CITY OF TANEYTOWN
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Taneytown gives the City Council power to operate and maintain a water system and take all necessary steps for the efficient operation thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Taneytown gives the City Council the powers to exercise planning and zoning authority, under which the City has established a process for granting zoning certificates and building permits which serves to regulate construction and development within the City; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the City, based on water usage demand, improvements made to the water system, and other related factors, shall reassess the formula and calculations used to calculate available water capacity; and

WHEREAS, such a re-evaluation was conducted in August 2017 by the City and its Engineer and have used such findings in the creation of Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Taneytown makes the following findings:

A. The City of Taneytown has a limited water supply. The amount of water available for allocation to new or expanded uses is provided on Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

B. It is necessary for the City of Taneytown to protect its limited water supply to allocate water capacity to existing, pending and future development within its jurisdictional boundaries to ensure the continuing economic development and stability of the City, and to ensure that development will not generate water demands which exceed available capacity.

C. Substantial harm to the public health, safety and general welfare of the City in the form of premature exhaustion of its water supply and economic hardships will result from the issuance of unlimited development approvals.

D. Under the mandate of State law, the City has adopted a Water Capacity Management Plan to guide the development, use and allocation of drinking water appropriate for use by the City and its residents. The terms of the Water Capacity Management Plan require that the City give specific attention to water allocation.

E. This Resolution is a fair and reasonable means of achieving, and substantially advances a public purpose and has been adopted to provide the controls necessary to accomplish this purpose.

F. In making these findings the City Council has reviewed the background documentation and presentations by City staff and concludes that it reasonably supports these findings.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council deem it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Taneytown to use an allocation process for water currently available for new and expanded uses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TANEYTOWN that:

1. An allocation shall be made of the existing water supply for any existing lot of record where the owner has made application for a zoning certificate for improvements to said lot and the lot conforms in all ways to the Code of the City of Taneytown, or has already received the necessary waivers, variances, or special exceptions.

2. An allocation shall be made of the existing water supply for any development project that has received approval from the Taneytown Planning and Zoning Commission and has recorded plats.

3. An allocation shall be made of the existing water supply for any development to which water capacity was addressed under the terms of a Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement.

4. The calculations used in forming this allocation plan are provided on Exhibit A.

5. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage of this Resolution.

6. This Resolution for the allocation of water supply shall expire as provided on Exhibit A.

7. Upon the expiration of this Resolution all allocations made under this Resolution, but not utilized shall be null and void. A reallocation of any existing water supply shall be made after that date by action of the Council.

8. This Resolution and the water allocation made thereunder does not in any way create a contract, agreement or other promise by the City to any party, to provide the water allocated beyond the effective dates of this Resolution. Any plans, decisions or determinations made in reliance of the allocations made in this Resolution or on the available water shown in Exhibit A are made at the parties own risk.

9. The City Staff is hereby empowered to enact policies necessary for the effective administration and enactment of the goals contained in the Resolution.

INTRODUCED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025

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CLARA J. KALMAN, CITY CLERK

PASSED THIS 12 DAY OF May 2025 BY A VOTE OF 5 COUNCILMEMBERS IN FAVOR AND 0 COUNCILMEMBERS OPPOSED.

Clara Kalman
CLARA J. KALMAN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF May 2025.

CHRISTOPHER G MILLER, MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
THIS ____DAY OF _____, 2025.

BY: _____

Exhibit A.

Resolution 2025-06
May 12, 2025
Water Allocation Plan

	EDU	GPD
Available Gallons per Day (GPD)		38,335
Allocated		
Infill	2 @ 250 gpd	500
Total Allocated		500
Available GPD Less Allocated		37,835
Projects with Preliminary Plan Approval		0
Remaining GPD		37,835

This allocation plan shall expire on **June 9, 2025**