DISTRICT

PO BOX 435, MAPLETON, OREGON 97453

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-21

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PERIODIC SEPTIC TANK INSPECTION AND PUMPING DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPERTIES CONNECTED TO THE DISTRICT SEWER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Mapleton Water District operates and maintains a public sewer system serving properties within the District; and

WHEREAS, all properties connected to the District sewer system retain septic tanks as part of their connection to the public sewer system; and

WHEREAS, regular inspection and, when necessary, pumping of those tanks protects public health, reduces the risk of system failures and backups, and supports reliable operation of the District sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds it appropriate to require periodic documentation of inspection and necessary pumping and to impose a monthly fee when a property owner fails to provide the required documentation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MAPLETON WATER DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Applicability. This Resolution applies to the owner of each property connected to the Mapleton Water District sewer system that has a septic tank or comparable onsite tank through which wastewater passes before entering the District sewer system.

Section 2. Five-Year Inspection Requirement. At least once every five years, each owner subject to this Resolution shall have the tank inspected by a licensed septic service provider or other person authorized by applicable law to perform the inspection. If the inspection determines that pumping is necessary, the owner shall have the tank pumped by a licensed septic pumping contractor.

Section 3. Evidence of Compliance. The owner shall submit evidence satisfactory to the District showing the property address, date of inspection, name and license or authorization information of the contractor or service provider, the inspection result, and whether the tank was pumped. If pumping was required, the evidence must also show the date pumping was completed. A paid invoice, service report, pumping receipt, or comparable written record containing this information may be accepted by the District.

Section 4. Initial Compliance Deadline. Required evidence must be received by the District before statements are issued on March 31, 2027. Evidence showing a qualifying inspection

completed within the five years preceding March 31, 2027, may be accepted for initial compliance, provided any pumping identified as necessary was completed and documented.

Section 5. Noncompliance Fee. If the District has not received acceptable evidence by the time statements are issued on March 31, 2027, a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 per month shall be added to the customer account associated with the property. The fee shall continue to be charged each month until acceptable evidence is received. Submission of evidence stops future monthly fees after District processing but does not entitle the customer or property owner to a refund or credit for fees already imposed.

Section 6. Continuing Compliance. After initial compliance, new evidence must be submitted no later than five years after the date of the most recent documented inspection. If timely evidence is not submitted, the monthly fee described in Section 5 shall be imposed and shall continue until acceptable evidence is received.

Section 7. Owner Responsibility. Compliance is the responsibility of the property owner. A change in ownership does not extend the applicable five-year deadline. The District may rely on its billing records and may request additional information reasonably necessary to verify compliance.

Section 8. Administrative Authority. District staff are authorized to develop forms and administrative procedures, provide notices, determine whether submitted evidence is sufficient, and take other reasonable steps necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Resolution takes effect upon adoption. The documentation deadline and fee commencement date are governed by Sections 4 and 5.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Mapleton Water District this ____ day of _____, 2026.

	Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Present, Not Voting	Absent
Position 1	A. Donnelly				
Position 2	S. Elliott				
Position 3	D. Basurto				
Position 4	V. West				
Position 5	<i>Vacant</i>				
Vote Totals					

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