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ORDINANCE NUMBER O26-004

An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing For the Issuance of  
Not to Exceed \$200,000,000 General Obligation Unlimited  
Tax Refunding Bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation  
District of Greater Chicago

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Adopted by the Board of Commissioners  
of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation  
District of Greater Chicago on the  
13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2026.

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Authority and Purpose.** This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act, 70 Illinois Compiled Statutes 2605, the Sanitary District Refunding Bond Act, 70 Illinois Compiled Statutes 3005, and the Local Government Debt Reform Act, 30 Illinois Compiled Statutes 350 et seq., for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding unlimited tax general obligation bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (the "District").

**Section 2. Findings and Determinations.** It is found and determined that:

(A) Pursuant to the Sanitary District Refunding Bond Act, the District is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount necessary to refund outstanding general obligation bonds of the District including interest accrued or to accrue thereon.

(B) On July 7, 2016, the District issued, and there are currently outstanding \$200,905,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, 2016 Series A of the District maturing in the years 2026 to 2031, both inclusive (the "2016A Unlimited Tax Bonds"). The 2016A Unlimited Tax Bonds were issued pursuant to the Sanitary District Refunding Bond Act and the proceeds of sale of the

2016A Unlimited Tax Bonds have been expended for lawful public purposes of the District.

(C) On July 7, 2016, the District also issued, and there are currently outstanding \$30,000,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Unlimited Capital Improvement Bonds, 2016 Series C (Green Bonds) of the District maturing in the year 2045 (the “2016C Unlimited Tax Bonds,” and together with the 2016A Unlimited Tax Bonds, the “2016 Unlimited Tax Bonds”). The proceeds of sale of the 2016C Unlimited Tax Bonds have been expended for lawful public purposes of the District.

(D) The 2016 Unlimited Tax Bonds were issued to finance and refinance construction projects initiated before October 1, 1991. The Board of Commissioners determines that the taxes levied to pay the bonds authorized by Section 4 of this ordinance will not be subject to the ad valorem property tax limits contained in the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, 35 Illinois Compiled Statutes 200/18-185 through 18-245.

**Section 3. Approval of Financing Plan.** The District hereby determines to authorize the refunding of all or a portion of the 2016 Unlimited Tax Bonds by the issuance of the unlimited tax general obligation bonds authorized by this ordinance (the “2026 Bonds”). The 2026 Bonds shall be sold pursuant to a negotiated sale to the following underwriters (collectively, the “Underwriters”): Bank of America, Senior Manager and Book Runner; Ramirez & Co., Inc., Co-Senior Manager; and Siebert Williams Shank & Co.; Rice Financial; PNC Capital Markets, LLC; FHN Financial; and Stern Brothers & Co., as Co-Managers.

The aggregate principal amount of bonds of the District to be sold to the Underwriters pursuant to this Ordinance Number O26-004 and the Ordinances numbered O26-002, O26-003, O26-005 and O26-006 shall not exceed \$475,000,000.

In order to accommodate current market practices and provide the opportunity to sell the 2026 Bonds under the most favorable terms, the Board of Commissioners appoints (i) the President of the Board of Commissioners, the Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners (the "Elected Officers") and (ii) the Executive Director of the District and the Treasurer of the District (the "Appointed Officers" and together with the Elected Officers, the "Designated Officers") and hereby delegates to the Designated Officers the authority to (a) select the particular 2016 Unlimited Tax Bonds to be refunded (and any 2016 Unlimited Tax Bond selected to be refunded is herein called a "Prior Bond"), if any, (b) sell the 2026 Bonds to the Underwriters, (c) sign a bond purchase agreement with respect to the 2026 Bonds and (d) determine certain details of the 2026 Bonds. All determinations delegated to the Designated Officers pursuant to this ordinance shall be made by the Designated Officers by the execution of one or more written bond orders (each a "Bond Order") signed by one of the Elected Officers and one of the Appointed Officers. The delegated authority granted pursuant to this Section shall expire on February 26, 2027.

The District hereby elects to (i) redeem each Prior Bond on any date on or after December 1, 2026 and within 90 days after the date of issuance of the 2026 Bonds (the "Redemption Date") as shall be determined in the applicable Bond Order and (ii) provide for the payment of the redemption price of each Prior Bond on the Redemption Date and

the interest on each Prior Bond as the same shall become due and payable to and including the Redemption Date. The District may contribute funds on hand not to exceed \$15,000,000 to the refunding of the Prior Bonds as shall be determined in the applicable Bond Order.

The Designated Officers, the Clerk and the other officials of the District are authorized and directed to do, or cause to be done, all things necessary to accomplish the refunding and redemption of the Prior Bonds.

**Section 4. Authorization and Terms of 2026 Bonds.** The sum of \$200,000,000 and any premium derived from the sale of the 2026 Bonds is appropriated to meet part of the costs of refunding the Prior Bonds, including the costs of issuance of the 2026 Bonds, and any municipal bond insurance premium with respect to the 2026 Bonds. For the purpose of financing said appropriation, the 2026 Bonds are authorized to be issued in one or more series and sold in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$200,000,000. The 2026 Bonds are authorized, and shall be issued, as unlimited tax general obligation bonds of the District pursuant to the provisions of the Sanitary District Refunding Bond Act and the Local Government Debt Reform Act.

The 2026 Bonds of each series shall be issued in such principal amount as shall be determined in the applicable Bond Order and shall be designated "General Obligation Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds" and shall include additional designations to distinguish each series of the 2026 Bonds.

The 2026 Bonds shall be issuable in the denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof and may bear such identifying numbers or letters as shall be useful to facilitate the registration, transfer and exchange of the 2026 Bonds. Each 2026 Bond

delivered upon the original issuance of the 2026 Bonds shall be dated as of the date specified in the applicable Bond Order. Each 2026 Bond thereafter issued upon any transfer, exchange or replacement of 2026 Bonds shall be dated so that no gain or loss of interest shall result from such transfer, exchange or replacement.

The 2026 Bonds shall mature, and 2026 Bonds of certain maturities may be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption, on December 1 in such years and in such principal amounts as shall be specified in the applicable Bond Order, provided that no 2026 Bond shall mature later than December 1, 2045.

Each 2026 Bond shall bear interest from its date, computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months and payable in lawful money of the United States of America on an initial interest payment date of December 1, 2026 or June 1, 2027 (as determined in the applicable Bond Order) and semiannually thereafter on each June 1 and December 1 at the rates per annum as shall be specified in the applicable Bond Order, provided that no 2026 Bond shall bear interest at a rate exceeding 6.00% per annum.

Prior to the issuance of any of the 2026 Bonds, the Treasurer of the District shall appoint a bank, trust company or national banking association to act as bond registrar and paying agent for the 2026 Bonds. The principal of and premium, if any, on the 2026 Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America upon presentation and surrender thereof at the designated corporate trust office of the bond registrar and paying agent. Interest on the 2026 Bonds shall be payable on each interest payment date to the registered owners of record thereof appearing on the registration books maintained by the District for such purpose at the corporate trust office of the bond

registrar, as of the close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the calendar month next preceding the applicable interest payment date. Interest on the 2026 Bonds shall be paid by check or draft mailed to such registered owners at their addresses appearing on the registration books or by wire transfer pursuant to an agreement by and between the District and the registered owner.

The 2026 Bonds of each series may be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District, as determined in the applicable Bond Order, and upon notice as herein provided, in such principal amounts and from such maturities as the District shall determine as set forth in the applicable Bond Order. Any optional redemption shall be at redemption prices that may include a redemption premium for each 2026 Bond to be redeemed expressed as a percentage, not exceeding 3% of the principal amount to be redeemed.

All 2026 Bonds subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption shall be redeemed at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. The bond registrar is hereby authorized and directed to mail notice of the mandatory sinking fund redemption of the 2026 Bonds in the manner herein provided.

Whenever 2026 Bonds subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption are redeemed at the option of the District, the principal amount thereof so redeemed shall be credited against the unsatisfied balance of future sinking fund installments or final maturity amount established with respect to such 2026 Bonds, in such amounts and against such installments or final maturity amount as shall be determined by the District in the proceedings authorizing such optional redemption or, in the absence of such

determination, shall be credited pro rata against the unsatisfied balance of the applicable sinking fund installments and final maturity amount.

On or prior to the 60<sup>th</sup> day preceding any sinking fund installment date, the District may purchase 2026 Bonds, which are subject to mandatory redemption on such sinking fund installment date, at such prices (not exceeding par plus accrued interest) as the District shall determine. Any 2026 Bond so purchased shall be cancelled and the principal amount thereof so purchased shall be credited against the unsatisfied balance of the next ensuing sinking fund installment of the 2026 Bonds of the same series, maturity and interest rate as the 2026 Bond so purchased.

Unless otherwise determined in the Bond Order, in the event of the redemption of less than all of the 2026 Bonds of like series, maturity and interest rate, the aggregate principal amount thereof to be redeemed shall be \$5,000 or an integral multiple thereof and the bond registrar shall assign to each 2026 Bond of such maturity a distinctive number for each \$5,000 principal amount of such 2026 Bond and shall select by lot from the numbers so assigned as many numbers as, at \$5,000 for each number, shall equal the principal amount of such 2026 Bonds to be redeemed. The 2026 Bonds to be redeemed shall be the 2026 Bonds to which were assigned numbers so selected; provided that only so much of the principal amount of each 2026 Bond shall be redeemed as shall equal \$5,000 for each number assigned to it and so selected.

Notice of the redemption of 2026 Bonds shall be mailed not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for such redemption to the registered owners of 2026 Bonds to be redeemed at their last addresses appearing on said registration books. The 2026 Bonds or portions thereof specified in said notice shall become due and payable

at the applicable redemption price on the redemption date therein designated, and if, on the redemption date, moneys for payment of the redemption price of all the 2026 Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, together with interest to the redemption date, shall be available for such payment on said date, and if notice of redemption shall have been mailed as aforesaid (and notwithstanding any defect therein or the lack of actual receipt thereof by any registered owner) then from and after the redemption date interest on such 2026 Bonds or portions thereof shall cease to accrue and become payable. If there shall be drawn for redemption less than all of a 2026 Bond, the District shall execute and the bond registrar shall authenticate and deliver, upon surrender of such 2026 Bond, without charge to the owner thereof, in exchange for the unredeemed balance of the 2026 Bond so surrendered, 2026 Bonds of like series, maturity and interest rate and of the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

The bond registrar shall not be required to transfer or exchange any 2026 Bond after notice of the redemption of all or a portion thereof has been mailed. The bond registrar shall not be required to transfer or exchange any 2026 Bond during a period of 15 days next preceding the mailing of a notice of redemption that could designate for redemption all or a portion of such 2026 Bond.

**Section 5. Approval of Documents.** In connection with the sale of the 2026 Bonds, the Designated Officers are authorized and directed to execute and deliver one or more Bond Purchase Agreements by and between the District and the Underwriters in substantially the form of prior Bond Purchase Agreements executed and delivered on behalf of the District in connection with prior sales of the District's bonds, with such changes and completions as may be approved by the Designated Officers, subject to the

limitations of this ordinance. The execution and delivery of each Bond Purchase Agreement shall constitute conclusive evidence of the approval of such changes and completions.

The Treasurer is authorized to approve a Preliminary Official Statement of the District with respect to the 2026 Bonds, in substantially the form of the Preliminary Official Statements of the District distributed in connection with prior sales of the District's bonds, with such changes, omissions, insertions and revisions as the Treasurer shall deem advisable. The distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement to prospective purchasers and the use thereof by the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the 2026 Bonds is authorized and approved. Any of the Designated Officers may take such actions as may be required so that each Preliminary Official Statement with respect to 2026 Bonds will be "deemed final" as of its date for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Treasurer is authorized to permit the distribution of each final Official Statement with such changes, omissions, insertions and revisions as deemed advisable.

The District shall enter into a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking for the benefit of the beneficial owners of each series of the 2026 Bonds and in order to assist participating underwriters of the 2026 Bonds and brokers, dealers, and municipal securities dealers in complying with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The form of Continuing Disclosure Undertaking with respect to the 2026 Bonds shall be in substantially the same form as the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings entered into by the District with respect to previously issued bonds of the District. Any of the Designated Officers is authorized and

directed to execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking with such changes and completions as may be approved by said officials. The execution and delivery of any Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall constitute conclusive evidence of the approval of such changes and completions.

In connection with the refunding of the Prior Bonds, the Designated Officers are authorized to execute and deliver one or more Escrow Deposit Agreements by and between the District and a bank, trust company or national banking association to be selected by the Treasurer in substantially the form of prior Escrow Deposit Agreements executed and delivered on behalf of the District in connection with the refunding of the District's bonds, with such changes and completions as may be approved by the Designated Officers. The execution and delivery of each such Escrow Deposit Agreement shall constitute conclusive evidence of the approval of such changes and completions.

Each of the documents approved by this Section may be executed in one or more counterparts. The corporate seal of the District, or a facsimile thereof may, if required, be affixed or otherwise reproduced upon each document and attested by the manual or authorized facsimile signature of the Clerk.

**Section 6. Bond Insurance.** Authority is hereby delegated to the Treasurer, at the Treasurer's option, to obtain from a municipal bond insurer (the "Bond Insurer") a policy of municipal bond insurance insuring the payment of the principal of and interest on any of the 2026 Bonds.

**Section 7. Sale and Delivery of 2026 Bonds.** (A) Subject to the limitations contained in this ordinance, authority is delegated to the Designated Officers to sell one

or more series of the 2026 Bonds to the Underwriters, provided that (a) the underwriting discount of the Underwriters for such series (exclusive of syndicate expenses and Underwriters' counsel fees) shall not exceed an amount equal to \$0.80 per \$1,000 of the principal amount of the 2026 Bonds of such series; (b) the principal of and interest on the 2026 Bonds payable in each debt service year shall not be greater than the debt service taxes levied for the applicable tax levy year pursuant to Section 12 of this ordinance, provided that for this purpose interest shall not include any interest that is to be paid from (i) moneys deposited, on the date of issuance of the 2026 Bonds, into the 2026 Unlimited Tax Refunding Debt Service Fund established by Section 14 of this ordinance and (ii) tax receipts derived from the taxes levied for the 2025 tax levy year for the payment of interest on the Prior Bonds that are to be deposited into the 2026 Unlimited Tax Refunding Debt Service Fund pursuant to Section 18 of this ordinance; (c) the District shall generate positive net present value debt service savings as a result of refunding the Prior Bonds; (d) the purchase price of the 2026 Bonds of such series is not less than 97% of the principal amount of such series; and (e) the District obtains a letter, report or certificate signed by the District's independent financial advisors, stating that the terms of the series of the 2026 Bonds to be sold are reasonable in light of current conditions in the market for tax-exempt obligations, such as the 2026 Bonds of such series.

(B) As used in paragraph (A) of this Section, the term "debt service year" means the year following the applicable tax levy year.

(C) The sale and award of each series of the 2026 Bonds shall be evidenced by a Bond Order. An executed counterpart of the Bond Order shall be filed in the office of the Clerk and entered in the records of the District.

(D) The Designated Officers, the Clerk and the other officials of the District are authorized and directed to do and perform, or cause to be done or performed for or on behalf of the District each and everything necessary for the issuance of the 2026 Bonds, including the proper execution and delivery of the 2026 Bonds, the Bond Purchase Agreements, the Escrow Deposit Agreements, the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings and the Official Statements.

**Section 8. Execution and Authentication.** Each 2026 Bond shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual or authorized facsimile signature of its President and shall be countersigned by the manual or authorized facsimile signature of its Treasurer. The corporate seal of the District, or a facsimile thereof, shall be thereunto affixed or otherwise reproduced upon each 2026 Bond and attested by the manual or authorized facsimile signature of the Clerk.

In case any officer whose signature, or a facsimile of whose signature, shall appear on any 2026 Bond shall cease to hold such office before the issuance of the 2026 Bond, such 2026 Bond shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if the person whose signature, or a facsimile thereof, appears on such 2026 Bond had not ceased to hold such office. Any 2026 Bond may be signed, countersigned, sealed or attested on behalf of the District by any person who, on the date of such act, shall hold the proper office, notwithstanding that at the date of such 2026 Bond such person may not have held such office. No recourse shall be had for the payment of any 2026 Bonds against any officer who executes the 2026 Bonds.

Each 2026 Bond shall bear thereon a certificate of authentication executed manually by the bond registrar. No 2026 Bond shall be entitled to any right or benefit

under this ordinance or shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose until such certificate of authentication shall have been duly executed by the bond registrar.

**Section 9. Transfer, Exchange and Registry.** The 2026 Bonds shall be negotiable, subject to the provisions for registration of transfer contained herein. Each 2026 Bond shall be transferable only upon the registration books maintained by the District for that purpose at the corporate trust office of the bond registrar, by the registered owner thereof in person or by the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon surrender thereof together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the bond registrar and duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's duly authorized attorney. Upon the surrender for transfer of any such 2026 Bond, the District shall execute and the bond registrar shall authenticate and deliver a new 2026 Bond or 2026 Bonds registered in the name of the transferee, of the same aggregate principal amount, series, maturity and interest rate as the surrendered 2026 Bond. The 2026 Bonds, upon surrender thereof at the corporate trust office of the bond registrar, with a written instrument satisfactory to the bond registrar, duly executed by the registered owner or their attorney duly authorized in writing, may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of 2026 Bonds of the same series, maturity and interest rate and of the denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

For every such exchange or registration of transfer of 2026 Bonds, the District or the bond registrar may make a charge sufficient for the reimbursement of any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer, which sum or sums shall be paid by the person requesting such exchange or transfer as a condition precedent to the exercise of the privilege of making such exchange or transfer.

No other charge shall be made for the privilege of making such transfer or exchange. The provisions of the Illinois Bond Replacement Act shall govern the replacement of lost, destroyed or defaced 2026 Bonds.

The District and the bond registrar may deem and treat the person in whose name any 2026 Bond shall be registered upon the registration books as the absolute owner of such 2026 Bond, whether such 2026 Bond shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal of, redemption premium, if any, or interest thereon and for all other purposes whatsoever, and all such payments so made to any such registered owner or upon the order of such registered owner shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such 2026 Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, and neither the District nor the bond registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

**Section 10. General Obligations.** The full faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the 2026 Bonds. The 2026 Bonds shall be direct and general obligations of the District, and the District shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property in the District for the payment of the 2026 Bonds and the interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount.

**Section 11. Form of 2026 Bonds.** The 2026 Bonds shall be issued as fully registered bonds and shall be in substantially the following form, the blanks to be appropriately completed when the 2026 Bonds are printed:

No. \_\_\_\_\_

United States of America  
State of Illinois  
County of Cook  
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO  
GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BOND,  
2026 SERIES \_\_\_\_

| <u>INTEREST RATE</u> | <u>MATURITY DATE</u> | <u>DATED DATE</u> | <u>CUSIP</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| . %                  | December 1, 20__     | _____, 2026       | _____        |

REGISTERED OWNER: Cede & Co.

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO, a sanitary district and a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois organized and existing under the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act, 70 Illinois Compiled Statutes 2605, acknowledges itself indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to the registered owner of this bond, or registered assigns, the principal amount specified above on the maturity date specified above, and to pay interest on such principal amount from the date hereof at the interest rate per annum specified above, computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months and payable in lawful money of the United States of America on [December 1, 2026] and semiannually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 in each year until the principal amount shall have been paid, to the registered owner of record hereof as of the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the calendar month next preceding such interest payment date, by wire transfer pursuant to an agreement by and between the District and the registered owner, or otherwise by check or draft mailed to the registered owner at the address of such owner appearing on the registration books maintained by the District for such purpose at the corporate trust office

of \_\_\_\_\_, in the City of Chicago, Illinois, as bond registrar or its successor (the "Bond Registrar"). This bond, as to principal and premium, if any, when due, will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America upon presentation and surrender of this bond at the corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar. The full faith and credit of the District are irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on this bond according to its terms.

This bond is one of the series of bonds issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which are authorized and issued under and pursuant to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act, the Sanitary District Refunding Bond Act, 70 Illinois Compiled Statutes 3005, and the Local Government Debt Reform Act, 30 Illinois Compiled Statutes 350 et seq., and under and in accordance with an ordinance adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the District on August 13, 2026, and entitled: "An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing For the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$200,000,000 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago" (the "Ordinance").

[The bonds of such series maturing on or after December 1, 20\_\_\_\_, are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District and upon notice as herein provided, in such principal amounts and from such maturities as the District shall determine and by lot within a single maturity, on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and on any date thereafter, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof to be redeemed plus, if such bond is to be redeemed during any period (both dates inclusive) shown in the following table, the applicable redemption premium, expressed as a percentage of such principal amount, set forth opposite such period:

| <u>Redemption Period</u> | <u>Redemption Premium</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                          | %                         |

The bonds of such series maturing in the years 20\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ and 20\_\_ (the “Term Bonds”) are subject to mandatory redemption, in part and by lot on December 1 of the years and in the respective principal amounts set forth in the following tables, by the application of sinking fund installments, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof to be redeemed:

| <u>20____ Term Bonds</u> |                         | <u>20____ Term Bonds</u> |                         | <u>20____ Term Bonds</u> |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Year</u>              | <u>Principal Amount</u> | <u>Year</u>              | <u>Principal Amount</u> | <u>Year</u>              | <u>Principal Amount</u> |
| 20__                     | \$ ,000                 | 20__                     | \$ ,000                 | 20__                     | \$ ,000                 |
| 20__                     | ,000                    | 20__                     | ,000                    | 20__                     | ,000                    |
| 20__                     | ,000                    | 20__                     | ,000                    | 20__                     | ,000]                   |

Notice of the redemption of bonds will be mailed not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for such redemption to the registered owners of bonds to be redeemed at their last addresses appearing on such registration books. The bonds or portions thereof specified in said notice shall become due and payable at the applicable redemption price on the redemption date therein designated, and if, on the redemption date, moneys for payment of the redemption price of all the bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, together with interest to the redemption date, shall be available for such payment on said date, and if notice of redemption shall have been mailed as aforesaid (and notwithstanding any defect therein or the lack of actual receipt thereof by any registered owner) then from and after the redemption date interest on such bonds or portions thereof shall cease to accrue and become payable.

This bond is transferable only upon such registration books by the registered owner hereof in person, or by the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon surrender hereof at the corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Bond Registrar duly executed by the registered owner or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, and thereupon a new registered bond or bonds, in the authorized denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof and of the same aggregate principal amount, maturity and interest rate as this bond shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor. In like manner, this bond may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of bonds of the same maturity and interest rate and of any of such authorized denominations. The District or the Bond Registrar may make a charge sufficient for the reimbursement of any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer or exchange of this bond. No other charge shall be made for the privilege of making such transfer or exchange. The District and the Bond Registrar may treat and consider the person in whose name this bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal and interest due hereon and for all other purposes whatsoever.

This bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until the certificate of authentication hereon shall have been duly executed by the Bond Registrar.

It is hereby certified, recited and declared that this bond is issued in part pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act, that all acts, conditions and things required to be done, exist and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond in order to make it a legal, valid and binding obligation of the District have been done, exist and have

been performed in regular and due time, form and manner as required by law, and that the series of bonds of which this bond is one, together with all other indebtedness of the District, is within every debt or other limit prescribed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago has caused this bond to be executed in its name and on its behalf by the manual or facsimile signature of its President, to be countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of its Treasurer, and its corporate seal, or a facsimile thereof, to be hereunto affixed or otherwise reproduced hereon and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of its Clerk.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION  
DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

Countersigned:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer

Attest:

#### CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is one of the General Obligation Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, 2026 Series \_\_, described in the within mentioned Ordinance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_,  
as Bond Registrar

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signer

## ASSIGNMENT

For value received the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers unto \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

the within bond and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

attorney to transfer the said bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Guarantee:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Section 12. Levy and Extension of Taxes.** (A) For the purpose of providing the money required to pay the interest on the 2026 Bonds when and as the same falls due and to pay and discharge the principal (including mandatory sinking fund installments) thereof as the same shall mature, there is hereby levied upon all the taxable property in the District, in each year while any of the 2026 Bonds shall be outstanding, a direct annual tax sufficient for that purpose in addition to all other taxes, as follows:

| <u>Tax Levy Year</u> | <u>A Tax Sufficient to Produce</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2026                 | 42,500,000                         |
| 2027                 | 44,000,000                         |
| 2028                 | 44,000,000                         |
| 2029                 | 42,500,000                         |
| 2030                 | 42,500,000                         |
| 2031                 | 2,500,000                          |
| 2032                 | 2,500,000                          |
| 2033                 | 2,500,000                          |
| 2034                 | 2,500,000                          |
| 2035                 | 2,500,000                          |
| 2036                 | 2,500,000                          |
| 2037                 | 2,500,000                          |
| 2038                 | 2,500,000                          |
| 2039                 | 2,500,000                          |
| 2040                 | 2,500,000                          |
| 2041                 | 2,500,000                          |
| 2042                 | 2,500,000                          |
| 2043                 | 7,000,000                          |
| 2044                 | 26,000,000                         |

(B) Interest or principal coming due at any time when there shall be insufficient funds on hand to pay the same shall be paid promptly when due from current funds on hand in advance of the collection of the taxes herein levied; and when said taxes shall have been collected, reimbursement shall be made to the said funds in the amounts thus advanced.

(C) After the sale of each series of the 2026 Bonds and the execution of the applicable Bond Order, an executed copy of the applicable Bond Order and a copy of this ordinance certified by the Clerk, which certificate shall recite that this ordinance has been duly adopted, shall be filed with the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, who is hereby directed to ascertain the rate per cent required to produce the aggregate tax hereinbefore provided to be levied in the years 2026 to 2044, inclusive, and subject to adjustment as provided in paragraph (D) of this Section to extend the same for collection on the tax books in connection with other taxes levied in said years, in and by the District for general corporate purposes of the District, and in said years such annual tax shall be levied and collected in like manner as taxes for general corporate purposes for said years are levied and collected, without limit as to rate or amount, and, when collected, the moneys received by the District from such taxes (the "Debt Service Tax Receipts") shall be used for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the 2026 Bonds as the same become due and payable.

(D) In the event that 2026 Bonds are to be issued in principal amounts and bearing interest such that for any tax levy year an amount less than that set forth in paragraph (A) of this Section is required to be produced to pay when due the principal of and interest on the 2026 Bonds, then the Treasurer is authorized and directed to file with the aforesaid County Clerk, a direction for abatement of taxes specifying the exact amount of taxes to be levied to produce the required amounts for each of the various tax levy years.

(E) After the issuance of the 2026 Bonds, the District shall not abate the debt service taxes levied pursuant to this Section or take any action to restrict the extension

and collection of those taxes except that the District may abate any such debt service taxes for any tax levy year to the extent that, at the time of such abatement, moneys then held in the 2026 Unlimited Tax Refunding Debt Service Fund established by Section 14 of this ordinance, or otherwise held in trust for the payment of debt service on the 2026 Bonds, together with the amount to be extended for collection taking into account the proposed abatement, will be sufficient to provide for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the 2026 Bonds otherwise payable from the debt service taxes levied for such tax levy year.

**Section 13. Application of Proceeds.** The proceeds of sale of each series of the 2026 Bonds shall be applied as follows:

1. To any Bond Insurer of such series of 2026 Bonds, the applicable premium for the municipal bond insurance policy.
2. To the Escrow Fund maintained under the applicable Escrow Deposit Agreement, the amount, together with other moneys (if any) of the District deposited therein, necessary to provide for the refunding of the Prior Bonds to be refunded.
3. To the 2026 Unlimited Tax Refunding Expense Fund established by Section 15 of this ordinance, the amount of such proceeds of sale remaining after making the foregoing payment (if any) and deposit.

**Section 14. Debt Service Fund.** The Debt Service Tax Receipts, and all other moneys to be used for the payment of the principal of and interest on the 2026 Bonds, shall be deposited in the “Refunding Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account – Unlimited Tax 2026”, herein called the “2026 Unlimited Tax Refunding Debt Service Fund,” which

is hereby established as a special fund of the District to be administered as a bona fide debt service fund under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). The District may establish separate accounts for each series of 2026 Bonds within the 2026 Unlimited Tax Refunding Debt Service Fund.

The moneys deposited or to be deposited into the 2026 Unlimited Tax Refunding Debt Service Fund, including the Debt Service Tax Receipts, are pledged as security for the payment of the principal of and interest on the 2026 Bonds to the extent and in the manner provided in this ordinance. This pledge is made pursuant to Section 13 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act and shall be valid and binding from the date of issuance of the 2026 Bonds. All such Debt Service Tax Receipts and the moneys held in the 2026 Unlimited Tax Refunding Debt Service Fund shall immediately be subject to the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery or further act and the lien of such pledge shall be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the District irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof.

**Section 15. Expense Fund.** The "2026 Unlimited Tax Refunding Expense Fund" is hereby established as a special fund of the District. Moneys in the 2026 Unlimited Tax Refunding Expense Fund shall be used for the payment of the costs of issuance of the 2026 Bonds and administrative costs of refunding the Prior Bonds, but may thereafter be reappropriated and used for other purposes if such reappropriation is permitted under Illinois law and will not adversely affect the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on any 2026 Bonds. The District may establish within the

2026 Unlimited Tax Refunding Expense Fund separate accounts of each series of the 2026 Bonds.

**Section 16. Investment Regulations.** No investment shall be made of any moneys in the 2026 Unlimited Tax Refunding Debt Service Fund, any Escrow Fund or the 2026 Unlimited Tax Refunding Expense Fund except in accordance with the tax covenants set forth in Section 17 of this ordinance. All income derived from such investments in respect of moneys or securities in any Fund shall be credited in each case to the Fund in which such moneys or securities are held.

Any moneys in any Fund that are subject to investment yield restrictions may be invested in United States Treasury Securities, State and Local Government Series, pursuant to the regulations of the United States Treasury Department, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, or in any tax-exempt bond that is not an “investment property” within the meaning of Section 148(b)(2) of the Code. The Treasurer and agents designated by the Treasurer are hereby authorized to submit, on behalf of the District, subscriptions for such United States Treasury Securities and to request redemption of such United States Treasury Securities.

**Section 17. Tax Covenants.** The District shall not take, or omit to take, any action lawful and within its power to take, which action or omission would cause interest on any 2026 Bond to become subject to federal income taxes in addition to federal income taxes to which interest on such 2026 Bond is subject on the date of original issuance thereof.

The District shall not permit any of the proceeds of any 2026 Bonds, or any facilities financed with such proceeds, to be used in any manner that would cause any 2026 Bond to constitute a “private activity bond” within the meaning of Section 141 of the Code.

The District shall not permit any of the proceeds of any 2026 Bonds or other moneys to be invested in any manner that would cause any 2026 Bond to constitute an “arbitrage bond” within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code or a “hedge bond” within the meaning of Section 149(g) of the Code.

The District shall comply with the provisions of Section 148(f) of the Code relating to the rebate of certain investment earnings at periodic intervals to the United States of America.

**Section 18. Taxes Levied For Payment of Prior Bonds.** The tax receipts derived from the taxes levied for the 2025 tax levy year for the payment of the interest on the Prior Bonds, to the extent not required for the payment of the interest on the Prior Bonds, shall be deposited into the 2026 Unlimited Tax Refunding Debt Service Fund established pursuant to Section 14 of this ordinance. After the issuance of each series of the 2026 Bonds, the Treasurer shall file with the County Clerk of Cook County, a certificate listing the Prior Bonds refunded and the taxes theretofore levied for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Prior Bonds and not then in the process of collection, and said certificates shall direct the abatement of such taxes.

**Section 19. Bond Registrar.** The District covenants that it shall at all times retain a bond registrar with respect to the 2026 Bonds, that it will maintain at the designated office of such bond registrar a place where 2026 Bonds may be presented for payment and registration of transfer or exchange and that it shall require that the bond

registrar maintain proper registration books and perform the other duties and obligations imposed upon the bond registrar by this ordinance in a manner consistent with the standards, customs and practices of the municipal securities business.

The bond registrar shall signify its acceptance of the duties and obligations imposed upon it by this ordinance by executing the certificate of authentication on any 2026 Bond, and by such execution the bond registrar shall be deemed to have certified to the District that it has all requisite power to accept, and has accepted such duties and obligations not only with respect to the 2026 Bond so authenticated but with respect to all the 2026 Bonds. The bond registrar is the agent of the District and shall not be liable in connection with the performance of its duties except for its own negligence or default. The bond registrar shall, however, be responsible for any representation in its certificate of authentication on the 2026 Bonds.

The District may remove the bond registrar at any time. In the event that the bond registrar shall resign or shall be removed or shall become incapable of acting, or shall be adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent, or if a receiver, liquidator or conservator of the bond registrar, or of its property, shall be appointed, or if any public officer shall take charge or control of the bond registrar or of its property or affairs, the District covenants and agrees that it will thereupon appoint a successor bond registrar. The District shall mail notice of any such appointment made by it to each registered owner of 2026 Bonds within 20 days after such appointment.

**Section 20. Book-Entry System.** In order to provide for the initial issuance of the 2026 Bonds in a form that provides for a system of book-entry only transfers, the ownership of one fully registered 2026 Bond for each maturity of each series, in the

aggregate principal amount of such maturity, shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as a nominee of The Depository Trust Company, as securities depository for the 2026 Bonds. The Treasurer is authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the District such letters to, or agreements with, the securities depository as shall be necessary to effectuate such book-entry system.

In the event that the securities depository shall resign or shall become incapable of acting, then the District shall appoint a successor securities depository to provide a system of book-entry only transfers for the 2026 Bonds, by written notice to the predecessor securities depository directing it to notify its participants (those persons for whom the securities depository holds securities) of the appointment of a successor securities depository.

If the system of book-entry only transfers for the 2026 Bonds is discontinued, then the District shall issue and the bond registrar shall authenticate, register and deliver to the beneficial owners of the 2026 Bonds, bond certificates in replacement of such beneficial owners' beneficial interests in the 2026 Bonds, all as shown in the records maintained by the securities depository.

**Section 21. Defeasance and Payment of 2026 Bonds.** (A) If the District shall pay or cause to be paid to the registered owners of the 2026 Bonds, the principal, premium, if any, and interest due or to become due thereon, at the times and in the manner stipulated therein and in this ordinance, then the pledge of Debt Service Tax Receipts, securities and funds hereby pledged and the covenants, agreements and other obligations of the District to the registered owners and the beneficial owners of the 2026 Bonds shall be discharged and satisfied.

(B) Any 2026 Bonds or interest installments appertaining thereto, whether at or prior to the maturity or redemption date of such 2026 Bonds, shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning of paragraph (A) of this Section if (1) in case any such 2026 Bonds are to be redeemed prior to the maturity thereof, there shall have been taken all action necessary to call such 2026 Bonds for redemption and notice of such redemption shall have been duly given or provision shall have been made for the giving of such notice, and (2) there shall have been deposited in trust with a bank, trust company or national banking association acting as fiduciary for such purpose either (i) moneys in an amount which shall be sufficient, or (ii) "Federal Obligations" as defined in paragraph (C) of this Section, the principal of and the interest on which when due will provide moneys which, together with any moneys on deposit with such fiduciary at the same time for such purpose, shall be sufficient, to pay when due the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest due and to become due on, said 2026 Bonds on and prior to the applicable maturity date or redemption date thereof.

(C) As used in this Section, the term "Federal Obligations" means (i) non-callable, direct obligations of the United States of America, (ii) non-callable and non-prepayable, direct obligations of any agency of the United States of America, which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America as to full and timely payment of principal and interest, (iii) non-callable, non-prepayable coupons or interest installments from the securities described in clause (i) or clause (ii) of this paragraph, which are stripped pursuant to programs of the Department of the Treasury of the United States of America, or (iv) coupons or interest installments stripped from bonds of the Resolution Funding Corporation.

**Section 22. Ordinance to Constitute a Contract.** The provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a contract between the District and the registered owners of the 2026 Bonds. Any pledge made in this ordinance and the provisions, covenants and agreements herein set forth to be performed by or on behalf of the District shall be for the equal benefit, protection and security of the owners of any and all of the 2026 Bonds. All of the 2026 Bonds, regardless of the time or times of their issuance, shall be of equal rank without preference, priority or distinction of any of the 2026 Bonds over any other thereof except as expressly provided in or pursuant to this ordinance. This ordinance shall constitute full authority for the issuance of the 2026 Bonds and to the extent that the provisions of this ordinance conflict with the provisions of any other ordinance or resolution of the District, the provisions of this ordinance shall control. If any section, paragraph or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

**Section 23. Publication.** The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this ordinance in book form and to file copies thereof for public inspection in the office of the Clerk.

**Section 24. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 13th day of August, 2026.

Approved: August 13, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Metropolitan Water  
Reclamation District of Greater  
Chicago

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President, Board of Commissioners  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation  
District of Greater Chicago

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Approved as to Form and Legality:

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Deputy General Counsel

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General Counsel

Dated: August 13, 2026

RECORDED in the District Records on August 13, 2026.

## CERTIFICATE

I, Jacqueline Torres, Clerk of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance entitled: "An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing For the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$200,000,000 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago" is a true copy of an original ordinance that was duly adopted by the recorded affirmative votes of a majority of the members of the Board of Commissioners of the District at a meeting thereof that was duly called and held at 10:30 a.m. on August 13, 2026, in the Board Room at 100 East Erie Street, in the City of Chicago, Illinois, and at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that said copy has been compared by me with the original ordinance signed by the President of the Board of Commissioners on August 13, 2026, published in book form on August 13, 2026, and recorded in the records of the District and that it is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said ordinance, and that said ordinance has not been altered, amended, repealed or revoked, but is in full force and effect.

I further certify that the agenda for said meeting included the ordinance as a matter to be considered at the meeting and that said agenda was posted at least 48 hours in advance of the holding of the meeting in the manner required by the Open Meetings Act, 5 Illinois Compiled Statutes 120 and was continuously available for public review during the 48 hour period preceding the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the District, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

(SEAL)

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Clerk of the Metropolitan Water  
Reclamation District of Greater Chicago