

JOINT CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT

THIS JOINT CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT made the ____ day of December, 2024, between the TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH, a municipal corporation existing by and under the laws of the State of New York and having its principal place of business located at 151 Banker Road, Plattsburgh , New York, 12901 (hereinafter referred to as “Town”), and CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT; AND BASE WATER DISTRICT.

Whereas, the Town of Plattsburgh has previously established the water districts as set forth in the following chart:

Description	Year Established	#Taxable Parcels
Consolidated Water District	2008	4,143
Base Water District	2004	58

and,

Whereas, the proposed water district consolidation will involve approximately 4,201 parcels by consolidating the Consolidated Water District and the Base Water District into the consolidated water district; and,

Whereas, the proposed water district consolidation will not result in any additional costs or debts to the district residents other than those costs presently existing or hereafter incurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- a. The names of the Local Government entities to be consolidated are:
the Consolidated Water District and the Base Water District.
- b. The name of the proposed local government entity which will result from this consolidation shall be “The Town of Plattsburgh Consolidated Water District”, hereinafter referred to as “Plattsburgh Consolidated Water District”.

c. The Plattsburgh Consolidated Water District shall have the duty and obligation to furnish and to supply potable water service to the Plattsburgh Consolidated Water District.

d. The territorial boundaries of the proposed Plattsburgh Consolidated Water District of the Town of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, State of New York, are attached hereto as Schedule A.

e. The proposed Plattsburgh Consolidated Water District shall be of the type or class that would be formed as a water district pursuant to the laws of the State of New York under Articles 12 and/or 12-A of the Town Law of the State of New York. However, the proposed Plattsburgh Consolidated Water District shall be formed by the consolidation of the two original water districts, four existing outside users and two vacant parcels, which are subject to a current development application pending before the town planning board, under Article 17-A, Title 2 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. The proposed Plattsburgh Consolidated Water District shall be operated and administered by the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh in the same fashion as water districts created under Articles 12 and 12-A of the Town Law.

f. The governmental organization of the proposed Plattsburgh Consolidated Water District shall consist of the present members of the Plattsburgh Town Board and town employees assigned to work in the town's water and sewer department. The present members of the Plattsburgh Town Board, including the Supervisor, shall serve for the balance of their present terms, and upon termination of their present terms, successors shall be elected as set forth in the Town Law and Election Law of the State of New York.

Should any vacancy develop because of any reason, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the Town Law and Election Law of the State of New York.

All public employees working in the town’s water and sewer department shall be appointed by the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh and shall be selected in accordance with the Civil Service Law of the State of New York. The proposed water district consolidation does not require a transitional plan and schedule for elections and the appointments of any officials.

g. As of the date of this Joint Consolidation Agreement there is \$2,636,937.83 of indebtedness in the Base Water District and \$7,814,766.38 in the Consolidated Water District .

The Plattsburgh Consolidated Water District will result in a single budget as follows:

Debt Service	<p>The Consolidated Water District shall pay capital charges on existing debt on an ad valorem basis in the amount of \$0.4479/\$1,000.</p> <p>The Base Water District shall pay capital charges on existing debt on an ad valorem basis in the amount of \$1.2247/\$1000</p>
Operation and Maintenance	\$4.00/1000 gallons. The minimal residential and commercial rates will remain the same.

There will be a reduction in the time required to complete administrative services for the proposed consolidated water district. The cost of consolidation will equal approximately \$15,000.

h. The assets of the water districts consist of, among other items, underground infrastructure piping, water mains, pumps, water towers, water wells and associated

treatment systems, water meters, service equipment and vehicles. The Plattsburgh Consolidated Water District will have a total taxable value of approximately \$1,865,385.

i. The amount of the indebtedness or any liabilities for the two existing water districts equals \$10,451,704.00.

j. The existing assets and liabilities of each water district will be assumed by the proposed Plattsburgh Consolidated Water District. As set forth within subparagraph (g) of this proposed Joint Consolidation Agreement the amount of capital indebtedness for both water districts equals \$10,451,704.

k. The administration and uniform enforcement of local laws and ordinances, resolutions, orders and the like will be carried out in the proposed Plattsburgh Consolidated Water District during the two years following the effective date of consolidation, and be enforced in the same fashion and to the same extent as heretofore existed in the various water districts. Not later than two years following the effective date of consolidation, the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh shall adopt any new laws, ordinances, rules and regulations as may be necessary to redress any conflicts and to redress any ambiguities, if any, among the then existing laws, ordinances, rules and regulations to provide for consolidating the administrative and uniform government of the consolidated water district.

l. The effective date of the proposed consolidation shall be January 1, 2025.

m. The place or places for the public hearings on the Joint Consolidation Agreement shall be the Town Hall, Town of Plattsburgh, 151 Banker Road, Plattsburgh, New York 12901. The public hearings will be noticed and conducted pursuant to the requirements of Section 754 of the General Municipal Law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of
the date first above written.

CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT

By: _____
Michael S. Cashman, Supervisor

BASE WATER DISTRICT

By: _____
Michael S. Cashman, Supervisor

TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH, CLINTON COUNTY,
STATE OF NEW YORK

By: _____
Michael S. Cashman, Supervisor