ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING \$100,000,000 CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS UTILITY SYSTEM PROGRAM NOTES TAXABLE SERIES 2021

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SHORT TERM OBLIGATIONS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000,000 TO PROVIDE INTERIM FINANCING TO PAY PROJECT COSTS FOR ELIGIBLE PROJECTS FOR THE CITY'S UTILITY SYSTEMS; AUTHORIZING SUCH SHORT TERM NOTES TO BE ISSUED, SOLD, AND DELIVERED AS PROGRAM NOTES: PRESCRIBING THE TERMS, FEATURES, AND CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCH NOTES: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A NOTE PURCHASE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN AUTHORIZED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND NEW BRAUNFELS UTILITIES IN THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTES, WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS AND PROCEDURES SPECIFIED HEREIN AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW; MAKING CERTAIN **COVENANTS** AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE, SECURITY, AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTES; ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE SUBJECT AND PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE: AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of New Braunfels, Texas (the *City*) is a "Home-Rule City", acting as such under the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, has a population in excess of 50,000, and has outstanding long-term indebtedness that is rated by a nationally recognized rating agency for municipal securities in one of the four highest rating categories for a long-term obligation (without regard to credit enhancement); and

WHEREAS, the City Council (the *City Council*) of the City hereby determines to issue its short term obligations pursuant to the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 1371, as amended (the *Act*), to provide interim financing for eligible projects as authorized by the Act for the City's Utilities System (the *System*) and to refund obligations issued in connection with such projects; and

WHEREAS, such short term obligations proposed to be issued pursuant to this Ordinance constitute obligations which the City intends to fund or refund through the issuance of obligations of the City payable from Net Revenues of the System, as permitted by Texas Government Code, Chapter 1502, as amended, including refunding bonds issued pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 1207, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the management and control of the System is conducted for the City by the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of New Braunfels Utilities (*NBU*) established and created pursuant to the provisions of Section 1502.051 et seq., as amended, Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Program Notes designated as "City of New Braunfels, Texas Utility System Program Notes, Taxable Series 2021" (the *Program Notes*) are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount at any one time outstanding of not to exceed \$100,000,000 (*the Program Capacity*); and

WHEREAS, the program notes proposed to be issued constitute bond anticipation notes which the City intends to refund through the issuance of its revenue bonds issued pursuant to Chapter 1207, as amended, Texas Government Code, as contemplated and permitted under Section 1371.057(c) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, arrangements relating to such interim financing have been settled and the City Council hereby finds and determines that the issuance of Program Notes in the form of one or more series, and related loan notes (executed in connection with a Credit Agreement) subject to the terms, conditions and limitations hereinafter prescribed, should be approved and authorized at this time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that the authorization of the aforementioned series of Program Notes and the adoption of this Ordinance are in the best interests of the residents of the City and the ratepayers of the System; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.1 DEFINITIONS. Unless the context shall indicate a contrary meaning or intent, the terms below defined, for all purposes of this Ordinance or any ordinance amendatory or supplemental hereto, shall be construed, are used and are intended to have the following meanings, to-wit:

Act shall mean Chapter 1371, as amended, Texas Government Code.

Additional Senior Lien Obligations shall mean bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of obligations or other Debt which the City reserves the right to issue or enter into, as the case may be, in the future under the terms and conditions provided in the Senior Lien Obligations Ordinances and which obligations are equally and ratably secured solely by a first lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues on a parity with the currently outstanding Previously Issued Senior Lien Obligations and any Additional Senior Lien Obligations hereafter issued by the City.

Authorized Representative shall mean the person or persons designated from time to time as the Authorized Representative by the City, notice of which is delivered in writing to the Bank, and the Issuing and Paying Agent. The Authorized Representative of the City shall be, initially, the City Manager of the City, the President of the Board of Trustees of NBU, the Chief Executive Officer of NBU, the Chief Financial Officer of NBU, any party succeeding to substantially all or part of the responsibilities and duties of any of the foregoing regardless of title, or such other

officer or employee of the City designated by the City or the Board to act as an Authorized Representative.

Available Commitment shall mean the aggregate liquidity commitment available in support of Notes under the terms of a Credit Agreement at such time in effect relative to such Notes.

Bank shall mean (i) Program Bank, (ii) an obligated financial institution under a substitute or additional Credit Agreement entered into under Section 2.16 hereof, or (iii) in the event that the City has contracted with a syndicate of financial institutions under a single Credit Agreement (including the addition of a financial institution to any Credit Agreement), such syndicate of financial institutions, the financial institution identified as the representative or agent of such syndicate of financial institutions, or any individual financial institution that is a part of such syndicate, as applicable or as identified by an Authorized Representative.

Bank Rate shall mean net effective interest rate payable to the Bank pursuant to the terms of a Credit Agreement under which said Bank is obligated; provided, however, that the Bank Rate shall never exceed the Maximum Interest Rate.

Board shall mean the Board of Trustees of New Braunfels Utilities to which the City Council has delegated management and control of the System pursuant to the Senior Lien Obligations Ordinances and Chapter 1502, as amended, Texas Government Code.

Bond Counsel shall mean any firm or firms of nationally recognized bond counsel selected by the Board on behalf of the City.

Bond Ordinances shall mean collectively the ordinances authorizing the issuance of the Senior Lien Obligations or Subordinate Lien Obligations.

Bonds shall mean a series or issue of bonds, notes or similar obligations (other than the Notes or any Credit Agreement (including the Loan Note)) issued or entered into, respectively, by the City subsequent to the date of passage of this Ordinance, which bonds, notes, or similar obligations are payable from and secured solely by a lien on and pledge of the Pledged Revenues or Net Revenues, on a parity in rank and dignity, or subordinate in rank and dignity to the lien and pledge securing the payment of the currently outstanding Senior Lien Obligations.

Business Day shall mean any day (i) when banks are not required or authorized by law or executive order to be closed in New Braunfels, Texas or New York, New York, or (ii) when the New York Stock Exchange is not required or authorized by law or executive order to be closed.

Calculation Agent shall mean an entity serving the role of calculation agent for the purpose of calculating, from time to time, the applicable interest rate on Notes directly placed with a purchaser (which may include a Bank) under any Credit Agreement, including (initially) JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as the "Calculation Agent" under the Note Purchase Agreement applicable to the Program Notes.

City shall mean the City of New Braunfels, Texas, or any successor thereto.

City Council shall mean the governing body of the City.

Commercial Paper Notes shall mean the Series 2019A Commercial Paper Notes and the Series 2019B Commercial Paper Notes.

Credit Agreement shall mean a loan agreement, revolving credit agreement, agreement establishing a line of credit, letter of credit, reimbursement agreement, insurance contract, commitments to purchase Debt, purchase or sale agreements, interest rate swap agreements, or commitments or other contracts or agreements authorized, recognized and approved by the City as a Credit Agreement in connection with the authorization, issuance, security, or payment of Debt, including the Liquidity Agreement.

Credit Facility shall mean (i) a policy of insurance or a surety bond, issued by an issuer of policies of insurance insuring the timely payment of debt service on governmental obligations, provided that a rating agency having an outstanding rating on any Debt would rate such Debt fully insured by a standard policy issued by the insurer in its highest generic rating category for such obligations; or (ii) a letter or line of credit or other Credit Agreement issued by any financial institution, provided that a rating agency having an outstanding rating on any Debt would rate such Debt in one of its four highest generic rating categories for such obligations if the letter or line of credit or other Credit Agreement proposed to be issued by such financial institution secured the timely payment of the entire principal amount of such Debt and the interest thereon.

Debt shall mean

- (1) all indebtedness payable from Pledged Revenues and/or Net Revenues incurred or assumed by the City for borrowed money (including indebtedness payable from Pledged Revenues and/or Net Revenues arising under Credit Agreements) and all other financing obligations of the System payable from Pledged Revenues and/or Net Revenues that, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, are shown on the liability side of a balance sheet; and
- (2) all other indebtedness payable from Pledged Revenues and/or Net Revenues (other than indebtedness otherwise treated as Debt hereunder) for borrowed money or for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of property or capitalized lease obligations pertaining to the System that is guaranteed, directly or indirectly, in any manner by the City, or that is in effect guaranteed, directly or indirectly, by the City through an agreement, contingent or otherwise, to purchase any such indebtedness or to advance or supply funds for the payment or purchase of any such indebtedness or to purchase property or services primarily for the purpose of enabling the debtor or seller to make payment of such indebtedness, or to assure the owner of the indebtedness against loss, or to supply funds to or in any other manner invest in the debtor (including any agreement to pay for property or services irrespective of whether or not such property is delivered or such services are rendered) or otherwise.

For the purpose of determining "Debt", there shall be excluded any particular Debt if, upon or prior to the maturity thereof, there shall have been deposited with the proper depository (a) in trust the necessary funds (or investments that will provide sufficient funds, if permitted by the instrument creating such Debt) for the payment, redemption, or satisfaction of such Debt or (b) evidence of such Debt deposited for cancellation; and thereafter it shall not be considered Debt unless such item constitutes indebtedness under generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with the financial statements of the System in prior Fiscal Years.

Depository shall mean one or more official depository banks of the Board.

Eligible Investments shall mean any or all of the authorized investments described in the Public Funds Investment Act, as amended, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, in which the City or the Board may purchase, sell and invest its funds and funds under its control or any other authorized investments as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

Eligible Project shall mean the any eligible project as defined in Section 1371.001(2)(A) of the Act, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Fee Letter shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Liquidity Agreement.

Fiscal Year shall mean the fiscal year used by the Board in connection with the operation of the System, now being the period of time beginning on August 1 and ending on July 31 of the same calendar year.

Government Securities shall mean (i) direct noncallable obligations of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America; (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the governing body of the issuer adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent; (iii) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date the governing body of the issuer adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent; or (iv) any additional securities and obligations hereafter authorized by the laws of the State of Texas as eligible for use to accomplish the discharge of obligations such as the Notes.

Gross Revenues shall mean for any period all revenue during such period in respect or on account of the operation or ownership of the System, excluding (i) refundable meter deposits, (ii) restricted gifts, (iii) grants in aid of construction, (iv) any amounts payable to the United States as rebate pursuant to the provisions of the Senior Lien Obligations Ordinances, (v) any impact fees charged by the System pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 395, as amended, Texas Local Government Code and earnings and income derived from the investment or deposit of money in any project fund and, the Reserve Fund, but including earnings and income derived from the investment or deposit of money in the Bond Fund (as defined in, and created pursuant to, the Senior Lien Obligations Ordinances), the Reserve Fund after it contains the Required Reserve, and any earnings and income from any special fund or account created and established for the payment or security of any Senior Lien Obligations and Subordinate Lien Obligations of the City related to the System (unless the ordinance which authorizes the issuance of any such obligations specifically provides that any such earnings and income are to be deposited to another fund or account other than the System Fund).

Holder or Noteholder shall mean the registered owner of any Note as shown on the registration books maintained by the Registrar, but if a Note is not in registered form, such terms

shall mean any person, firm, association, or corporation who is in possession of any Note drawn, issued or endorsed to such person, firm, association or corporation or to the order of such person, firm, association or corporation or to bearer or in blank.

Issuing and Paying Agent or Registrar shall mean each agent appointed pursuant to Section 2.2 hereof, or any successor to such agent.

Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement shall mean each Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement between the City and the Issuing and Paying Agent, with respect to the Notes, approved and authorized to be entered into by Section 3.3 hereof, as from time to time amended or supplemented, or any subsequent agreement entered into with any Issuing and Paying Agent regarding the Notes.

Liquidity Agreement shall mean the Note Purchase Agreement.

Loan shall mean a loan made under and subject to the conditions set forth in any Credit Agreement, including loans made under the Liquidity Agreement.

Loan Note shall mean the promissory note or notes issued pursuant to any Credit Agreement as evidence of loans made pursuant to any such Credit Agreement, to the extent required thereunder and having the characteristics contained therein and issued in accordance therewith, including each Loan Note entered into with respect to the Liquidity Agreement.

Loan Note Rate shall mean the applicable rate of interest payable on a Loan pursuant to a Loan Note related thereto, as further described and provided in the Note Purchase Agreement.

Maintenance and Operating Expenses shall mean all current expenses of operating and maintaining the System not paid from the proceeds of any Debt, including (i) the cost of all salaries, labor, materials, repairs, and extensions necessary to render efficient service, but only if, in the case of repairs and extensions, they are, in the judgment of the Board (reasonably and fairly exercised), necessary to maintain operation of the System and render adequate service to the City and the inhabitants thereof and other customers of the System, or are necessary to meet some physical accident or condition which would otherwise impair the payment of Debt, (ii) payments to pension, retirement, health, hospitalization, and other employee benefit funds for employees of the City or the Board engaged in the operation or maintenance of the System, (iii) payments under contracts for the purchase of power and energy, water supply, treatment of sewage, or other materials, goods, or services for the System to the extent authorized by law and the provisions of such contract, (iv) payments to auditors, attorneys, and other consultants incurred in complying with the obligations of the City or the Board hereunder, (v) the payments made on or in respect of obtaining and maintaining any Credit Facility, and (vi) any legal liability of the City or the Board arising out of the operations, maintenance, or condition of the System, but excluding any allowance for depreciation, property retirement, depletion, obsolescence, and other items not requiring an outlay of cash and any interest on any Debt.

Maximum Interest Rate shall mean the maximum net effective interest rate permitted by law to be paid on obligations issued or incurred by the City in the exercise of its borrowing powers (currently prescribed by Chapter 1204, as amended, Texas Government Code, or any successor provision);

Maximum Maturity Date shall mean the fortieth anniversary of the date of passage of this Ordinance.

Net Revenues shall mean the Gross Revenues of the System, less current Maintenance and Operating Expenses.

Note or *Notes* shall mean the Program Notes issued pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance.

Note Construction Fund shall mean the fund so designated in Section 2.12 hereof, inclusive of all accounts and subaccounts therein established and maintained.

Note Payment Fund shall mean the fund so designated in Section 2.9 hereof, inclusive of all accounts and subaccounts therein established and maintained.

Note Purchase Agreement shall mean the Note Purchase Agreement between the City and the Program Bank, relating to the Program Notes approved and authorized pursuant to Section 2.15 hereof, as from time to time amended or supplemented, or a substitute Credit Agreement provided in lieu thereof in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.16 hereof.

Pledged Revenues shall mean (i) the Net Revenues, plus (ii) any additional revenues, income, receipts, or other resources, including, without limitation, any grants, donations, or income received or to be received from the United States Government, or any other public or private source, whether pursuant to an agreement or otherwise, which hereafter are pledged to the payment of any Senior Lien Obligations, and excluding those revenues excluded from Gross Revenues.

Previously Issued Senior Lien Obligations shall mean (i) the outstanding and unpaid obligations of the City that are payable solely from and equally and ratably secured by a first lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, identified as follows:

- (1) "City of New Braunfels, Texas, Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2004", dated January 15, 2004, and issued in the original principal amount of \$10,337,595.90,
- (2) "City of New Braunfels, Texas, Utility System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2012," dated October 1, 2012, and issued in the original principal amount of \$23,940,000,
- (3) "City of New Braunfels, Texas, Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2015," dated January 15, 2015, and issued in the original principal amount of \$26,870,000,
- (4) "City of New Braunfels, Texas, Utility System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016," dated March 1, 2016, and issued in the original principal amount of \$62,235,000,
- (5) "City of New Braunfels, Texas, Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2018," dated April 1, 2018, and issued in the original principal amount of \$45,200,000, and

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(6) "City of New Braunfels, Texas, Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020," dated May 1, 2020, and issued in the original principal amount of \$88,100,000,

and (ii) obligations hereafter issued to refund any of the foregoing if issued in a manner so as to be payable from and equally and ratably secured by a first lien on and pledge of the Pledged Revenues and/or Net Revenues of the System as determined by the City Council in accordance with any applicable law.

Program Bank shall mean the party that from time to time provides liquidity support for the Program Notes.

Program Capacity shall mean the principal amount of the Notes to be outstanding at any one time, which initially shall be a principal amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 plus the requisite interest coverage provided in the Note Purchase Agreement.

Program Notes shall mean the "City of New Braunfels, Texas, Utility System Program Notes, Taxable Series 2021, which Notes are issued pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance and have the terms and characteristics specified herein.

Project Costs shall mean all costs and expenses incurred in relation to Eligible Projects, including without limitation design, planning, engineering and legal costs, acquisition costs of land, interests in land, right-of-way and easements, construction costs, costs of machinery, equipment, and other capital assets incident and related to the operation, maintenance, and administration of an Eligible Project, financing costs, including interest during construction and thereafter, underwriter's discount and/or fees, legal, financial, and other professional services, and reimbursement for such Project Costs attributable to Eligible Projects incurred prior to the issuance of any Notes.

Senior Lien Obligations shall mean, collectively, the currently outstanding Previously Issued Senior Lien Obligations, and any Additional Senior Lien Obligations hereafter issued by the City.

Senior Lien Obligations Ordinances shall mean the City ordinances authorizing the currently outstanding Previously Issued Senior Lien Obligations, and any Additional Senior Lien Obligations hereafter issued by the City.

Series A Commercial Paper Notes shall mean the "City of New Braunfels, Texas Utility System Commercial Paper Notes, Series 2019A."

Series B Commercial Paper Notes shall mean the "City of New Braunfels, Texas Utility System Commercial Paper Notes, Series 2019B," which note or notes are issued pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance and have the terms and characteristics specified in Section 2.3 hereof and in the form described in Section 2.5 hereof.

Special Project shall mean to the extent permitted by law, any water, sanitary sewer, wastewater or electric light and power system property, improvement, or facility declared by the City, upon the recommendation of the Board, not to be part of the System, for which the costs or

acquisition, construction, and installation are paid from proceed of a financing transaction other than the issuance of bonds payable from ad valorem taxes, Pledged Revenues, or Net Revenues and for which all maintenance and operation expenses are payable from sources other than ad valorem taxes, Pledged Revenues, or Net Revenues, but only to the extent that and for so long as all or any part of the revenues or proceeds of which are or will be pledged to secure the payment or repayment of such costs of acquisition, construction and installation under such financing transaction.

Subordinate Lien Obligations shall mean any bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of obligation, or other Debt issued from time to time by the City that are payable, in whole or in part, from and equally and ratably secured by a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues, such pledge being subordinate and inferior to the lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues that are or will be pledged to the payment of the outstanding Senior Lien Obligations issued from time to time by the City and which obligations are on a parity with the Commercial Paper Notes and the Loan Notes.

System shall mean the City's waterworks, sanitary sewer and electric light and power systems and all properties, real, personal, mixed or otherwise now owned or hereafter acquired by the City through purchase, construction or otherwise and used in connection with said System and in any wise appertaining thereto, whether situated within or without the limits of the City.

Taxable Bank Note Fund shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 4.4(b) hereof.

Term Loans shall mean the unpaid principal amount of the Loan that is converted to a "term loan" pursuant to a Note Purchase Agreement.

SECTION 1.2 CONSTRUCTION OF TERMS UTILIZED IN THIS ORDINANCE. If appropriate in the context of this Ordinance, words of the singular number shall be considered to include the plural, words of the plural number shall be considered to include the singular, and words of the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall be considered to include the other genders.

ARTICLE II

AUTHORIZATION OF NOTES

SECTION 2.1 GENERAL AUTHORIZATION. Pursuant to authority conferred by and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, particularly the Act and Chapter 1502, as amended, Texas Government Code, Program Notes shall be and are hereby authorized to be issued in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS (\$100,000,000), to be designated and bear the title of "CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS UTILITY SYSTEM PROGRAM NOTES, TAXABLE SERIES 2021", and in the applicable form provided in Section 2.05 hereof, for the purpose of financing Project Costs of Eligible Projects; to refinance, renew, or refund Notes issued pursuant to the provisions hereof and any Loan Notes issued pursuant to a Credit Agreement; and the Loan Notes shall be and are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS (\$100,000,000) plus requisite interest coverage (the *Program Capacity*) at any one time outstanding from time to time

for the purpose of evidencing Loans to pay the principal of and (as applicable) interest on the Notes; all in accordance with and subject to the terms, conditions and limitations contained herein and in any Credit Agreement in effect. For purposes of this Section 2.1, any portion of outstanding Notes to be paid from money on deposit in the Taxable Note Payment Fund (from the appropriate account or subaccount therein), the Taxable Bank Note Fund, and from the available proceeds of Notes or Bonds on the day of calculation shall not be considered outstanding. The authority to issue Notes from time to time under the provisions of this Ordinance shall exist until the Maximum Maturity Date, regardless of whether prior to the Maximum Maturity Date there are at any time no Notes outstanding. The designation of the Notes shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.5 and the instructions to the Issuing and Paying Agent as described in Section 3.1 hereof.

So long as any Notes remain outstanding, each Authorized Representative is hereby appointed to act for and on behalf of the City, and authorized to carry out and discharge the purposes, duties, and obligations set forth in the Ordinance and any Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement and Credit Agreement, and for the purpose of renewing, extending, modifying, or substituting any such agreement.

SECTION 2.2 TERMS APPLICABLE TO NOTES - GENERAL. Subject to the limitations contained herein, Notes herein authorized shall be dated as of their date of issuance or prior thereto, but within 30 days of the date of issuance (the *Note Date*), as determined by an Authorized Representative; shall bear no interest or bear interest at such rate or rates per annum computed on the basis of either actual days, and on a 365-day or 366-day year or a 360-day year (comprised of twelve 30-day months), whichever is applicable (but in no event in any case to exceed the Maximum Interest Rate in effect on the date of issuance thereof) as may be determined by an Authorized Representative, and all Notes authorized herein shall mature on or prior to the Maximum Maturity Date.

Subject to the limitations contained herein, the City reserves the right and has delegated to the Authorized Representatives the ability to enter into any Credit Agreement, each with a single bank provider or a syndicate of banks acting through a single administrative agent. Such Credit Agreements may provide credit and/or liquidity support for Notes, whether directly purchased by a Bank, privately placed, or publically offered in the municipal capital markets, and shall be evidenced by the applicable Credit Agreement approved by City Council.

Subject to the Maximum Interest Rate limitation, Notes authorized to be issued hereunder without a fixed numerical rate of interest for the term thereof shall bear interest in accordance with a clearly stated formula or method of calculation as determined by an Authorized Representative, or by a Calculation Agent, if any, pursuant to the terms of a Credit Agreement, and such formula or method of calculation shall be set forth in each Note.

Notes issued hereunder may contain terms and provisions for the redemption or prepayment thereof prior to maturity, subject to any applicable limitations contained herein, as shall be determined by an Authorized Representative.

As determined from time to time by an Authorized Representative in accordance with Section 2.3 and Section 3.1 hereof for each issuance of Program Notes, Program Notes shall be

issued by series; provided, however, that, unless specifically determined otherwise by an Authorized Representative, Program Notes issued to refund outstanding Program Notes shall be of the same series, with no further action required by an Authorized Representative.

Subject to applicable terms, limitations and procedures contained herein, Notes may be sold in such manner through a direct purchase by a Bank or at public or private sale, each of the foregoing at a price and under terms (within the interest rate and yield restrictions provided herein) as an Authorized Representative shall approve at the time of the sale thereof; provided, however, that no price shall result in the realization of Note proceeds exceeding the lesser of the Available Commitment at such time in effect and the Program Capacity (or as otherwise may be limited from time to time pursuant to applicable law).

The Notes shall be issued in registered form, without coupons. The principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America, without exchange or collection charges to the Holder of the Note; the principal thereof to be payable upon presentation and surrender of the Note at the corporate trust office of the Issuing and Paying Agent and interest thereon to be payable to the registered owner thereof either (i) by check sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the address of the registered owner appearing on the Registration Books of the City maintained by the Issuing and Paying Agent or (ii) by such other method, acceptable to the Issuing and Paying Agent requested by the registered owner, but interest on a Note registered to bearer shall be payable only upon presentation of the Note at the designated corporate trust office of the Issuing and Paying Agent.

The selection and appointment of JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as the initial Issuing and Paying Agent and Registrar for the Notes is hereby confirmed. The City covenants to maintain and provide an Issuing and Paying Agent and Registrar at all times while the Notes are outstanding, which shall be a national or state banking association or corporation or trust company organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any State and authorized under such laws to exercise trust powers. The City may appoint separate Issuing and Paying Agents and Registrars for Notes, on the basis of series of Notes. Should a change in an Issuing and Paying Agent and Registrar for a series of Notes occur, the City, acting through the Authorized Representative, agrees to promptly cause a written notice thereof to be (i) sent to each registered owner of the Notes of such series then outstanding by United States mail. first class, postage prepaid, or (ii) published in a financial publication, newspaper, journal, or reporter of general circulation among securities dealers in the City of New York, New York (including, but not limited to, The Bond Buyer and The Wall Street Journal), or in the State of Texas (including, but not limited to, *The Texas Bond Reporter*), once during each calendar week for at least two calendar weeks. Such notice shall give the address of the successor Issuing and Paying Agent and Registrar. A successor Issuing and Paying Agent and Registrar may be appointed without the consent of the Holders.

The City, the Board, and the Issuing and Paying Agent and Registrar shall treat the registered owner thereof as the absolute owner of any Note for the purpose of receiving payment thereof and for all purposes, and the City, the Board, and the Issuing and Paying Agent and Registrar shall not be affected by any notice or knowledge to the contrary.

SECTION 2.3 PROGRAM NOTES. Under and pursuant to the authority granted hereby and subject to the limitations contained herein, (i) Notes in the form of short term obligations to be designated "City of New Braunfels, Texas Utility System Program Notes, Taxable Series 2021," are hereby authorized to be issued and sold and delivered from time to time in such principal amounts as determined by an Authorized Representative in denominations of \$1,000,000 and integral multiples of \$100,000 in excess thereof, and further designated in consecutive order in the order of their issuance and to mature and become due and payable on such dates as an Authorized Representative shall determine at the time of sale; provided, however, that no Program Note shall (i) mature after the Maximum Maturity Date, (ii) mature after the Business Day prior to the stated date of termination of any Credit Agreement then-relating to such series of Program Notes, or (iii) have a term in excess of three hundred sixty-four (364) days. Interest, if any, on Program Notes shall be payable at maturity with principal, or at such other times as set forth in a Credit Agreement approved by an Authorized Representative (which date or dates of payment of interest are herein defined as an *Interest Payment Date*).

SECTION 2.4 LOAN NOTE. Under and pursuant to authority granted hereby and subject to the limitations contained herein and in the Credit Agreement, one or more Loan Notes relating to a series of Program Notes, any such Loan Note to be designated "City of New Braunfels, Texas Utility System Taxable Liquidity Agreement Loan Note", and further designated by series to conform to the related Notes (and to reference the Bank under the applicable Credit Agreement), are hereby authorized and approved in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance and the applicable Credit Agreement. The form of such Loan Note shall be as set forth in each applicable Credit Agreement.

SECTION 2.5 FORMS OF NOTES. The Notes and the Certificate of Authentication to appear on each of the Notes shall be substantially in the forms set forth in this Section with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are permitted or required by this Ordinance and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification (including identifying numbers and letters of the Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures of the American Bankers Association) and such legends (including insurance companies) and endorsements thereon as may, consistent herewith, be approved by an Authorized Representative. Any portion of the text of any Notes may be set forth on the reverse thereof, with an appropriate reference thereto on the face of the Notes.

The Notes shall be printed, lithographed, or engraved or produced in any other similar manner, or typewritten, all as determined and approved by an Authorized Representative.

(a) Form of Notes.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF TEXAS CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS UTILITY SYSTEM PROGRAM NOTE TAXABLE SERIES 2021

No.:	Note Date:
Principal Amount:	Maturity Date:

[Interest to Maturity:]	Number of Days:	
Due at Maturity:	Interest Rate ¹ (%):	
Owner		

The City of New Braunfels, Texas (the City), FOR VALUE RECEIVED, hereby promises to pay, solely from the sources hereinafter identified and as hereinafter stated, to the order of the Owner specified above on the Maturity Date specified above, the Principal Amount specified above and to pay interest, if any, on said Principal Amount [at said Maturity Date/on an Interest Payment Date], from the above specified Note Date to said Maturity Date at the per annum Interest Rate shown above (computed on the basis of [actual days elapsed and a 365-day or 366-day year, as may be applicable][a 360-day year (comprised of twelve 30-day months)]); both principal and interest on this Note (defined herein) being payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the principal corporate trust office of the Issuing and Paying Agent executing the "Certificate of Authentication" endorsed hereon and appearing below, or its successor. No interest will accrue on the Principal Amount hereof after said Maturity Date.

This Note is one of an issue of short term obligations of the indicated Series, which, together with other forms of short-term obligations, including the below referenced Loan Note², has been duly authorized and issued in accordance with the provisions of an ordinance passed by the City Council of the City on March 8, 2021 (the *Ordinance*), for the purpose of financing Project Costs of Eligible Projects for the City's Utility System and to refinance, renew or refund certain obligations described in the Ordinance, all in accordance and in strict conformity with the provisions of Chapters 1371 and 1502, as amended, Texas Government Code.

This Note, together with the other Notes, is payable from and equally and ratably secured by a lien on and pledge of (i) the proceeds from (a) the sale of other Notes issued for such purpose and (b) the sale of a series or issue of Bonds to be issued by the City for such purpose, [(ii) Loans under and pursuant to a Note Purchase Agreement (the *Liquidity Agreement*), dated as of March 1, 2021, but effective as of March 18, 2021, between the City and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association (the *Bank*), as amended, revised, supplemented, or substituted, pursuant to which the Bank has agreed to provide credit or liquidity to the City under the terms and conditions set forth therein, which Loans are to be evidenced by a Loan Note; provided, however, that the proceeds of Loans may only be used to pay the principal of Notes (including this Note)³], (iii) a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, such lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues, however, being subordinate to the lien and pledge securing the payment of any Senior Lien Obligations issued from time to time by the City and outstanding; and (iv) amounts in certain funds established pursuant to the Ordinance.

This Note, together with the other Notes authorized to be issued and from time to time outstanding under the Ordinance (including Notes of all series), is payable solely from the sources

¹ If rate of interest calculated pursuant to a formula, the word "Variable" is placed in the blank rather than a numeric interest rate and this footnote is completed with the applicable formula.

² Delete footnote if not applicable.

³ Information to be completed based on Credit Agreement in effect at the time Notes are issued and if Credit Agreement provides for open market liquidity (rather than direct placement of Notes to Bank thereunder). Renumber as applicable.

hereinabove identified securing the payment thereof, and the Notes do not constitute a legal or equitable pledge, charge, lien, or encumbrance upon any other property of the City or the System. The holder hereof shall never have the right to demand payment of this obligation from any funds raised or to be raised by taxation or from any other sources or properties of the City or the System except as identified above.

The Ordinance reserves the right and permits the issuance of (i) Additional Senior Lien Obligations while the Notes are outstanding, (ii) the issuance of Subordinate Lien Obligations payable from the same sources, or any portion of such sources, securing the payment of the Notes and equally and ratably secured by a parity lien on and pledge of such sources, or any portion thereof, and (iii) inferior lien obligations, without, with respect to any of the foregoing, any limitation as to principal amount but subject to any terms, conditions, and limitations as may be applicable thereto.

Reference is hereby made to the Ordinance, a copy of which may be obtained upon request to the City, and to all of the terms and provisions the Holder hereof by acceptance of this Note hereby assents, including, but not limited to, provisions relating to definitions of capitalized terms used herein without definition, the description of and the nature of the security for the Notes, the Net Revenues and other sources pledged to the payment of the Notes, the conditions upon which the Ordinance may be amended or supplemented with or without the consent of the Holders of the Notes, and the right to issue obligations payable from and secured by the Net Revenues.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law and the Ordinance to exist, to have happened and to have been performed precedent to and in the issuance of this Note, do exist, have happened and have been performed in regular and in due time, form and manner as required by law and that the issuance of this Note, together with all other Notes, is not in excess of the principal amount of Notes permitted to be issued under the Ordinance.

This Note is, and has all the qualities and incidents of, a negotiable instrument under the laws of the State of Texas.

This Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Ordinance or be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until this Note shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Issuing and Paying Agent of the Certificate of Authentication hereon.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the City has authorized and caused this Note to be executed on its behalf by the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor and countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Secretary and its official seal to be impressed or a facsimile thereof to be printed hereon.

COUNTERSIGNED:	
City Secretary, City of New Braunfels, Texas	Mayor, City of New Braunfels, Texas

(SEAL)

ISSUING AND PAYING AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Note is one of the Notes delivered pursuant to the within mentioned Ordinance.		
	, as Issuing and Paying Agent	
	ByAuthorized Signatory	
ASSIG	NMENT	
	ned hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto (print asferee):	
(Social Security or other identifying number: _the within Note and all rights thereunder, a	nd hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints	
attorney to transfer the within Note on the book substitution in the premises.	cs kept for registration thereof, with full power of	
DATED:		
Signature Guaranteed:		
NOTICE: The signature of the registered owner must be guaranteed by a member of the New York Stock Exchange or a commercial bank or trust company.	NOTICE: The signature on this Assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears upon the face of the within Note in every particular.	

SECTION 2.6 EXECUTION - AUTHENTICATION.

(a) The Notes shall be executed on behalf of the City by the Mayor and attested by the City Secretary under its seal reproduced or impressed thereon, all as provided in Section 2.5 hereof. The signature of said officers on the Notes may be manual or facsimile. Notes bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of individuals who are or were the proper officers of the City on the date of passage of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be duly executed on behalf of the City, notwithstanding that such individuals or either of them shall cease to hold such offices at the time of the initial sale and delivery of Notes authorized to be issued hereunder and with respect to Notes delivered in subsequent sales, exchanges and transfers, all as authorized and provided in Chapter 1201, as amended, Texas Government Code.

(b) No Note shall be entitled to any right or benefit under this Ordinance, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Note a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided in Section 2.5 hereof, executed by the Issuing and Paying Agent by manual signature, and such certificate upon any Note shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Note has been duly certified or registered and delivered.

SECTION 2.7 NOTES MUTILATED, LOST, DESTROYED OR STOLEN. If any Note shall become mutilated, the City, at the expense of the Holder of said Note, shall execute and deliver a new Note of like tenor and number in exchange and substitution for the Note so mutilated, but only upon surrender to the City of the Note so mutilated. If any Note shall be lost, destroyed or stolen, evidence of such loss, destruction or theft may be submitted to the City and, if such evidence be satisfactory to it and indemnity satisfactory to it shall be given, the City, at the expense of the Holder, shall execute and deliver a new Note of like interest rate and tenor in lieu of and in substitution for the Note so lost, destroyed or stolen. Neither the City nor the Issuing and Paying Agent shall be required to treat both the original Note and any duplicate Note as being outstanding for the purpose of determining the principal amount of Notes which may be issued hereunder, but both the original and the duplicate Note shall be treated as one and the same instrument.

SECTION 2.8 NEGOTIABILITY, REGISTRATION AND EXCHANGEABILITY.

The Notes issued hereunder shall be, and shall have all of the qualities and incidents of, a negotiable instrument under the laws of the State of Texas, and each successive Holder, in accepting any of the Notes, shall be conclusively deemed to have agreed that such Notes shall be and have all of the qualities and incidents of a negotiable instrument under the laws of the State of Texas. The books relating to the registration, payment and transfer or exchange of the Notes (the Registration Books) shall at all times be kept and maintained by the City at the designated corporate trust office of the Registrar, and the Registrar shall obtain, record and maintain in the Registration Books the name and address of each registered owner of the Notes, issued under and pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance. Each Registrar shall provide the Board as agent of the City with a copy of the Registration Books and shall thereafter provide the Board as agent of the City (at the notice address for the City set forth in the Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement between the City and the Registrar, a Credit Agreement, or another agreement evidencing such relationship, as applicable) with copies of any changes in the Registration Books within one (1) Business Day after such change. Any Note may, in accordance with its terms and the terms hereof, be transferred or exchanged for Notes of like interest rate, tenor, series, and character and of other authorized denominations upon the Registration Books by the Holder in person or by his duly authorized agent, upon surrender of such Note to the applicable Registrar for cancellation, accompanied by a written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the Holder or by his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to such Registrar. Upon surrender for transfer of any Note at the designated corporate trust office of a Registrar, such Registrar shall register and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Notes executed on behalf of, and furnished by, the City of like tenor, series, and character and of authorized denominations and having the same maturity, bearing interest at the same rate and of a like aggregate principal amount as the Note or Notes surrendered for transfer. Furthermore, Notes may be exchanged for other Notes of like tenor, series, and character and of authorized denominations and having the same maturity, bearing the same rate of interest and of like aggregate principal amount as the Notes surrendered for exchange, upon surrender of the Notes to be exchanged at the principal corporate trust office of the applicable Registrar. Whenever any Notes are so surrendered for exchange, the

applicable Registrar shall register and deliver new Notes of like tenor, series, and character as the Notes exchanged, executed on behalf of, and furnished by, the City to the Holder requesting the exchange. The City and the applicable Registrar may charge the Holder a sum sufficient to reimburse them for any expenses incurred in making any transfer or exchange after the first such transfer or exchange for such Holder. The applicable Registrar or the City may also require payment from the Holder of a sum sufficient to cover any tax, fee or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto. Such charges and expenses shall be paid before any such new Note shall be delivered. The City and the applicable Issuing and Paying Agent and Registrar shall not be required (i) to issue, transfer or exchange any Note during a period beginning at the opening of business on the 15th day next preceding either any maturity date of such Note or any date of possible selection of such Note or parts thereof to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the interest payment date or day on which the applicable notice of redemption is given, or (ii) to transfer or exchange any Note selected, called or being called for redemption in whole or in part. New Notes delivered upon any transfer or exchange shall be valid special obligations of the City, evidencing the same debt as the Notes surrendered by this Ordinance and shall be entitled to all of the security and benefits hereof to the same extent as the Notes surrendered. The City reserves the right to change the above registration and transferability provisions of the Notes at any time on or prior to the delivery thereof in order to comply with applicable laws and regulations of the United States in effect at the time of issuance thereof. No purchase, sale, or transfer of any Notes, as herein provided, nor the setting of interest rates in respect thereof, shall constitute or be construed to be the extinguishment of any security or the indebtedness represented thereby or the reissuance of any security or the refunding of any indebtedness represented thereby.

SECTION 2.9 TAXABLE NOTE PAYMENT FUND.

- There is hereby created and established by the City a separate and special fund to (a) be designated as the "City of New Braunfels, Texas Utility System Taxable Note Payment Fund" (the Taxable Note Payment Fund), and within such Taxable Note Payment Fund, the "City of New Braunfels, Texas Utility System Taxable Note Payment Account." Each account or subaccount within the Taxable Note Payment Fund shall be established and created with the Issuing and Paying Agent that serves in such capacity for the related series of Notes. Money on deposit within the applicable accounts and subaccounts in the Note Payment Fund shall be used to pay principal of, premium, if any, and interest on Notes at the respective Interest Payment Date, maturity date, or redemption date of each issue of such Notes as provided herein and, as applicable, the repayment of any Loans made pursuant to any Credit Agreement (evidenced by a Loan Note). Proceeds of Notes remaining in the applicable accounts and subaccounts of the Taxable Note Payment Fund not then necessary for the purposes thereof may be transferred to the corresponding account or subaccount of the Taxable Note Construction Fund (created pursuant to Section 2.12 hereof) upon request of an Authorized Representative (which request shall be made not later than one-year from the date of origination of the subject Note proceeds).
- (b) Pursuant to Section 3.2(i) hereof, all proceeds of Notes issued to pay maturing principal of outstanding Notes, and pursuant to applicable provision of any Credit Agreement at such time effective, all proceeds of Loans (except proceeds of Loans retained by the Bank to repay all or any part of an outstanding Loan) shall be deposited into the applicable account or subaccount of the Taxable Note Payment Fund and used to pay the principal of, premium, if any and interest on such series of the Notes (provided, however, that the proceeds of Loans pursuant

to a Credit Agreement may only be used to pay principal of and (as and if applicable) interest on Notes of the series to which such Credit Agreement relates) and to pay the principal of and interest on any Loan coming due pursuant to the terms of the applicable Credit Agreement.

- (c) Additionally, all Net Revenues which are to be transferred from the System Fund (as defined in Section 4.3 hereof) to pay principal of and/or interest on Notes pursuant to Section 4.4(b) hereof shall be deposited to the applicable accounts and subaccounts of the Taxable Note Payment Fund.
- (d) Pending the expenditure of money in the Taxable Note Payment Fund for authorized purposes, money deposited in said Fund may be invested at the direction of an Authorized Representative in Eligible Investments. Any income received from such investments shall be deposited, as received, into the System Fund and shall not, for purposes of this Ordinance, be considered an amount held in the Taxable Note Payment Fund.
- (e) In addition to the accounts and subaccounts created in Section 2.9(a) above, the City hereby authorizes, within the Taxable Note Payment Fund and at the direction of an Authorized Representative, the creation and establishment of one or more accounts and subaccounts to provide for one account or subaccount to relate each series of Notes with respect to which the City has entered into a particular Credit Agreement. Except as hereafter provided, all proceeds of borrowings under such Credit Agreement shall be deposited into the applicable account or subaccount of the Note Payment Fund and used to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the series of Notes to which such Credit Agreement relates (and will be unavailable for the payment of the principal of, premium (if any), and interest on any series of Notes to which it does not relate).

SECTION 2.10 PAYMENTS; PLEDGE.

- (a) The Notes and the Loan Notes (and other obligations under any Credit Agreement) are special obligations of the City payable from and secured solely by the funds pledged therefor pursuant to this Section 2.10. The Board on behalf of the City shall make payments into the appropriate account or subaccount of the Taxable Note Payment Fund from proceeds of Notes or Loans or Bonds (or from Net Revenues on deposit in the System Fund which are transferred to the Taxable Note Payment Fund pursuant to Section 4.4 of this Ordinance in order to pay principal and/or interest on the Notes) at such times and in such amounts as are necessary to provide for the full payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and the interest on the Notes when due.
- (b) To provide security for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, the Loan Notes, and any other amounts due under any Credit Agreement relating to Notes, as the same shall become due and payable, there is hereby granted a lien on and pledge of, subject only if the provisions of this Ordinance permitting the application thereof for purposes and on the terms and conditions set forth herein:
 - (i) the proceeds from (a) the sale of Bonds issued for such purpose and (b) the sale of Notes issued pursuant to this Ordinance for such purpose;

- (ii) the proceeds from Loans; provided, however, that such Loan proceeds pursuant to the applicable Credit Agreement may only be used to pay the principal of and interest on Notes (so long as any Credit Agreement so permits use of Loan proceeds to pay for interest on Notes); provided further, however, that proceeds attributable to and derived from borrowings under and pursuant to a Credit Agreement are pledged to, and shall be used to pay, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes of the particular series to which such Credit Agreement relates;
- (iii) the amounts held in the Taxable Note Payment Fund until the amounts deposited therein are used for authorized purposes; provided, however, that amounts in the respective accounts and subaccounts of the Taxable Note Payment Fund attributable to and derived from Loans shall be used only to pay, prior to any application to the payment of the Loan Note, the principal of (but no redemption premium) of the respective series of Notes in full;
- (iv) the amounts remaining on deposit in the applicable account or subaccount of the Taxable Note Construction Fund relating to a series of Notes after the payment of all Project Costs;

and it is hereby resolved and declared that the principal of and interest on the Notes, the Loan Notes, and any other amounts due under any Credit Agreement related to Notes of such series shall be and are hereby equally and ratably secured by and payable from a lien on and pledge of the sources hereinabove identified in clauses (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) subject and subordinate only to the exceptions noted therein.

- (c) To provide additional security for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, the Loan Notes, and other amounts due under any Credit Agreement as the same shall become due and payable, there is hereby granted a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues, such lien on and pledge of Net Revenues to secure the Notes, Loan Notes, and other amounts due under any Credit Agreement, however, being (i) subordinate to the lien and pledge of the Pledged Revenues (which includes a first lien on and pledge of Net Revenues) securing the payment of any Senior Lien Obligations and (ii) on parity with the lien on and pledge of Net Revenues securing the payment of Subordinate Lien Obligations. The Notes, the Loan Notes, and amounts due under any Credit Agreement, secured by and payable from the lien on and pledge of Net Revenues as described in the preceding sentence, shall constitute Subordinate Lien Obligations.
- (d) Unless Loan Notes or other borrowings made under any Credit Agreement are paid from the proceeds of Notes or Bonds issued for such purposes, or amounts available in the Taxable Note Payment Fund or the Taxable Note Construction Fund, all as described above, such payments are to be made from Net Revenues on deposit in the Taxable Bank Note Fund established in Section 4.4 hereof.
- (e) Money in all funds, accounts, and subaccounts herein created and established, to the extent not invested as permitted hereunder, shall be secured in the manner prescribed by law for securing funds of the City. Chapter 1208, as amended, Texas Government Code, applies to the City's incurring Debt under this Ordinance and the pledge of the Net Revenues granted by the City under this Section as security therefor, and such pledge is therefore valid, effective and

perfected. If Texas law is amended at any time while the Debt remains outstanding under this Ordinance such that the pledge of the Net Revenues granted by the City under this Section is to be subject to the filing requirements of Chapter 9, as amended, Business and Commerce Code, then in order to preserve to the registered owners and holders of such Debt the perfection of the security interest in said pledge, the City agrees to take such measures as it determines are reasonable and necessary under Texas law to comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 9, as amended, Texas Business and Commerce Code and enable a filing to perfect the security interest in said pledge to occur.

SECTION 2.11 APPLICATION OF PRIOR COVENANTS. The covenants and agreements (to the extent the same are not inconsistent herewith) contained in the Senior Lien Obligations Ordinances are hereby incorporated herein and shall be deemed to be for the benefit and protection of the Notes, the Loan Notes and the respective Holders thereof in like manner as applicable to the Senior Lien Obligations; provided, however, that in the event of any conflict between the terms, covenants and agreements contained herein and the terms, covenants and agreements contained in the Senior Lien Obligations Ordinances, the provisions of the Senior Lien Obligations Ordinances shall control over the provisions hereof.

SECTION 2.12 TAXABLE NOTE CONSTRUCTION FUND.

- (a) There is hereby created and established a separate fund hereby designated as the "City of New Braunfels, Texas Utility System Taxable Note Construction Fund" (the *Taxable Note Construction Fund*), and within such Taxable Note Construction Fund, the "City of New Braunfels, Texas Utility System Taxable Note Construction Account" to which shall be deposited the proceeds of Notes of the corresponding series issued to pay Project Costs of Eligible Projects. The accounts and subaccounts of the Taxable Note Construction Fund shall be held by a Depository. Money deposited in the Taxable Note Construction Fund shall remain therein until from time to time expended to pay for Project Costs of Eligible Projects, and shall not be used for any other purposes whatsoever, except as otherwise provided below, and pending such expenditure, money in the Taxable Note Construction Fund may be invested at the direction of an Authorized Representative in Eligible Investments. Any income received from such investments shall be deposited into the Taxable Note Construction Fund for further deposit to the account or subaccount from which such investment earnings were derived.
- designated by an Authorized Representative as eligible to pay interest during construction and thereafter may be transferred from time to time at the direction of an Authorized Representative to the credit of the appropriate account or subaccount of the Taxable Note Payment Fund for use in accordance with the terms of Section 2.9 hereof. Any amounts remaining in the Taxable Note Construction Fund after the payment of all Project Costs shall be paid into the Taxable Note Payment Fund (for further deposit to the appropriate account or subaccount related to the corresponding series of Notes from which such proceeds were derived) and used for the payment of such maturities of the Notes coming due at such times as may be selected by an Authorized Representative or for the payment of the Loan Notes, as the case may be; provided, however, that, in the event there are then in effect multiple Credit Agreements and there have been issued multiple series of Notes, such amounts will be used to pay all Loan Notes arising under the Credit Agreement or Credit Agreements, respectively, relating to the series of Notes from which such

remaining proceeds were originally derived. In the event no Notes are outstanding and there are no outstanding Loans, any amounts in the Taxable Note Construction Fund not anticipated to be needed to pay Project Costs shall be transferred, upon direction of an Authorized Representative, to the System Fund established by the Senior Lien Obligations Ordinances. For the avoidance of doubt, and except as specified in Section 2.10(b)(iv), funds held in the Taxable Note Construction Fund are not pledged as security for repayment of any Notes or Loan Notes or amounts from time to time owed under any Credit Agreement.

(c) In addition to the accounts and subaccounts created in Section 2.12(a), the City hereby authorizes, within the Taxable Note Construction Fund and at the direction of an Authorized Representative, the creation and establishment of one or more accounts and subaccounts to provide one account or subaccount to relate to each series of Notes with respect to which the City has entered into a particular Credit Agreement and into which proceeds of Notes from such series issued to pay Project Costs of Eligible Projects are to be deposited.

SECTION 2.13 CANCELLATION. All Notes which at maturity are surrendered to the applicable Issuing and Paying Agent and Registrar for the collection of the principal and interest thereon or are surrendered for transfer or exchange pursuant to the provisions hereof shall, upon payment or issuance of new Notes, be canceled by such Issuing and Paying Agent and Registrar, and such Issuing and Paying Agent and Registrar forthwith shall transmit to the Board as agent of the City a certificate identifying such Notes and that such Notes have been duly canceled and destroyed.

SECTION 2.14 FISCAL AND OTHER AGENTS. In furtherance of the purposes of this Ordinance, the City may from time to time appoint and provide for the payment of such additional fiscal, paying or other agents or trustees as it may deem necessary or appropriate in connection with the Notes.

SECTION 2.15 LIQUIDITY AGREEMENTS. The Liquidity Agreement initially entered into to provide liquidity support for the Program Notes attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby approved, and shall be entered into with the Bank identified therein. The form of the Loan Notes contained in the Liquidity Agreement is also approved, including the interest rate thereon to be determined as set forth in the Liquidity Agreement. Each Authorized Representative is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Liquidity Agreement and any other documents called for thereunder. In addition, the Mayor and City Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver any Loan Note related to such Liquidity Agreement. The City Secretary is authorized to place the City seal on any and all of the foregoing instruments.

The City hereby finds that the Liquidity Agreement is a Credit Agreement hereunder relating, to the series of Program Notes identified therein. The payment of the respective fees identified in the Fee Letter and the other costs, expenses, and taxes described in such Liquidity Agreement, as well as the timing of such payments, is hereby authorized from funds on deposit in the appropriate account or subaccount of the Taxable Note Payment Fund lawfully available to the Board for the payment thereof. When required, any "request for extension" (or other document having similar effect, in accordance with the terms of the Liquidity Agreement) shall be delivered to each rating agency then providing a rating on Program Notes simultaneously with the delivery to the applicable Bank, and the City will promptly provide to each such rating agency a copy of

any "notice of extension" (or other document having similar effect, in accordance with the terms of the Liquidity Agreement) it receives or notice that no extension was given.

The Board is hereby authorized to enter into any agreement supplemental to a Liquidity Agreement with the Bank, as an Authorized Representative may deem appropriate. An Authorized Representative may agree with the Bank and the Board, to add additional banking institutions as a Bank under any Liquidity Agreement; provided, however, that such action shall not cause the then existing rating by each rating agency then providing a rating on the Notes, to be reduced, as evidenced by a letter from the respective rating agency confirming the rating of such Notes of the applicable series prior to such action.

SECTION 2.16 RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN CREDIT AGREEMENTS. The City hereby authorizes any Authorized Representative to enter into Credit Agreements, whether as an extension of any existing Liquidity Agreement, in substitution for any Liquidity Agreement or in addition to an existing Liquidity Agreement, in conjunction with the issuance, payment, sale, resale or exchange of Notes (and payment of amounts existing thereunder and as may be evidenced by one or more Loan Notes, which may be on a parity with the Notes) when determined to be advantageous to or desirable by the Authorized Representative, at the request of the Board, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) each Credit Agreement must be in substantially the same form as the Liquidity Agreement approved pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance and attached hereto as Exhibit A;
- (b) the maximum amount of liquidity provided pursuant to the terms of any Credit Agreement shall not exceed the Program Capacity (measured as the maximum aggregate principal amount of Notes at any one time outstanding plus interest thereon at the Maximum Interest Rate for a period not more than 364 days);
- (c) the maximum interest rate borne by any obligations owed pursuant to the terms of any Credit Agreement shall not exceed the Maximum Interest Rate;
- (d) the maximum term of any Credit Agreement shall not exceed the Maximum Maturity Date;
- (e) a determination by an Authorized Representative that entering into any such Credit Agreement shall not result in default or breach of covenants relating to the Program Note (including the terms of outstanding Notes or Loan Notes or any then-existing Credit Agreement that remains in effect after the effectiveness of the new or extended Credit Agreement) and that entering into the subject Credit Agreement complies with applicable law; and
- (f) evidence from each rating agency then providing a rating on the series of Notes to which such Credit Agreement relates and that were outstanding before and after the effective date of such extension, substitution, or addition, that the existing rating on such series of Notes is not impacted by such extension, substitution, or addition.

ARTICLE III

ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES

SECTION 3.1 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES.

- (a) The Program Notes shall be completed and delivered by the applicable Issuing and Paying Agent in accordance with computer (electronic mail) or written instructions of an Authorized Representative in the manner specified below and in the Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement or Credit Agreement, as applicable. Said instructions shall specify such principal amounts, Note Dates, dates of issue, maturities, rates of discount or interest, and other terms and conditions which are hereby authorized and permitted to be fixed by an Authorized Representative at the time of sale of the Program Notes. Such instructions shall include the purchase price of the Program Notes, and a request that the applicable Issuing and Paying Agent authenticate such Program Notes by counter signature of its authorized officer or employee and deliver them to the named purchaser or purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment in accordance with the custom then prevailing in the New York financial market in regard to such Program Notes. By delivery of such instructions, the City represents that:
 - (i) all action on the part of the City necessary for the valid issuance of the Program Notes then to be issued has been taken:
 - (ii) all provisions of Texas law necessary for the valid issuance of such Program Notes have been complied with, and that such Program Notes in the hands of the Holders thereof will be valid and enforceable obligations of the City according to their terms, subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with general principles of equity and bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors, rights heretofore or hereafter enacted to the extent constitutionally applicable;
 - (iii) reserved;
 - (iv) no Event of Default under Section 5.1 hereof has occurred and is continuing as of the date of such instructions;
 - (v) the City is in compliance with the covenants set forth in Article IV hereof as of the date of such instructions;
 - (vi) the Board as agent of the City has been advised by Bond Counsel that the projects to be financed with the proceeds of the Program Notes will constitute Eligible Projects; and
 - (vii) the sum of the interest payable on such Program Notes will not exceed a yield (calculated on the principal amount of the Program Notes based on the actual number of days elapsed and a 365-day or 366-day year or 360-day year (comprised of twelve 30 day months), as may be applicable,) to the maturity date of such Program Notes in excess of the Maximum Interest Rate in effect on the date of issuance of such Program Notes.

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(b) Any Loan Note, as applicable, shall be or have been delivered to the applicable Bank, as applicable, and indebtedness may be incurred thereunder in accordance with the terms of the applicable Credit Agreement.

Notwithstanding Subsection (a) above, to the extent Notes of a particular series are being directly purchased by or privately placed with a Bank, the contents of the instructions may be specified in the related Credit Agreement.

SECTION 3.2 PROCEEDS OF SALE OF NOTES. The proceeds of the sale of any Notes (net of all expenses and costs of sale and issuance) shall be applied for any or all of the following purposes as directed by an Authorized Representative:

- (i) Proceeds to be used for the payment and redemption of outstanding Notes at or before maturity and the repayment of any Loans (evidenced by the applicable Loan Note) or other amounts due under the applicable Credit Agreement shall be deposited in the applicable account or subaccount of the Taxable Note Payment Fund, and expended therefor; and
- (ii) Proceeds not deposited in the Taxable Note Payment Fund as provided in subparagraph (i) above shall be deposited to the applicable account or subaccount of the Taxable Note Construction Fund and used and applied in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.12 hereof.

SECTION 3.3 ISSUING AND PAYING AGENCY AGREEMENT. The initial Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement for the Notes will be the Note Purchase Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the Mayor and each Authorized Representative is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same for and on behalf of the City and, in connection with the execution thereof, approve such changes, additions, or amendments thereto as may be necessary and proper to carry out the purpose and intent of such Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement. The Board, on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to enter into any supplemental agreements with any Issuing and Paying Agent or with any successor Issuing and Paying Agent for any series of Notes in order to implement the functions of Issuing and Paying Agent or Registrar with respect to the Notes and to have any Authorized Representative execute and deliver such document, and any other documents called for thereunder, for and on behalf of the City and the Board.

ARTICLE IV

COVENANTS OF THE CITY

SECTION 4.1 LIMITATION ON ISSUANCE. Unless this Ordinance is amended and modified by the City Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.1 hereof, the City covenants that there will not be issued and outstanding at any time under this Ordinance more than \$100,000,000 in principal amount of Notes; subject, however, to the provision below regarding the Available Commitment. For purposes of this Section 4.1 any portion of outstanding Notes to be paid on a particular day from money on deposit in the Taxable Note Payment Fund, the Taxable Bank Note Fund, and available proceeds of Notes or Bonds shall not be considered outstanding on

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such day. Additionally, the City covenants and agrees that the total principal amount of all Notes of a particular series outstanding at any one time shall not exceed the sum total of the Available Commitment then applicable to such series of Notes.

SECTION 4.2 RATES AND CHARGES. The City hereby agrees and covenants to the holders of the Senior Lien Obligations and covenants to the Holders of the Notes and the Loan Notes that it will at all times maintain rates and charges for the services furnished, provided, and supplied by the System which shall comply with the provisions of the Senior Lien Obligations Ordinances, and produce income and revenues sufficient:

- (a) to pay Maintenance and Operating Expenses;
- (b) to produce Net Revenues sufficient to pay (i) the principal of and interest on the Senior Lien Obligations and to make all required payments to the special funds or accounts created for the payment and security of the Senior Lien Obligations and (ii) the amounts required to be deposited in any reserve or contingency fund created for the payment and security of the Senior Lien Obligations and any other obligations or evidences of indebtedness issued or incurred that are payable from and equally and ratably secured solely by a first lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues;
- (c) to produce Net Revenues, together with any other lawfully available funds (including the proceeds of Debt which the City expects will be utilized to pay all or part of the principal and/or interest on any obligations described in this subsection (c)), sufficient to pay (i) the principal of and interest on any Subordinate Lien Obligations and any Additional Subordinate Lien Obligations and the amounts required to be deposited in any reserve or contingency fund created for the payment and security of the Subordinate Lien Obligations, any Additional Subordinate Lien Obligations; and
- (d) to pay any other Debt payable from the Net Revenues and/or secured by a lien on the System.

SECTION 4.3 SYSTEM FUND. Pursuant to Section 2.11 hereof, the City hereby reaffirms its covenant to the holders of the currently outstanding Senior Lien Obligations and hereby covenants with respect to the Holders of the Notes, that all Gross Revenues shall be deposited as received by the Board in the "City of New Braunfels, Texas Utility System Fund" (as established by the Senior Lien Obligations Ordinances and hereinafter referred to as the *System Fund*), which shall be maintained at a Depository and kept separate and apart from all other funds of the City and the Board, and monies in the System Fund shall be applied as provided in the Senior Lien Obligation Ordinances.

SECTION 4.4 PRIORITY OF DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS FROM SYSTEM FUND.

(a) The Board, on behalf of the City, shall make the deposits and payments from the Pledged Revenues and/or Net Revenues in the System Fund when and as required by the Senior Lien Obligations Ordinances, and such deposits shall be made in the order and with the priorities set forth in the Senior Lien Obligations Ordinances. All Net Revenues to be applied by the Board for the payment of (i) principal and/or interest on any Notes or (ii) principal and/or interest on

any Loan Notes and amounts from time to time due and owing under a related Credit Agreement (which are considered Subordinate Lien Obligations), shall be deposited into the Taxable Note Payment Fund for the payment of principal of and/or interest on Notes when due and to the Taxable Bank Note Fund (being the fund created and established under Subsection (b) below), if and when necessary, to pay when due those City obligations specified in Subsection (b) below.

(b) There is hereby created and there shall be established and maintained on the books of the Board at a Depository a separate fund to be known as the "Taxable Bank Note Fund" for the sole benefit of the Loan Notes and the Bank under the related Credit Agreement. All Net Revenues, to be applied by the Board in the manner specified in Subsection (a) above, for the payment, when due, of principal of and/or interest on the Loan Notes and amounts owed from time to time under the related Credit Agreement shall be deposited into the Taxable Bank Note Fund.

The City hereby authorizes, within the Taxable Bank Note Fund and at the direction of an Authorized Representative, the creation and establishment of one or more accounts to provide for one account to relate each series with respect to which the City has entered into a particular Credit Agreement.

SECTION 4.5 MAINTENANCE OF AVAILABLE CREDIT FACILITIES REQUIREMENT.

- The City agrees and covenants that at all times up to and including the Maximum (a) Maturity Date, unless the Notes are no longer outstanding, it will maintain one or more Credit Agreements with Banks in amounts such that, assuming that all then outstanding Notes of a particular series were to become due and payable immediately, the amount available for borrowing under the Credit Agreement or Credit Agreements applicable to such series of Notes would be sufficient at that time to pay the principal of all Notes of such series. However, the City reserves the right to provide internal liquidity for the Notes payable from the lawfully available cash balances. Such obligation to draw on its own funds prior to entering into a Loan pursuant to the terms of the applicable Credit Agreement will be in accordance with the provisions specified in such Credit Agreement. No Note shall be issued which if, after giving effect to the issuance thereof and, if applicable, the immediate application of the proceeds thereof to retire other Notes of such series secured by each Credit Agreement, the aggregate principal amount of all Notes of such series secured by each Credit Agreement would exceed the amount of the credit commitment under each Credit Agreement. The availability for borrowing of such amounts under each Credit Agreement may be subject to reasonable conditions precedent, including but not limited to, bankruptcy of the City. In furtherance of the foregoing covenant, the City agrees that it will not issue any Notes of a particular series or make any borrowings which will result in a violation of such covenant, will not amend any Credit Agreements then in effect in a manner which will cause a violation of such covenant and, if and to the extent necessary to maintain compliance with such covenant, will arrange for an alternate Credit Agreement prior to, or contemporaneously with, the expiration of an existing Credit Agreement.
 - (b) The City hereby approves the Liquidity Agreement related to the Program Notes.

(c) The Liquidity Agreement currently satisfies the covenant contained in the first sentence of paragraph (a) above with respect to Available Commitments that supports the issuance of up to \$100,000,000 in aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding of Program Notes. Notwithstanding this Available Commitment, currently in an amount equal to the maximum principal component of the Program Capacity, the City expressly reserves (and delegates to an Authorized Representative) the ability to alter the Available Commitment under any applicable Credit Agreement; to deliver an additional Credit Agreement; provide an alternate Credit Agreement related to any series of Notes, so long as the aggregate Available Commitments do not exceed the amount needed to support \$100,000,000 in aggregated principal amount of the Notes, enter into and execute a Fee Letter related to an additional or alternate Credit Agreement; modify an existing Fee Letter related to an existing Credit Agreement; and do anything necessary or advisable related to the Notes and to otherwise engage in any action to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance; provided, however, that any substitution, extension, or addition of a then-existing Credit Agreement shall require demonstration of compliance with Section 2.16 hereof.

SECTION 4.6 BONDS. The City hereby acknowledges that the Notes are being issued as bond anticipation notes, and therefore the City in good faith shall endeavor to sell a sufficient principal amount of the Bonds in order to have funds available, together with other money available therefor, to pay the Notes and the interest thereon, or any renewals thereof, as the same shall become due and other amounts, including Loan Notes and interest thereon, due under the Credit Agreements from time to time valid and in effect.

SECTION 4.7 PUNCTUAL PAYMENT. The Board on behalf of the City will punctually pay or cause to be paid the principal of and interest, if any, on the Notes (but only from the sources pledged herein), in conformity with the Notes, Loan Notes, this Ordinance, and any Credit Agreement.

SECTION 4.8 RESERVED.

SECTION 4.9 OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL. The City shall cause the legal opinion of Bond Counsel as to the validity of the Notes to be furnished to any Noteholder without cost. In addition, a copy of said opinion may be printed on each of the Notes.

SECTION 4.10 RESERVED.

SECTION 4.11 RESERVED.

SECTION 4.12 COMPLIANCE WITH BOND ORDINANCES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS. The City and the Board will comply with the terms and provisions of the Bond Ordinances and any other ordinance or contract to which the City or the Board is a party, the non-compliance with which would materially adversely affect the ability of the Board on behalf of the City to make payments on the Notes when due.

SECTION 4.13 RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL SENIOR LIEN OBLIGATIONS, ADDITIONAL SUBORDINATE LIEN OBLIGATIONS.

- (a) Additional Senior Lien Obligations. The City hereby expressly reserves the right to hereafter issue Additional Senior Lien Obligations in accordance with the provisions of the Senior Lien Obligations Ordinances, payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System prior in right and claim to the lien and pledge securing the payment of any Subordinate Lien Obligations or obligations with a pledge of the Net Revenues inferior and subordinate to the pledge of the Net Revenues to the Subordinate Lien Obligations.
- (b) <u>Additional Subordinate Lien Obligations</u>. The City hereby reserves, the right to issue, at any time, obligations payable from and equally and ratably secured, in whole or in part, by a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues, subordinate and inferior in rank and dignity to the lien on and the pledge of such Net Revenues securing the payment of the Senior Lien Obligations issued from time to time by the City or obligations with a pledge of the Net Revenues on a parity with or inferior and subordinate to the pledge of the Net Revenues to the Subordinate Lien Obligations, as may be authorized by the laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION 4.14 MAINTENANCE OF ISSUING AND PAYING AGENT. The City will, and with respect to each series of Notes, at all times maintain an issuing and paying agent in the State of Texas, meeting the qualifications herein described, for the performance of the duties of the Issuing and Paying Agent for any series of Notes hereunder. The Issuing and Paying Agent for any series of Notes may be removed from its duties hereunder at any time with or without cause by action of an Authorized Representative and not less than 30 days' notice to each Holder specifying the substitution of another Issuing and Paying Agent for such affected series of Notes, the effective date thereof, and the address of such successor Issuing and Paying Agent, but no such removal shall become effective until such successor shall have accepted the duties of the Issuing and Paying Agent for such affected series of Notes hereunder by written instrument.

Each Issuing and Paying Agent appointed hereunder shall at all times be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority, registered as a transfer agent with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and having an office in the State of Texas. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually pursuant to law or to the requirements of such supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published.

ARTICLE V

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES OF NOTEHOLDERS

SECTION 5.1 EVENTS OF DEFAULT. If one or more of the following events shall occur, that is to say:

(a) if default shall be made in the due and punctual payment of any installment of principal of any Note when and as the same shall become due and payable, whether at maturity as therein expressed, by declaration or otherwise;

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- (b) if the City shall fail to make due and punctual payment of any installment of interest on any Note when and as such interest installment shall become due and payable and such failure shall continue for five (5) Business Days;
- (c) if applicable under a Credit Agreement at such time valid and in effect, if the Bank has delivered to the Issuing and Paying Agent notice of an "Event of Default" under a Credit Agreement that would permit the principal of the Loan Notes (and interest accrued thereon) to be made to become due and payable pursuant to the term out provisions under the Loan Notes and the applicable Credit Agreement;
- (d) if default shall be made by the City in the performance or observance of any other of the covenants, agreements or conditions on its part in this Ordinance or in the Notes contained, and such default shall continue for a period of sixty (60) days after written notice thereof; provided, however, that if such default cannot be cured within the sixty (60) day period but corrective action to cure such default is commenced and diligently pursued until the default is corrected no such Event of Default shall be deemed to have occurred;
- (e) if there shall occur the dissolution (without a successor being named to assume the rights and obligations) or liquidation of the City or the filing by the City of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, or adjudication of the City as a bankrupt, or assignment by the City for the benefit of its creditors, or the entry by the City into an agreement of composition with its creditors, or the approval by a court of competent jurisdiction with its creditors, or the approval by a court of competent jurisdiction of a petition applicable to the City in any proceeding for its reorganization instituted under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, as amended, or under any similar act in any jurisdiction which may now be in effect or hereafter enacted; or
- (f) if an order or decree shall be entered, with the consent or acquiescence of the City, appointing a receiver or receivers of the System, or any part thereof, or of the rents, fees, charges or other revenues therefrom, or if such order or decree, having been entered without the consent or acquiescence of the City shall not be vacated or discharged or stayed within ninety (90) days after the entry thereof;

then such event as described above shall constitute an "Event of Default" under this Ordinance.

SECTION 5.2 SUITS AT LAW OR IN EQUITY AND MANDAMUS. In case one or more Events of Default shall occur, then and in every such case the Holder of any Note at the time outstanding shall be entitled to proceed to protect and enforce such Holder's rights by such appropriate judicial proceeding as such Holder shall deem most effectual to protect and enforce any such right, either by suit in equity or by action at law, whether for the specific performance of any covenant or agreement contained in this Ordinance, or in aid of the exercise of any power granted in this Ordinance, or to enforce any other legal or equitable right vested in the Holders of Notes by this Ordinance or the Notes or by law. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be a contract with each and every Holder of Notes and the duties of the City and the Board shall be enforceable by any Noteholder by mandamus or other appropriate suit, action or proceeding in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 5.3 REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE. No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Holders of Notes is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing, at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise, and may be exercised at any time or from time to time, and as often as may be necessary, by the Holder of any one or more of the Notes. The exercise of any remedy herein conferred or reserved shall not be deemed a waiver of any other available remedy.

ARTICLE VI

MANAGEMENT OF THE SYSTEM

The complete management and control of the System during such time as any Debt is outstanding shall be vested in the Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 24 of the Senior Lien Obligations Ordinances which provisions are hereby incorporated by reference and Chapter 1502, as amended, Texas Government Code.

ARTICLE VII

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 7.1 AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS.

- (a) <u>Amendments Without Consent of Holders</u>. This Ordinance and the rights and obligations of the City and the Board and of the Holders of Notes may be modified or amended at any time by a supplemental ordinance, without notice to or the consent of any Holders, but only to the extent permitted by law and any Credit Agreement, and, subject to the rights of the Holders of the Notes, only for any one or more of the following purposes:
 - (i) to add to the covenants and agreements of the City in this Ordinance contained, other covenants and agreements thereafter to be observed, or to surrender any right or power herein reserved to or conferred upon the City or the Board;
 - (ii) to cure any ambiguity or inconsistency, or to cure or correct any defective provision contained in this Ordinance, upon receipt by the City of an approving opinion of Bond Counsel that the same is needed for such purpose, and will more clearly express the intent of this Ordinance; or
 - (iii) to supplement the security for the Notes, replace or provide alternate Credit Facilities, or change the form of the Notes or make such other changes in the provisions hereof as the City may deem necessary or desirable and which shall not materially adversely affect the interests of the Holders of the Notes;
- (b) <u>Amendments Requiring Consent of All Holders</u>. Nothing herein contained shall permit or be construed to permit the amendment of the terms and conditions of this Ordinance or of the Notes so as to:
 - (i) make any change in the maturity of any of the outstanding Notes;

- (ii) reduce the rate of interest borne by any of the outstanding Notes;
- (iii) reduce the amount of the principal payable on any of the outstanding Notes;
- (iv) modify the terms of payment of principal of or interest on the outstanding Notes, or impose any conditions with respect to such payment;
 - (v) affect the rights of the Holders of less than all of the outstanding Notes; or
- (vi) give priority of payment from Net Revenues to any Note over other Notes; or
- (vii) reduce or restrict the pledge made pursuant to Section 2.10 hereof for payment of the Notes;

unless such amendment shall be approved by the Holders of all of the Notes (including any Bank as the Holder of a Loan Note) then outstanding;

- (c) <u>Amendments Requiring Consent of Bank and a Majority of Holders of Notes.</u> The City may, with the written consent of the Bank and the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding affected thereby, amend, change, modify, or rescind any provisions of this Ordinance which are otherwise not described under Section 7.1(a) or Section 7.1(b) hereof; and
- (d) Amendments Effective Upon Maturity of all Then Outstanding Notes. Whenever the City shall desire to make any amendment to or additions to or rescission of this Ordinance requiring consent of the Bank and the Holders of the Notes then outstanding, the City may adopt such amendment, addition or recession (upon prior consent of the Bank but without having to receive the consent of any Holder of then outstanding Notes) which will become effective only upon the payment in full of all such outstanding Notes.
- (e) <u>Approval of Attorney General Required</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 7.1, no change, modification or amendment shall be made in this Ordinance or become valid and effective without the approval of such change, modification or amendment by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, to the extent (but only to the extent) required by the Act.

SECTION 7.2 ADDITIONAL ACTIONS. The Mayor, the City Secretary, an Authorized Representative, and the other officers of the City and the Board are hereby authorized and directed, jointly and severally, to do any and all things necessary and to execute and deliver any and all documents which they may deem necessary or advisable in order to consummate the issuance, sale and delivery of the Notes and agreements related thereto, and to otherwise engage in any action to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance, any Credit Agreement, Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement, Fee Letter, and any additional documents related thereto. Specifically, by the adoption of this Ordinance, the City Council hereby authorizes the payment of the fees and expenses incurred and to be paid by the Board in connection with the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Notes and the execution and delivery of each Credit Agreement, Issuing and Paying Agency

Agreement, Fee Letter, and any additional agreements related to the Notes, as well as amendments to each of the foregoing, and as otherwise provided in this Ordinance.

SECURITY. In consideration of the acceptance of the Notes, the issuance of which is authorized hereunder, by those who shall hold the same from time to time, this Ordinance shall be deemed to be and shall constitute a contract between the City and the Holders from time to time of the Notes and the pledge made in this Ordinance by the City and the covenants and agreements set forth in this Ordinance to be performed by the City shall be for the equal and proportionate benefit, security and protection of all Holders of the Notes, without preference, priority or distinction as to security or otherwise of any of the Notes authorized hereunder over any of the others by reason of time of issuance, sale or maturity thereof or otherwise for any cause whatsoever, except as expressly provided in or permitted by this Ordinance or, with respect to any Loan Note, the related Credit Agreement.

SECTION 7.4 SEVERABILITY OF INVALID PROVISIONS. If any one or more of the covenants, agreements or provisions herein contained shall be held contrary to any express provisions of law or contrary to the policy of express law, though not expressly prohibited, or against public policy, or shall for any reason whatsoever be held invalid, then such covenants, agreements or provisions shall be null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining covenants, agreements or provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of any of the other provisions hereof or of the Notes issued hereunder.

SECTION 7.5 PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE ON BUSINESS DAYS. Unless otherwise provided by the applicable Credit Agreement, whenever under the terms of this Ordinance or the Notes, the performance date of any provision hereof or thereof, including the payment of principal of or interest on the Notes, shall occur on a day other than a Business Day, then the performance thereof, including the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes, need not be made on such day but may be performed or paid, as the case may be, on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the date of performance or payment, and no interest shall accrue on such payments in the interim.

SECTION 7.6 DEFEASANCE. If, when all or any portion of the Notes shall have become due and payable in accordance with their terms or otherwise as provided in this Ordinance, the entire principal and interest so due and payable upon said Notes shall be paid, or if at or prior to the date said Notes have become due and payable, sufficient money and/or Government Securities the principal of and interest on which will provide sufficient money for such payment, shall be held in trust by an authorized escrow agent and provision shall also be made for paying all other sums payable hereunder by the City with respect to said Notes, the pledge herein created with respect to said Notes shall thereupon cease, terminate and become discharged and said Notes shall no longer be deemed outstanding for purposes of this Ordinance and all the provisions of this Ordinance relating to the Notes, including all covenants, agreements, liens and pledges made herein for the benefit thereof, shall be deemed duly discharged, satisfied and released. Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to effectuating a defeasance of Notes pursuant to this Section, the City shall have first received written notification from each rating agency then providing a rating on the affected Notes that the contemplated Note defeasance will not result in a reduction or withdrawal of such Note rating.

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SECTION 7.7 LIMITATION OF BENEFITS WITH RESPECT TO THE ORDINANCE. With the exception of the rights or benefits herein expressly conferred, nothing expressed or contained herein or implied from the provisions of this Ordinance or the Notes is intended or should be construed to confer upon or give to any person other than the City, the Board, Bond Counsel, the Holders of the Notes, any Issuing and Paying Agent and Registrar, and the parties to the Credit Agreement, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of or in respect to this Ordinance or any covenant, condition, stipulation, promise, agreement or provision herein contained. This Ordinance and all of the covenants, conditions, stipulations, promises, agreements and provisions hereof are intended to be and shall be for and inure to the sole and exclusive benefit of the City, the Board, Bond Counsel, the Holders of the Notes, any Issuing and Paying Agent and Registrar and the respective parties to each Credit Agreement as herein and therein provided.

SECTION 7.8 RESERVED.

SECTION 7.9 APPROVAL OF ATTORNEY GENERAL. No Notes herein authorized to be issued shall be sold or delivered by an Authorized Representative until the Attorney General of the State of Texas shall have approved this Ordinance, the Note Purchase Agreement, and other agreements and proceedings as may be required in connection therewith, all as required by the Act.

SECTION 7.10 RESERVED.

SECTION 7.11 NOTICE TO RATING AGENCIES. Any notices required to be delivered hereunder shall also be provided to each rating agency at such time providing a rating on the Notes. Such notices shall be given to each rating agency utilizing the following contact information: (1) Moody's Investors Service, Inc., 7 World Trade Center, 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007, Attention: Public Finance Group—Texas Local Ratings; (2) S&P Global Ratings, 55 Water Street, 38th Floor, New York, New York 10041, Attention: Municipal Structured Finance; and (3) Fitch Ratings, Inc., 33 Whitehall Street, New York, New York, 10004, Attention: Municipal Structured Finance.

SECTION 7.12 PREAMBLE. The preamble to this Ordinance shall be considered an integral part of this Ordinance, and is herein incorporated as part of the body of this Ordinance for all purposes.

SECTION 7.13 FURTHER PROCEDURES. The officers and employees of the City are hereby authorized, empowered and directed from time to time and at any time to do and perform all such acts and things and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver in the name and under the corporate seal and on behalf of the City all such instruments, whether or not herein mentioned, as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the terms and provisions of this Ordinance, the initial sale and delivery of the Program Notes, any Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement, any Credit Agreement and amendments thereto. In addition, prior to the initial delivery of the Program Notes, the Mayor, the City Manager or Assistant City Manager, the City Attorney, any Authorized Representative, and Bond Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to approve any technical changes or corrections to this Ordinance or to any of the instruments authorized and approved by this Ordinance necessary in order to (i) correct any ambiguity or mistake or properly or more

completely document the transactions contemplated and approved by this Ordinance and as described in the Offering Memorandum, (ii) obtain a rating from any of the national bond rating agencies, or (iii) obtain the approval of the Program Notes by the Texas Attorney General's office. In case any officer of the City whose signature shall appear on any certificate shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such certificate, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if such officer had remained in office until such delivery.

SECTION 7.14 DELEGATION AUTHORITY. Furthermore, though such parties may be identified, and the entry into a particular contract may be authorized, herein, pursuant to the Act, and any other applicable law, the City Council hereby delegates to any Authorized Representative the authority to independently select the counterparty to any contract that is determined by such party, NBU's Financial Advisor, or NBU's Bond Counsel to be necessary or incidental to the issuance of the Notes.

SECTION 7.15 CITY'S CONSENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION TO THE TEXAS MAC. The Municipal Advisory Council of Texas (the *Texas MAC*), a non-profit membership corporation organized exclusively for non-profit purposes described in section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code and which serves as a comprehensive financial information repository regarding municipal debt issuers in Texas, requires provision of written documentation regarding the issuance of municipal debt by the issuers thereof. In support of the purpose of the Texas MAC and in compliance with applicable law, the City hereby consents to and authorizes any Authorized Representative, NBU's Bond Counsel, and/or NBU's Financial Advisor to provide to the Texas MAC information and documentation requested by the Texas MAC relating to the Notes. This consent and authorization relates only to information and documentation that is a part of the public record concerning the issuance of the Notes.

SECTION 7.16 EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage on the date shown below as provided in Texas Government Code, Section 1201.028, as amended.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of March, 2021.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

	Ву:		
	Mayor		
ATTEST:			
City Secretary			
APPROVED AS TO FORM:			
City Attorney			
(CITY SEAL)			

EXHIBIT A

Liquidity Agreement