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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS, AND LA VILLA, TEXAS**

THIS Agreement is made on and entered into effective as of the 05th day of August, 2025, by and between **COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS**, by and through its Precinct 1, hereinafter referred to as (“County”), and **CITY OF LA VILLA, TEXAS** hereinafter referred to as (“City”), collectively referred to as “Parties” and pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act (“Act”), Chapter 791, et seq., Texas Government Code, as follows:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City is a municipality defined as a “Local Government” under the ACT, and a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Texas, within the boundary of Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, the County is defined as a “Local Government” under the ACT, a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the County and City, each pursuant to its statutory and constitutional authority, are responsible for maintenance and improvements to certain public roadways within their boundaries;

WHEREAS, The County is willing to include all of the City's population in the Grant Application, and the City has elected to have The City has elected to have its population included as a portion of that population of the County in the County's "Urban County" application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the applicable funding year for the Community Development Block Grant Program “CDBG”); and

WHEREAS, the County and City desire to jointly undertake a road improvement project within the La Villa municipal boundary (the “Road” or “Project”), (*See Exhibit A – La Villa Street Improvements Project map*); the road forms an integral part of the County and City road system and such improvements to the Road is in the public interest of the County and City.

WHEREAS, Parties have agreed that the Cost Estimate for the Project attached in **Exhibit B**, shall be paid through the use of Urban County Program CDBG funds identified in the City’s approved action plan, including but not limited to street improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the City shall be responsible for paying County for 100% of the labor and materials needed for the Project, by transferring action plan improvement projects and associated fund to the County of Hidalgo, by and through Commissioners Precinct #1; and (*See Exhibit B – Cost Estimate*).

WHEREAS, the County and the City are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to the Act, which authorizes local governments to contract with each other and with agencies of the state, to perform governmental functions and services under the terms of the Act; and pursuant to the Section 251.012 of the Texas Transportation Code which authorizes counties to improve roadways within the limits of a City with the City's consent.

WHEREAS, County and City have determined the Project will serve a public purpose and provide a mutual benefit to each other.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and the City, in consideration of the mutual covenants expressed hereinafter, agree as follows:

1. The parties agree to cooperate in making the necessary improvements to the roads in the
2. City of La Villa Street Improvements Project as described on **Exhibit A** attached hereto.

3. City agrees to transfer and pay the lump sum amount of available funds upon execution of this Agreement, and before work commences, equal to all of the cost of materials, labor and machinery necessary to perform the street improvements, and all other related appurtenances if funding is available. (*See Exhibit B – Estimate*).

4. In the event additional materials are needed to complete the Project, the County shall provide a cost estimate of the additional materials needed for approval by the City; additional materials will have to be paid before work on the Project continues.

5. County agrees to provide all labor, materials, and machinery necessary to perform the improvements to the Roads.

6. County will, to the extent reasonably possible, follow the County's standard specifications in improvements unless otherwise agreed in writing by both parties.

7. County and City will coordinate work schedules in order to provide for minimal disruption to the public and to the operational fiscal affairs of the parties and will complete both the Project no later than **730 days** from the execution of this Agreement.

8. **Prior Agreements.** This Agreement replaces and supersedes any and all prior agreements between County and City with respect to the Road and/or Project except for any Interlocal Agreement dated prior to this Agreement to the extent work is being performed thereunder at the time of executing this Agreement. Once ongoing work under any such previous Interlocal Agreement(s) is completed and payment is remitted such previous Interlocal Agreement shall terminate at such time.

9. **Authorization.** City has authorized County to perform the work herein described pursuant to Tex. Trans. Code §251.012.
10. **Term.** The effective date of this agreement shall be the date first written above. The term of the Agreement shall be for the time period referenced above
11. **Termination.** Either Party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to each other.
12. **Liability Insurance.** Each entity will carry sufficient liability insurance at the statutorily required limits, pursuant to the Texas Tort Claims Act.
13. **Indemnification.**
- A. By the CITY: To the extent permitted under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, the CITY agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend COUNTY, its agents, employees and officers from and against any claim, loss, damage, liability and expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred or suffered by it, by reason of any and all claims, demands or causes of action asserted or that may be asserted, against the COUNTY, for the intentional or negligent acts or omissions by the CITY, whether seeking compensatory or punitive damages, and involving, arising out of, or in any manner related to this agreement.**
- B. By the COUNTY: To the extent permitted under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, the COUNTY agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend CITY, its agents, employees and officers from and against any claim, loss, damage, liability and expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred or suffered by it, by reason of any and all claims, demands or causes of action asserted or that may be asserted, against the CITY, for the intentional or negligent acts or omissions by the COUNTY, whether seeking compensatory or punitive damages, and involving, arising out of, or in any manner related to this agreement.**
14. **Immunities.** It is expressly understood and agreed that, in the execution of this agreement, neither the City nor County waive, nor shall be deemed hereby to waive, any immunity or defense that would otherwise be available to it against claims arising in the exercising of governmental powers and functions.
15. **Conflict with Applicable Law.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the later shall prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provision of this Agreement shall be modified only to

the extent to bring them within the legal requirements and only during the times such conflict exists.

16. **No Waiver.** No waiver by any party hereto of any breach of any provisions of the Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.
17. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire contract between the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representation or agreement in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by County and City and not otherwise.
18. **Texas Law to Apply.** This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligation of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas. The parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.
19. **Notice.** Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, all notices, demands, requests or communication required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall either be (i) personally delivered against a written receipt, or (ii) sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may have been theretofore specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:

If to City of La Villa, Texas

Attention: Mayor
916 S. Mike Chapa
La Villa, Texas 78562

With copy to: La Villa, Texas

Attention: City Manager
916 S. Mike Chapa
La Villa, Texas 78562

If to County of Hidalgo: County of Hidalgo

Attention: County Judge
100 E. Cano, 2nd Floor
Edinburg, Texas 78539

With copy to: Hidalgo County Precinct 1

Attention: Commissioner, Precinct 1
1902 Joe Stephens Ave Suite 101
Weslaco, Texas 78596

Each notice, demand, request or communication, which shall be delivered or mailed in the manner described above, shall be deemed sufficiently given for all purposes at such time as it is personally delivered to the addressee or, if mailed, at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

20. **Additional Documents.** The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Agreement.
21. **Successors.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.
22. **Assignments.** This Assignment shall not be assignable.
23. **Headings.** The headings and captions contained in this Agreement are solely for convenience reference and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of any paragraph hereof.
24. **Gender and Number.** All pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, and singular shall include the plural whenever and so often as may be appropriate.
25. **Non-Discrimination.** The Agreement and all related activities shall be conducted in a manner that does not discriminate against any person on a basis prohibited by applicable law or County and City policy, including without limitation race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, disability or any other category protected under law.
26. **Governmental Purpose.** Each party hereto is entering into this Agreement for the purpose of providing for governmental services or functions and will pay for such services out of current revenues available to the paying party as herein provided.
27. **Commitment of Current Revenues Only.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the governing body of any party does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of such party under this Agreement, then any party may terminate this Agreement upon (90) days' written notice to the other party. Each of the parties hereto agrees, however, to use its best efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this

Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of each party hereto pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. §271.903

28. **Governing Provisions.** Parties shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations. A non-exclusive list of regulations commonly applicable to Federal and State grants and equipment can be found in the new 2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements.
29. **Legal Construction/Severability.** In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement will for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability will not affect any other provision thereof, and this Agreement will be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
30. **Authority to Execute.** The execution and performance of this Agreement by the Parties has been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Agreement constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of the Parties in accordance with its terms.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

WITNESS THE HANDS OF THE PARTIES effective as of the day and year first written above.

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON August, 2025. Agenda Item No. _____
Executive Office: _____

LA VILLA:

COUNTY OF HIDALGO:

Rosa Perez, Mayor

Hon. Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Office of the Criminal District Attorney,
Toribio "Terry" Palacios

Victor M. Garza, Chief Administrative Attorney