

STATE OF TEXAS                    §  
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COUNTY OF GALVESTON        §

CONTRACT

This Contract is made by and between the County of Galveston, Texas, acting by and through its Commissioners' Court hereinafter called "County" and the City of Texas City, Texas, acting by and through its City Commission, hereinafter called "City" or "recipient".

**Whereas**, Chapter 352 of the Texas Local Government Code, "County Fire Protection" and Chapter 791 of the Government Code, "Interlocal Cooperation Act," provides authority that the Commissioners' Court may contract the governing body of a municipality to provide fire protection services to locations outside of the municipalities; and

**Whereas**, citizens residing within unincorporated areas of the County surrounding the City's city limits are in need of obtaining the services of the City to assist them in time of need; and

**Whereas**, the City is willing to make its fire protection services available to unincorporated areas of the County.

**Now, therefore, for and in consideration** of the mutual covenants expressed herein it is agreed as follows:

1. To assist the various communities located in the unincorporated areas surrounding the City's city limits, the County agrees to pay the City to be on call and make fire protection runs into the unincorporated areas of Galveston County the sum of TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/ 100 (\$22,500.00). Payment of this sum shall be made following the acceptance and execution of this Contract by both parties.
2. City agrees to make reasonable efforts to respond to requests for fire protection services in the unincorporated areas of the County surrounding the City's city limits, regardless of the source of the request.

3. City agrees to keep a record of any runs made in response to an area in the unincorporated portions of the County, and to submit, not later than July 21, 2023, a report to the County Commissioners' Court advising the Court of the runs made to unincorporated areas of the County during the period of July 15, 2022 to July 14, 2023. For each run, the City will report the date and time of the run, the distance travelled, the number of personnel who responded, and all expenses incurred by the City as determined by the most recent City financial audit in making the reported runs. The County and City acknowledge that the City's run expenses will not impact the amount payable under this Contract.
4. It is expressly agreed and understood between the parties that the County shall have no right at any time to supervise, manage, direct or control the City and its members in the performance of their services. The City shall totally decide and be responsible for the manner, means and methods by which they operate.
5. It is further agreed and understood between the parties that in accordance with §352.004 of the Local Government Code, V.T.C.A., the acts of any person who, in the act of carrying out the County's authority to provide fire protection under this agreement, furnishes fire protection to a county resident who lives outside the municipalities in the County, including the act of person who is a regular employee or fire fighter of a municipality, is considered to be the act of an agent of the County.
6. It is further agreed that the City is not liable for the acts of its employee in fighting fires outside the City under this Contract. However, it is acknowledged that the City will continue any responsibilities it may have to provide workers' compensation, to any employees who provide firefighting services under this Contract.
7. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to waive any provision contained within Chapter 74 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code of the State of Texas, commonly known as the Good Samaritan Law.
8. To the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, City agrees to indemnify and save harmless the County of Galveston, its agents, Commissioners, Boards, Officers and employees from any and all suits, actions, or claims of any character, type or description brought or made for or on account

of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person or persons arising out of or occasioned by the acts of the Fire Department, its members, deputies, agents or employees.

9. During the term of this Contract, the City agrees to:
  - a) Maintain membership in the Galveston County Firefighters Association,
  - b) Comply with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) and any other applicable Federal and State regulatory agency, and submit an annual letter stating such compliance to the Galveston County Fire Fighters Association.
  
10. Equal Employment Opportunity - The City agrees that it shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, genetic information, or veteran status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment; upgrading; demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The recipient agrees to post notices, which set forth the provisions of this non-discrimination section, in conspicuous places available to employees or applicants for employment and will, in all solicitation or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the recipient, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, genetic information, or veteran status.
  
11. Drug-Free Workplace - the City shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Drug- Free Work Place Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. § 8102, et seq.) and implementing regulations there under and maintain a drug-free work environment.
  
12. Americans With Disabilities Act - the City shall comply with all applicable terms, conditions, and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-136) and implementing regulations there under.
  
13. Nondiscrimination-the City acknowledges and agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, genetic information, or veteran status. Respondent and its subcontractors shall comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination.

These laws include, but are not limited to:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964  
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972  
The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 503  
The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504  
The Age Discrimination Act of 1975  
The Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972  
The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988

14. This Contract shall begin effective upon the execution of this document by both parties and shall terminate on September 30, 2023.
15. This Contract constitutes the only agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understanding or written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the within subject matter. The City disclaims any reliance on representations by the County that are not expressly set out in this Contract.
16. In the event any portion of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable, the unenforceable portion shall be construed in accordance with applicable law as nearly as possible to reflect the original intention of the parties. The remainder of the provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
17. Neither party's failure to enforce strict performance of any provisions of this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any provision or right. Neither the course of conduct between the parties nor trade practice shall act to modify any provision of this Agreement.
18. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and venue shall lie in Galveston County.
19. Each signatory to this Agreement certifies that he/she has been authorized by their entity to execute this Agreement.
20. This Agreement is being executed by both parties.

GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Henry  
County Judge

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr.  
Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

Attest:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dwight D. Sullivan  
County Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rhomari Leigh  
City Secretary