ORDINANCE NO. 26-0004

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 19-0004 ESTABLISHING CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CITY WATER SYSTEM

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public drinking water supply from contamination or pollution due to backflow, back siphonage, and cross-connections. This ordinance is adopted in accordance with applicable Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations and Texas Administrative Code requirements governing public water systems.

SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY

This ordinance shall apply to all residential, commercial, industrial, irrigation, and fire protection connections served by the City water system.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

Backflow – The undesirable reversal of flow of water or mixtures of water and other substances into the potable water supply.

Cross-Connection – Any physical connection between a potable water supply and a non-potable source.

Backflow Prevention Assembly – An approved device installed to prevent backflow into the public water system.

BPAT – A Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester licensed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

SECTION 4. BACKFLOW PREVENTION REQUIRED

A. Approved backflow prevention assemblies shall be installed wherever an actual or potential contamination hazard exists.

B. The City may require installation of an approved backflow prevention assembly at any service connection where a cross-connection hazard is identified.

C. The type of assembly required shall be determined by the degree of hazard presented to the public water supply and / or a Customer Service Inspection (CSI).

D. The City reserves the right to require that a backflow prevention assembly be installed at or near the water meter, on the customer side of the service connection, whenever the City

SECTION 7. EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND BENEFITS.

(a) Reserve police officers shall not be considered full-time employees of the City solely by virtue of their appointment to the Reserve Police Force.

(b) Reserve police officers shall not be eligible for participation in employee benefit programs, pension systems, or other financial benefits provided to full-time police officers unless specifically authorized by separate ordinance or state law.

(c) Reserve police officers remain subject to Chapter 1702 of the Texas Occupations Code, as applicable.

SECTION 8. COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW.

This Ordinance shall be construed and applied in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code, Texas Occupations Code, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and all other applicable laws and regulations.

SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE 11th OF JUNE 2026.

City of Trinity Mayor – Billy Goodin _____

ATTEST: City Manager – Tracy Hutto _____