

### **AGENDA ITEM HISTORY SHEET**

**ITEM TITLE** 

Ordinance 2025-12

AGENDA NO. 11

**AGENDA DATE:** 11/18/2025

**FUNDING CERTIFICATION** (Finance Director) (Signature, if applicable)

MANAGEMENT STAFF REVIEW (Signature)

MAYOR (Signature)

**ITEM HISTORY** (Previous Council reviews, action related to this item, and other pertinent history)

This rate ordinance includes the REMOVAL of the 1 FTE to the wastewater department each year for 5 years. This ordinance will be getting it's first reading, and WSAC has recommended this ordinance to be adopted by Council as is. Ryan Bowman with Friday Firm drafed/reviewed the ordinance.

ITEM COMMENTARY (Background discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.) Please identify any or all impacts this proposed action would have on the City budget, personnel resources, and/or residents.

This ordninance reflects the rates that were most recently proposed in our water/wastewater rate study. Once the rate ordinance is adopted, the rate study will be turned into Natural Resources Division for approval. Act 925/605 requires the implementation of full cost pricing meaning we mst have rates that provide us with adequate revenue to continue operating the system at current level of service as well as completing our Council adopted wastewater capital improvment plan. The rates will allow us to be compliant with Act 925/605 and allow us to continue doing the upgrades needed for our system. The proposed 2026 budget numbers are reliant on our rates. If these rates are not implemented by January 1, 2026, we will have to do major adjustments to the budget to cover the shortfall in revenue which may result in the capital improvement plan projects as well as day to day opprations being negatively affected.

(This section to be completed by the Mayor)

### **ACTION PROPOSED** (Motion for Consideration)

Complete a first reading of this ordinance in November, allow for public hearing to be held during November's Council meeting, do 2nd and 3rd reading by title only, and adopt the ordinance in December to allow for implementation and review of the rate study before January 1st.

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AN ORDINANCE FIXING RATES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE SEWER FACILITIES OF THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF BRYANT, ARKANSAS; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant, Arkansas (the "City") owns and operates a water and sewer system (the "System"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the rates charged for sewer services of the System should be increased;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bryant, Arkansas:

Section 1. The following monthly rates and charges, which the City Council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable and necessary rates, are hereby fixed as rates to be charged for sewer services to be rendered by the System.

Monthly Sewer Rates. (a) For sewer service between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

### January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption \$21.53 (minimum charge) per month or portion thereof

All water consumption in excess of 2,000 \$1.148 per 100 gallons gallons

(b) For sewer service between January 1, 2027 and December 31, 2027, the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

### January 1, 2027 - December 31, 2027

For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereof

All water consumption in excess of 2,000 \$1.194 per 100 gallons gallons

(c) For sewer service between January 1, 2028 and December 31, 2028, the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

### January 1, 2028 - December 31, 2028

For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption \$23.28 per month or portion thereof

\$23.28 (minimum charge)

All water consumption in excess of 2,000

\$1.242 per 100 gallons

gallons

(d) For sewer service between January 1, 2029 and December 31, 2029, the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

### January 1, 2029 - December 31, 2029

For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption \$23.75 (minimum charge) per month or portion thereof

All water consumption in excess of 2,000

\$1.267 per 100 gallons

gallons

(e) For sewer service on and after January 1, 2030, the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

### On and After January 1, 2030

For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption \$24.23 (minimum charge)

per month or portion thereof

All water consumption in excess of 2,000 \$1.292 per 100 gallons

gallons

- (f) Customers receiving sewer services to locations outside of City limits will be charged double the prevailing minimum charge.
- (g) Each customer 65 years and older, with verification of age, shall receive a senior citizen discount of three dollars and eighty-one cents (\$3.81), which shall be deducted from the monthly sewer bill.
- (h) Customers receiving sewer services that require grinder pumps permitted, operated and maintained by the City will be charged a flat monthly surcharge in the amount of \$12.95 in addition to charges for sewer usage.

- Section 2. (a) On or before June 30, 2029 and on or before June 30 of each fourth (4th) year thereafter, the City shall engage a duly qualified rate analyst not in the regular employ of the City (an "Analyst") to review the then current water and sewer rates and make recommendations as to whether any rate increases are necessary to produce revenues sufficient to pay debt service on outstanding bonds secured by System revenues ("System Bonds"), provide an adequate depreciation fund, pay the costs of operating and maintaining the System and meet any required bond covenants for the ensuing fiscal year.
- (b) Beginning in 2026, the City, on or before June 30 of each year that an Analyst is not engaged pursuant to subsection (a) above, shall review the then current water and sewer rates to determine whether any rate increases are necessary to produce revenues sufficient to pay debt service on outstanding System Bonds, provide an adequate depreciation fund, pay the costs of operating and maintaining the System and meet any required bond covenants for the ensuing fiscal year.
- Section 3. None of the sewer services afforded by the System shall be furnished without a charge being made therefore. Any multi-unit that has installed a master meter will pay the Minimum Charge on each unit plus usage shown on the master meter.
- Section 4. (a) All customers of the System shall be charged a monthly fee (the "System Infrastructure Fee") to be used solely for the repayment of System Bonds. The System Infrastructure Fee will be paid by all customers regardless of the amount of water used or wastewater discharged. All revenues derived from the System Infrastructure Fee shall be used solely for payment of debt service (principal, interest, and trustee fees and expenses) of System Bonds.
- (b) The monthly System Infrastructure Fee for each mobile home, with or without a separate water meter, shall be as set forth in subsection (i) below.
- (c) The monthly System Infrastructure Fee for each apartment, residential dwelling unit, with or without a separate water meter, shall be as set forth in subsection (i) below.
- (d) The monthly System Infrastructure Fee for each new residential dwelling unit of any type, with or without a separate water meter, shall be as set forth in subsection (i) below.
- (e) The monthly System Infrastructure Fee for each health care facility shall be based on meter size as set forth in subsection (j) below.
- (f) The monthly System Infrastructure Fee for each State funded facility shall be based on meter size as set forth in subsection (j) below.
- (g) The monthly System Infrastructure Fee for commercial establishments ("Commercial Establishments") shall be based on meter size as set forth in subsection (j) below.

Any additional unit without a separate water meter ("Additional Unit") shall be an amount set forth in subsection (i) below.

- (h) The monthly System Infrastructure Fee for all other customers will be based on meter size as set forth in subsection (j) below.
- (i) The System Infrastructure Fee for customers in subsections (b), (c), (d) and (g) with respect to Additional Units shall be as follows:
  - (1) January 1, 2026 December 31, 2026: \$10.00
  - (2) January 1, 2027 December 31, 2027: \$10.50
  - (3) January 1, 2028 December 31, 2028: \$11.03
  - (4) January 1, 2029 December 31, 2029: \$11.58
  - (5) On and after January 1, 2030: \$12.16
- (j) The System Infrastructure Fee for customers in subsections (e), (f), (g) with respect to Commercial Establishments and (h) shall be based on meter size as follows:

January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Meter Size	System Infrastructure Fee
5/8" and 3/4"	\$ 10.00
1"	55.13
1 1/2"	110.25
2"	176.40
3"	352.80
4"	556.76
6" and 8"	1,113.53

January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027

Meter Size	System Infrastructure Fee
5/8" and 3/4"	\$ 10.50
1"	57.88
1 1/2"	115.76
2"	185.22
3"	370.44
4"	584.60
6" and 8"	1,169.20

January 1, 2028 – December 31, 2028

Meter Size	System Infrastructure Fee
5/8" and 3/4"	\$ 11.03
1"	60.78
1 1/2"	121.55
2"	194.48
3"	388.96
4"	613.83
6" and 8"	1,227.66

January 1, 2029 – December 31, 2029

Meter Size	System Infrastructure Fee
5/8" and 3/4"	\$ 11.58
1"	63.81
1 1/2"	127.63
2"	204.21
3"	408.41
4"	644.52
6" and 8"	1,289.04

On and After January 1, 2030

Meter Size	System Infrastructure Fee
5/8" and 3/4"	\$ 12.16
1"	67.00
1 1/2"	134.01
2"	214.42
3"	428.83
4"	676.75
6" and 8"	1,353.50

Section 5. The provisions of this Ordinance are separable and if a section, phrase or provision shall be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 6. All ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. It is hereby ascertained and declared that an emergency exists and this Ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

	PASSED:	, 2025.			
			APPROVED:		
ATTEST:				Mayor	
	City Clerk				
(SEAL)					

### CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, City Clerk of the City of the foregoing pages are a true and perfect copy of Ordin session of the City Council of the City of Bryant	nance No. t, Arkansas, held at the	, adopted at a e regular meeting
place in said City at 6:30 o'clock p.m., on the day	y of, 20	025, and that the
Ordinance is of record in Ordinance Record Book No.	, Page	, now
in my possession.		
GIVEN under my hand and seal on this	day of	, 2025.
	City Clerk	
(SEAL)		



## 2025 WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE STUDY IMPACT OF ELIMINATION OF ADDITIONAL FTES

November 2025



Updated: November 3 2025



### PURPOSE OF ANALYSIS

Current rate plan assumes the addition of one FTE per year in water department and one FTE per year in the wastewater department for each of the next five years

Scenario II assumes no additional FTEs are added for either department

NOTE: scenario does not analyze the operational reasonableness of eliminating the additional FTEs; just presents the impact on rates of the cost savings



# RATE PROPOSAL | SCENARIO I – STATUS QUO – REDUCE WW FEE TO \$10 Recommended rate adjustments for next 5 years:



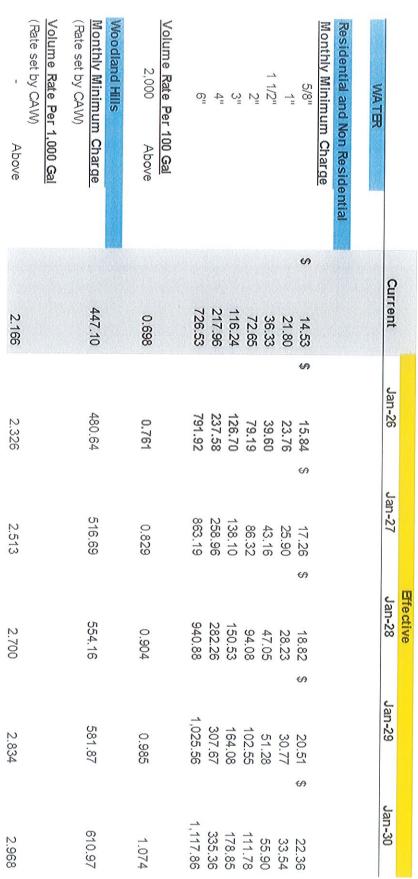
- Uniform percentage adjustments for base volume charges
- Higher increases for water
- One Time reduction in WW Infrastructure Monthly fee for residential customers to \$10

### Recommended Rate Increases





### SCENARIO I WATER





# SCENARIO I WASTEWATER

WW Infrastructure Monthly Charge (in addition to mthly chgs) 5/8" 1 1/2" 2" 3" 4" 6" 8"	Drain Water (County Landfield) Volume Rate/per Gallon	Volume Rate/100 Gal	Salem /Quail Ridge Monthly Minimum Charge	Volume Rate/100 Gal (2,000-Above)	Residential & Non-Residential Inside Monthly Minimum Charge	WASTEWATER
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# RATE PROPOSAL | SCENARIO II – ELIMINATE ADDITIONAL FTES Recommended rate adjustments for next 5 years:



- Annual Rate Adjustments in January of each year
- Uniform percentage adjustments for base volume charges
- Higher increases for water
- Maintains One Time reduction in WW Infrastructure Monthly fee for residential customers to \$10

### Recommended Rate Increases



### SCENARIO II WATER

Volume Rate Per 1,000 Gal (Rate set by CAW) Above	Woodland Hills  Monthly Minimum Charge (Rate set by CAW)	Volume Rate Per 100 Gal 2,000 Above	<u>୍</u> ଦ୍ର	4"	ယ္	2"	1 1/2"		5/8"	Monthly Minimum Charge	Residential and Non Residential	WATER			
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# SCENARIO II WASTEWATER

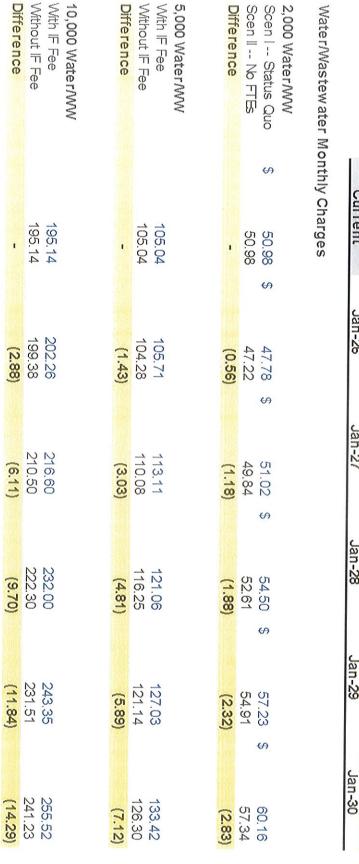
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WASTEWATER													
Residential & Non-Residential Inside													
Monthly Minimum Charge	€	20.70	S	21.53	€	22.39	↔	23.28	49	23.75 \$	4)	24.23	
Volume Rate/100 Gal (2,000-Above)		1.104		1.148		1.194		1.242		1.267		1.292	
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1,289.04	1,289.04	644.52	408.41	204.21	127.63	63.81	11.58	
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1,353.50	1,353.50	676.75	428.83	214.42	134.01	67.00	12.16	

# IMPACT ON MONTHLY CHARGES - WATER AND WASTEWATER

Jan-29 ,	Jan-28	Jan-27	Jan-26	Current
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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION 10

### Disclosure

Services or for our CIK number which is 0001782739. which is currently available at: https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html and searching for either Willdan Financia. United States Securities and Exchange Commission can currently be found by accessing the SEC's EDGAR system Company Search Page integrity of its management or advisory personnel. Willdan has determined that no such event exists. Copies of Willdan's filings with the MSRB Rule G-42, Willdan is required to disclose any legal or disciplinary event that is material to Client's evaluation of Willdan or the terminations, judgments, liens, civil judicial actions, customer complaints, arbitrations and civil litigation involving Willdan. Pursuant to registration Willdan is required to disclose to the SEC information regarding criminal actions, regulatory actions, investigations, protections that may be provided by MSRB rules and how to file a complaint with the appropriate regulatory authority. As part of its SEC Board ("MSRB"). The MSRB has made available on its website (www.msrb.org) a municipal advisory client brochure that describes the rules and regulations adopted by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Willdan Financial Services ("Willdan") is registered as a "municipal advisor" pursuant to Section 15B of the Securities Exchange Act and

or views with respect to the actual or proposed structure, terms, timing, pricing or other similar matters with respect to any municipal circumstances shall Willdan be asked to provide, nor shall it provide, any advice or recommendations or subjective assumptions, opinions financial products or municipal securities issuances, unless formally engaged to provide such information. municipality, in conjunction with such of its municipal, financial, legal and other advisers as it deems appropriate; and (B) under no based upon assumptions, opinions or views (including, without limitation, any assumptions related to revenue growth) established by the prospective, new or existing issuance of municipal securities of the municipality, (A) any such projections, studies and analyses shall be studies and/or other analyses Willdan may provide the municipality with respect to financial, economic or other matters relating to a For the avoidance of doubt and without limiting the foregoing, in connection with any revenue projections, cash-flow analyses, feasibility



# BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF ELIMINATING WW INFRASTRUCTURE FEE

### Benefits

- Lesser increases for low volume wastewater customers
- Customers using 5,000 gallons or less per month will benefit



### Challenges

- Significantly higher charges for high volume customers
- More cost recovered through volume charges instead of fixed charges – leads to less revenue certainty



## Recommended rate adjustments for next 5 years: RATE PROPOSAL | SCENARIO I - STATUS QUO

- Annual Rate Adjustments in January of each year
- Uniform percentage adjustments for base volume charges
- Higher increases for water
- One Time \$5 reduction in WW Infrastructure Monthly fee for residential customers

### Recommended Rate Increases



# SCENARIO I | WASTEWATER



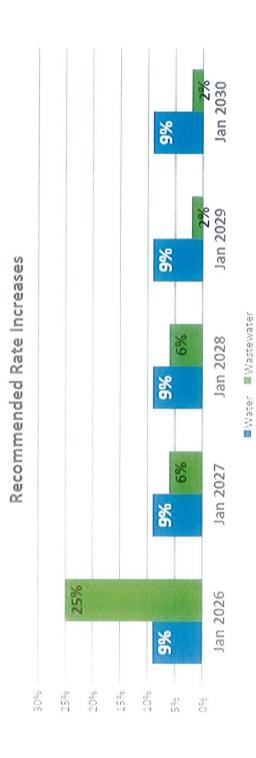
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WASTEWATER												
Residential & Non-Residential Inside												
Monthly Minimum Charge	es-	20.70	69	21.94	G	23.26	69	24.65	49	25.15	49	25.65
Volume Rate/100 Gal (2,000-Above)		1.104		1.170		1.240		1.315		1.341		1.368
Salem/Quail Ridge												
Monthly Minimum Charge	↔	41.40	S	43.88	69	46.52	69	49.31	Ø	50.29	69	51.30
Volume Rate/100 Gal		1.104		1.170		1.240		1.315		1.341		1.368
Drain Water (County Landfield)												
Volume Rate/per Gallon		0.0575		0.0610		0.0646		0.0685		0.0699		0.0713

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WW Infrastructure Month!	(in addition to mthly chgs)							



# RATE PROPOSAL | SCENARIO II - ELIMINATE WW IF CHARGE Recommended rate adjustments for next 5 years:

- Annual Rate Adjustments in January of each year
- Uniform percentage adjustments for base volume charges
- Higher increases for water
- Elimination of WW Infrastructure Monthly fee for all customers





# SCENARIO II | WASTEWATER

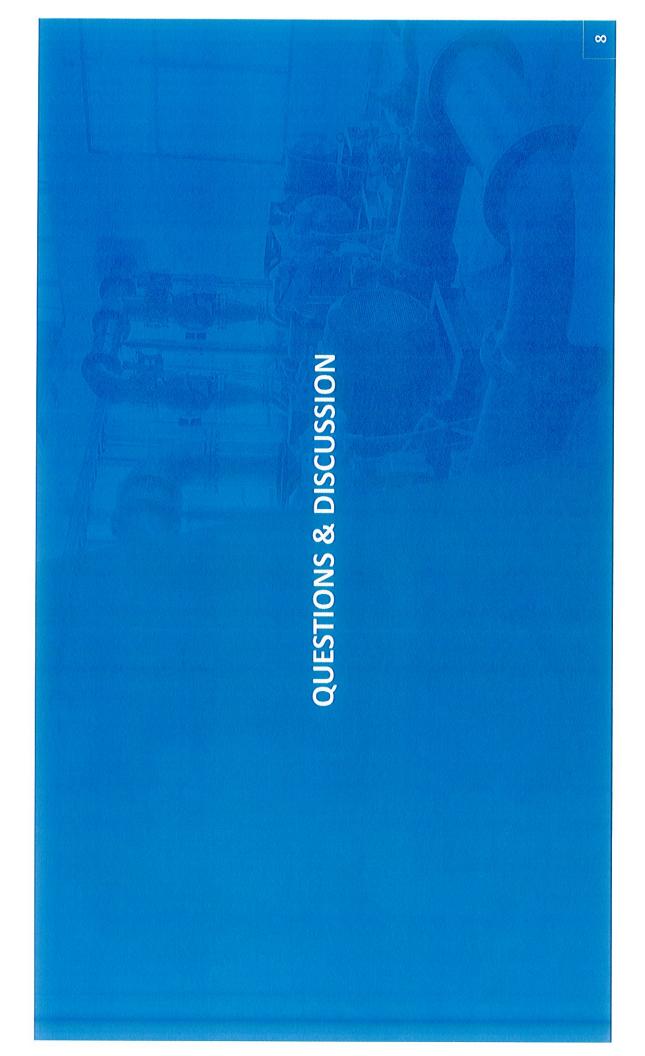
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WASTEWATER												
Residential & Non-Residential Inside Monthly Minimum Charge	49	20.70	s	25.88	69	27.43	49	29.07	69	29.65	49	30.25
Volume Rate/100 Gal (2,000-Above)		1.104		1.380		1.463		1.551		1.582		1.613
Salem/Quail Ridge Monthly Minimum Charge	<b>&amp;</b>	41.40	s	51.75	€9	54.86	49	58.15	69	59.31	69	60.50
Volume Rate/100 Gal		1.104		1.380		1.463		1.551		1.582		1.613
Drain Water (County Landfield) Volume Rate/per Gallon		0.0575		0.0719		0.0762		0.0808		0.0824		0.0840

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WW Infrastructure Monthly Charge	(in addition to mthly chgs)							



# IMPACT OF RATE SCENARIOS ON COMBINED MONTHLY CHARGES

					Effective		
	ថ	Current	Jan-26	Jan-27	Jan-28	Jan-29	Jan-30
Wastewater Monthly Charges	narges						
2,000 WW							
With IF Fee	(A)	36.45 \$			35.68 \$	36.72 \$	37.81
Without IF Fee		36.45	25.88	27.43	29.07	29.65	30.25
Difference		ı	(6.07)	(6.33)	(6.61)	(7.07)	(7.56)
5,000 VAV							
With IF Fee		69.57	67.05	70.97	75.13	76.96	78.85
Without IF Fee		69.57	67.28	71.31	75.59	77.10	78.64
Difference			0.23	0.34	0.46	0.14	(0.20)
10,000 WW							
With IF Fee		124.77	125.56	132.99	140.87	144.02	147.25
Without IF Fee		124.77	136.28	144.45	153.12	156.18	159.30
Difference		1	10.71	11.46	12.25	12.16	12.06
20,000 WW							
With IF Fee		235.17	242.59	257.04	272.36	278.14	284.05
Without IF Fee		235.17	274.28	290.73	308.18	314.34	320.63
Difference			31.69	33.69	35.82	36.20	36.58



### Disclosure

Willdan Financial Services ("Willdan") is registered as a "municipal advisor" pursuant to Section 15B of the Securities Exchange Act and rules and regulations adopted by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). The MSRB has made available on its website (www.msrb.org) a municipal advisory client brochure that describes the terminations, judgments, liens, civil judicial actions, customer complaints, arbitrations and civil litigation involving Willdan. Pursuant to MSRB Rule G-42, Willdan is required to disclose any legal or disciplinary event that is material to Client's evaluation of Willdan or the protections that may be provided by MSRB rules and how to file a complaint with the appropriate regulatory authority. As part of its SEC integrity of its management or advisory personnel. Willdan has determined that no such event exists. Copies of Willdan's filings with the registration Willdan is required to disclose to the SEC information regarding criminal actions, regulatory actions, investigations, United States Securities and Exchange Commission can currently be found by accessing the SEC's EDGAR system Company Search Page which is currently available at: https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html and searching for either Willdan Financial Services or for our CIK number which is 0001782739.

studies and/or other analyses Willdan may provide the municipality with respect to financial, economic or other matters relating to a prospective, new or existing issuance of municipal securities of the municipality, (A) any such projections, studies and analyses shall be based upon assumptions, opinions or views (including, without limitation, any assumptions related to revenue growth) established by the municipality, in conjunction with such of its municipal, financial, legal and other advisers as it deems appropriate; and (B) under no For the avoidance of doubt and without limiting the foregoing, in connection with any revenue projections, cash-flow analyses, feasibility circumstances shall Willdan be asked to provide, nor shall it provide, any advice or recommendations or subjective assumptions, opinions or views with respect to the actual or proposed structure, terms, timing, pricing or other similar matters with respect to any municipal financial products or municipal securities issuances, unless formally engaged to provide such information.