

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT**

THIS CONTRACT "Contract" is made and entered into on \_\_\_\_\_

by and between

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
(hereafter "County")

and

CITY OF HAWTHORNE  
(hereafter "City")

THIS PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT ("Contract") is made by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as the "County", and the City of Hawthorne hereinafter referred to as "City."

**RECITALS:**

The City desires to continue to contract with the County for the performance of public health services by the County's Department of Public Health ("Public Health"), for the County's Health Officer to act as the City's Health Officer, and for the County's Department of Public Health to serve as the City's Environmental Health Department.

The County agrees to continue performing such services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract.

This Contract is authorized by California Health and Safety Code Sections 101400 and 101405.

To effectuate public health services for the City, the County and its duly appointed Health Officer shall exercise the powers and duties that are conferred upon local health officers by law.

The County Health Officer shall fulfill the obligations and exercise the authority conferred by California Health and Safety Code Sections 101470 and 101475 within the territorial jurisdiction of the City in the performance of this Contract.

**THEREFORE, THE PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **TERM:** This Contract shall become effective upon date of execution, and replace all prior contracts for public health services between the City and County. This contract shall continue in full force and effect until June 30, 2029. Subject to Section 7 below, this Contract shall thereafter be automatically renewed for consecutive five (5) year terms, for an indefinite period, without further action by either City or County, unless City or County terminates the Contract in the manner set forth in Section 7.
  
2. **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES:** The County and the County's Health Officer shall observe and enforce within the territorial jurisdiction of the City all of the following:
  - a. Orders, quarantine, and other regulations, concerning public health, prescribed by the California Department of Public Health ("CDPH").
  - b. Statutes relating to public health.
  - c. Provisions of Los Angeles County Code, Title 11, and any amendments thereto, as adopted by City by ordinance or resolution, to the same extent as they are enforced in the unincorporated area of the County.
  
3. **DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS:**
  - a. The performance of all public health services, the standard of performance and other matters incidental to the performance of public health services and observation and enforcement of public health statutes, regulations, ordinances and CDPH orders and guidance shall be determined solely at the discretion of the County Health Officer and/or Director of County

Public Health. The control of County personnel under this Contract shall remain exclusively with the County.

- b. The County agrees to continue to perform for the City such public health services as are authorized or mandated by state laws or regulations related to public health, to be performed by the local health officer or local enforcement agency.
  - i. Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 101045, the County shall investigate health and sanitary conditions in detention facilities operated by the City, if any. County may bill and receive payment from City for inspection and reporting services in the manner provided by Paragraph 4, subsections (g) and (h) of this Contract.
  - ii. For future enactments of state law or regulation, County agrees to perform public health services that impose a specific duty or obligation on the local health officer to observe or enforce. Should future state law statutory or regulatory enactment related to public health not impose a duty or obligation on the local health officer, City may request in writing that the County perform that public health service. Should County elect to perform that discretionary public health service for City, pursuant to such City request, then County may bill and receive payment from City for inspection and reporting services in the manner provided by Section 4, subsections (g) and (h) of this Contract.
- c. The County agrees to continue to perform for the City such public health services as authorized or mandated by provisions of Title 11 of the Los Angeles County Code, and any amendments or additions thereto, that the City has adopted via ordinance or resolution.
  - i. Should the County Board of Supervisors enact future provisions to or amend existing provisions of Title 11 of the Los Angeles County Code, County will inform the City of the newly enacted provision or amendment via email to the City's Manager, and describe the

- enacted new provision or amendment and the impact to the services performed under this Contract, if any.
- ii. For future ordinances that may be enacted by the Board of Supervisors into Title 11 of the Los Angeles County Code, in order for the County to observe and enforce that enacted ordinance within the City, the City must approve the incorporation of the identical version of that new Title 11 provision into its municipal code via ordinance or by resolution of the City Council.
  - iii. Any future amendments to provisions of Title 11 of the Los Angeles County Code that exist in the City's Municipal Code at the date of the execution of this Contract, shall be incorporated by the City into its municipal code.
- d. The County shall issue public health permits and licenses to permittees located within the City and collect the fees as provided for in Los Angeles County Code, Title 8, Chapter 8.04. Such fees shall be retained by County Public Health for the benefit of County as full compensation for the services performed by the Public Health Director and County Health Officer on behalf of the City.
- i. County may, from time to time, amend or alter the public health permit or license fees charged to those individuals or entities required to obtain a public health permit or license pursuant to either state statute or Los Angeles County Code, Title 8, Chapter 8.04.
  - ii. City may not set, collect, or retain public health permit or license fees for any public health service performed by County under this Contract.
- e. For the purpose of performing said functions, County shall furnish and supply all necessary labor, supervision, equipment, and supplies necessary to provide the public health services described in this Contract and as necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare as determined by Public Health in its sole discretion. All persons employed in

the performance of public health services and functions under this Contract shall be County personnel.

**4. GENERAL TERMS:**

- a. To facilitate the performance of public health services, City and County will cooperate and assist each other to fulfill the purpose and intent of this Contract.
- b. Exhibit A of this Contract, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall provide the language of the City's Municipal Code, as amended, that reflects the City's specific adoption of Division 1 of Title 11 of the Los Angeles County Code as of the effective date of this Contract. Exhibit A may be revised to reflect any changes to the City's Municipal Code regarding Title 11 of the Los Angeles County Code.
- c. All persons employed in the performance of such public health duties, functions and services for City shall be County employees or personnel and no City employee shall be supplanted by County, and no person employed by County under this Contract shall have any City pension, civil service, or any status or right.
- d. The City shall not be called upon to assume any liability for the direct payment of any salary, wages or other compensation to any County personnel performing services hereunder for the City, or be liable for compensation to or required to indemnify any County employee for injury or sickness arising out of his or her employment.
- e. The parties have executed an Assumption of Liability Contract approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 27, 1977, and/or a Joint Indemnity Contract approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 8, 1991. Whichever of these documents the City has signed later in time is currently in effect and hereby made a part of and incorporated into this Contract by reference. In the event that the Board of Supervisors later approves a revised Joint Indemnity Contract, and the City executes the

revised contract, the subsequent contract as of its effective date shall supersede the contract previously in effect between the parties hereto.

- f. City is not required to separately reimburse County for the performance or enforcement of any City ordinance or resolution which adopts identical provisions of Los Angeles County Code, Title 11, and its amendments.
  - g. Should City request in writing additional public health services of the County, that are not required by statute, regulation or CDPH Order, or as provided in Title 11 of the Los Angeles County Code, the County may charge the City, at rates approved by the Board of Supervisors, an hourly rate that will reimburse the County for the costs for the provision of those specific public health services.
  - h. County, through its Director of Public Health, must render to City within twenty (20) calendar days after the close of each calendar month an itemized invoice which covers all extra services performed for City if such services were requested by the City in writing, during said month, and City must pay County within thirty (30) days after date of such invoice.
  - i. If a violation of public health statutes, regulations or ordinances results in a public health hazard within the City, County will notify the City Manager in writing. If the City elects to pursue legal prosecution or abatement, City shall provide to County contact information for counsel that will represent the City or the People in any legal proceeding to abate or mitigate the public health hazard. City shall bear the full cost of such proceedings. County may bill City on an hourly basis for time spent by County employees participating in such legal proceedings.
5. **NOTICES:** Notices hereunder must be in writing and may either be delivered personally or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, attention to the parties at the addresses listed below. Public Health Director, or the Director's designee, is authorized to execute all notices or demands which are required or permitted by County under this Contract.

Addresses and parties to be notified may be changed by providing at least ten (10) working days prior written notice to the other party.

A. Notices to County must be addressed as follows:

- (1) Department of Public Health  
Environmental Health – Administrative Headquarters  
5050 Commerce Drive  
Baldwin Park, California 91706  
Attention: Director, Environmental Health  
E-mail: [EHAdmin@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:EHAdmin@ph.lacounty.gov)
- (2) Department of Public Health  
Contracts and Grants Division  
5555 Ferguson Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 210  
Commerce, CA 90022  
Attention: Division Director  
Email: [contracts-grants@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:contracts-grants@ph.lacounty.gov)
- (3) Department of Public Health  
Office of the Director  
Attention: Director, Public Health  
313 North Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Email: [DPHDirector@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:DPHDirector@ph.lacounty.gov)

B. Notices to City must be addressed as follows:

- (1) City of: Hawthorne  
Attention: City Manager  
4455 West 126<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
Email: [vnorris@hawthorneca.gov](mailto:vnorris@hawthorneca.gov)  
Phone: (310) 349-2900

6. **GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE:** This Contract will be governed by, and will be construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California. City agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California or the United States Courthouse, Central District, Western Division, for all purposes regarding this Contract and further agrees and consents

that venue of any action brought under this Contract shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

7. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** The performance of services under this Contract may be terminated, with or without cause, in whole or in part, from time to time when such action is deemed by County or City to be in their own best interest. Termination of services hereunder shall be effectuated by the delivery of an advance written Notice of Termination of the entire Contract by one party to the other at least one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days prior to July 1 of the following calendar year. The termination of services may only be effective on July 1 of the calendar year, so as to assure no lapse in public health and local health officer services to the residents of City.
  
8. **ALTERATION OF TERMS/AMENDMENTS:** The body of this Contract and any Exhibits attached hereto, and documents incorporated by reference, fully expresses all understandings of the parties concerning all matters covered and shall constitute the total Contract. No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of this Contract, whether by written or verbal understanding of the parties, their officers, employees or agents, shall be valid and effective unless made in the form of a written amendment to this Contract which is formally approved and executed by the parties in the same manner as this Contract.
  
9. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS:** This Contract is by and between the County and City and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between the County and City. The employees and agents of one party shall not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Contract to be subscribed by its Director of Public Health, and Contractor has caused this Contract to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the month, day, and year first written above.

**CITY OF HAWTHORNE**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vontray Norris  
City Manager

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Ferrer, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.Ed.  
Director

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

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

ROBERT KIM, City Attorney

DAWYN R. HARRISON, County Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT  
ADMINISTRATION:  
Department of Public Health

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contracts and Grants Division

ATTEST:  
DAYNA WILLIAMS-HUNTER, City Clerk

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE)

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**Exhibit A:**  
**CITIES - HEALTH OFFICER - ADOPTION OF COUNTY CODE**  
**HAWTHORNE**

**ADOPTION OF OUR COUNTY CODE TITLE 8 & TITLE 11**

**8.04.010 Adopted.**

In accordance with the procedure designated in Sections 50001, et seq., of the Government Code of the state, there is adopted by reference as the health code of the city, that certain set of health regulations known as the "Public Health Code of the County of Los Angeles," as adopted by the board of supervisors of the county on August 25, 1959, and also entitled "Ordinance No. 7583," together with all amendments thereof or supplementary thereto adopted to date. (Ord. 1039 § 1, 1973; prior code § 9-100.)

**8.10.010 County Public Health Code and Public Health Licensing Regulations adopted.**

Regulations governing public health matters in the city are those prescribed in Division 1 of Title 11 (the County Health Code) of the Los Angeles County Code, as amended and in effect as of March 21, 2006, and Division 1 of Title 8 (Public Health Licenses) of the Los Angeles County Code, as amended and in effect as of November 18, 2010, and the same are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this chapter, subject to such amendments and additions, as set forth herein. A certified copy of Division 1 of Title 11 and Division 1 of Title 8 shall be maintained on file in the office of the city clerk for use and inspection by the public. (Ord. 1987 § 2, 2011; Ord. 1671 § 1, 1999.)

**CITY MUNICIPAL CODE EXCLUSION OF SPECIFIC PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

None