

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Contract Identification # 2020-131__

COUNTY OF WAKE

MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT is entered into this the ____ day of _____, 2020, by and between, J & D Tree Pros, Inc., a North Carolina Corporation with its principal business offices located at 1524 Old Ivey, Apex, NC 27523 (the "Contractor"), and the Town of Apex, a municipal corporation of the State of North Carolina, (the "Town"). Town and Contractor may collectively be referred to as "Parties" hereinafter.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Town, is engaged in the operation of parks, water and sewer utilities including pipes, drains, facilities, and associated equipment and infrastructure, which from time to time required maintenance, repair, installation, removal, testing, and inspection as well as other projects related to wastewater treatment and soil and erosion control; and

WHEREAS, the professional services of outside firms or consultants and/or others will from time to time in the future be needed by the Town for the services as described above; and

WHEREAS, Contractor provides professional services of the nature required by the Town and employs trained and experienced technical personnel possessing adequate knowledge, skills, and experience to provide such professional services to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Parties contemplate that the services of the Contractor will be performed in various stages in accordance with separate authorizations to be issued by the Town, and the Parties desire to set forth the basic terms of their agreement in this Master Services Agreement rather than in the separate authorizations issued by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement shall act as a base agreement under which the Parties can enter into multiple specific transactions by executing a Purchase Order and written confirmation to proceed pursuant to a Scope of Services and/or rate sheet; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that this Agreement is non-exclusive and does not require or commit the Contractor to being available to perform services until a Scope of Services is submitted, and does not preclude the Town from hiring other vendors or contractors to perform the same or similar work.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, and the premises and mutual covenants herein contained, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, hereto do contract and agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES.

The Contractor agrees to perform for the Town the following general services when requested by the Town: Tree trimming/removal and stump grinding services for multiple departments within the Town.

When service is requested by the Town, Contractor shall provide a cost estimate based on the attached rate sheet, labeled Exhibit A, titled Quote 4921, dated 2/28/2020, and a detailed Scope of Services that shall be governed by the terms of this Agreement. The Scope of Services shall reference this Agreement and this Agreement shall be incorporated into and made a part of the scope of services whether or not expressly incorporated by reference in the Scope of Services.

In the event of a conflict between the terms of a Scope of Services, quote, or estimate and this Agreement, this Agreement shall control.

2. SPECIFICATIONS.

Upon request by the Town, Contractor will provide plans and specifications prior to engaging in any services under this Agreement. Contractor hereby acknowledges that it is fully licensed to perform the work contemplated by this Agreement. In the event of a conflict between the provided plans and specifications and this Agreement, this Agreement shall control.

3. TIME OF COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION.

This Agreement shall terminate on June 30, 2023 unless terminated sooner in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Contractor shall commence and complete the work required by this Agreement in accordance with the dates provided in the Scope of Services as agreed upon by the Parties. Contractor shall immediately notify the Town of any event or circumstance that may, immediately or in the future, impede the proper and timely execution of any work so that remedial action may be taken. Contractor shall not begin any work pursuant to this Agreement or a Scope of Services until written confirmation has been provided by the Town. The Parties hereby agree that written confirmation may be provided through electronic communication from the Town. If Contractor has not satisfactorily commenced or completed the work within the times specified, the Town may declare such delay a material breach of contract and may pursue all available legal and equitable remedies. Any changes to the schedule(s) provided in the Scope of Services must be agreed to in writing by the Town and the Contractor.

4. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT OF SERVICES.

In consideration of the above services, the Town will pay the Contractor the amount authorized by the issued Purchase Order corresponding to the agreed upon Scope of Services and the attached rate sheet. As services are agreed upon pursuant to this Agreement and the associated Scopes of Service, Contractor will invoice the Town for work performed. Town has the right to require the Contractor to produce for inspection all of Contractor's records and charges to verify

the accuracy of all invoices. Town shall pay Contractor's invoices within thirty (30) days of receipt unless a bona fide dispute exists between Town and Contractor concerning the accuracy of said invoice or the services covered thereby.

5. INDEMNIFICATION.

To the extent permitted by law, the Contractor agrees to defend, pay on behalf of, indemnify, and hold-harmless the Town of Apex, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, and volunteers against any and all claims, demands, suits or losses, including all costs connected therewith, for any damages which may be asserted, claimed or recovered against or from the Town of Apex its elected or appointed officials, employees, agents, and volunteers by reason of personal injury, including bodily injury or death and/or property damage, including loss of use thereof resulting from the negligence of the Contractor.

6. APPLICABILITY OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

The Contractor shall adhere to all laws, ordinances, and regulations of the United States, the State of North Carolina, the County of Wake, and the Town of Apex in the performance of the services outlined in this contract and any attached specifications. The Parties agree that this Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina and all disputes hereunder shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

7. E-VERIFY COMPLIANCE.

The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes (E-Verify). Contractor shall require all of the Contractor's subcontractors to comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes (E-Verify).

8. QUALITY AND WORKMANSHIP.

All work shall be performed to the satisfaction of the Town. The work shall not be considered complete nor applicable payments rendered until the Town is satisfied with the services provided. Contractor shall provide services in accordance with all federal, state and local law and in accordance with all governing agency regulations and shall be held to the same standard and shall exercise the same degree of care, skill and judgment in the performance of services for the Town as is ordinarily provided by a similar professional under the same or similar circumstances at the time in North Carolina.

9. INSURANCE.

The Contractor shall maintain valid general liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000, commercial automobile liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$2,000,000,

and provide certificates of such insurance naming the Town of Apex as an *additional insured* by endorsement to the policies. If the policy has a blanket additional insured provision, the contractor's insurance shall be primary and non-contributory to other insurance. Additionally, the contractor shall maintain and show proof of workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000. The Contractor shall provide notice of cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage to the Town of Apex within 10 days of their receipt of notice from the insurance company.

All required certificates of insurance, endorsements, and blanket additional insured policy provisions are attached and considered part of this document. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the requirement of Contractor to have sufficient insurance nor the requirement that Town is named as an additional insured, shall constitute waiver of the Town's governmental immunity in any respect, under North Carolina law.

10. PRE-PROJECT SAFETY REVIEW MEETING.

If requested by the Town, the Contractor shall attend a pre-project safety review meeting with the contacting Department Head and Supervisors and Safety and Risk Manager prior to the start of work.

11. DEFAULT.

In the event of substantial failure by Contractor to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, Town shall have the right to terminate Contractor upon seven (7) days written notice in which event Contractor shall have neither the obligation nor the right to perform further services under this Agreement.

12. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE.

Town shall have the right to terminate this Agreement for the Town's convenience upon thirty (30) days written notice to Contractor. Contractor shall terminate performance of services on a schedule acceptable to the Town. In the event of termination for convenience, the Town shall pay Contractor for all services satisfactorily performed.

13. NOTICE.

Any formal notice, demand, or request required by or made in connection with this Agreement shall be deemed properly made if delivered in writing or deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, to the address specified below.

TO CONTRACTOR: J & D Tree Pros, Inc.
Daniel McMains
PO Box 853, Apex, NC 27502
info@jdtreepros.com

TO TOWN: Town of Apex
Attention: Tim Fontaine, Collections System Supervisor
PO Box 250
Apex, NC 27502

14. DELAY BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE PARTIES.

Neither Contractor nor Town shall be in default of the provisions of this Agreement for delays in performance due to forces beyond the control of the parties. "Forces beyond the control of the parties" shall mean, but is not limited to, delay caused by fire, acts of God, flood, earthquakes, storms, lightning, epidemic, war, riot, and/or civil disobedience.

15. NONWAIVER FOR BREACH.

No breach or non-performance of any term of this Agreement shall be deemed to be waived by either party unless said breach or non-performance is waived in writing and signed by the parties. No waiver of any breach or non-performance under this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or non-performance and for any such breach or non-performance each party shall be relegated to such remedies as provided by law.

16. CONSTRUCTION.

Should any portion of this Agreement require judicial interpretation, it is agreed that the Court or Tribunal construing the same shall not apply a presumption that the terms hereof shall be more strictly construed against any one party by reason of the rule of construction that a document is to be more strictly construed against the party who prepared the documents.

17. NO REPRESENTATIONS.

The parties hereby warrant that no representations about the nature or extent of any claims, demands, damages, or rights that they have, or may have, against one another have been made to them, or to anyone acting on their behalf, to induce them to execute this Agreement, and they rely on no such representations; that they have fully read and understood this Agreement before signing their names; and that they act voluntarily and with full advice of counsel.

18. SEVERABILITY.

In the event for any reason that any provision or portion of this Agreement shall be found to be void or invalid, then such provision or portion shall be deemed to be severable from the remaining provisions or portions of this Agreement, and it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions, which portions shall be given full effect as if the void or invalid provision or portion had not been included herein.

19. COUNTERPARTS.

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute one instrument.

20. MODIFICATION.

This Agreement contains the full understanding of the parties. Any modifications or addendums to this Agreement must be in writing and executed with the same formality as this Agreement.

21. BINDING EFFECT.

The terms of this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties' heirs, successors, and assigns.

22. ASSIGNMENT.

Contractor shall not assign, sublet, or transfer any rights under or interest in (including, but without limitation, monies that may become due or monies that are due) this Agreement without the written consent of the Town. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall prevent Contractor from employing such independent consultants, associates, and sub-contractors as it may deem appropriate to assist Contractor in the performance of services rendered.

23. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.

Contractor is an independent contractor and shall undertake performance of the services pursuant to the terms of this Agreement as an independent contractor. Contractor shall be wholly responsible for the methods, means and techniques of performance.

24. NON-APPROPRIATION.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the parties agree that payments due hereunder from the Town are from appropriations and monies from the Town Council and any other governmental entities. In the event sufficient appropriations or monies are not made available to the Town to pay the terms of this Agreement for any fiscal year, this Agreement shall terminate immediately without further obligation of the Town.

25. IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT CERTIFICATION.

N.C.G.S. 147-86.60 prohibits the State of North Carolina, a North Carolina local government, or any other political subdivision of the State of North Carolina from contracting with any entity that is listed on the Final Divestment List created by the North Carolina State Treasurer pursuant to N.C.G.S. 147-86.58. N.C.G.S. 147-86.59 further requires that contractors with the State, a North Carolina local government, or any other political subdivision of the State of North Carolina must not utilize any subcontractor found on the State Treasurer's Final Divestment List. As of the date of execution of this Agreement the Contractor hereby certifies that the Contractor is not listed on the Final Divestment List created by the North Carolina State Treasurer and that the Contractor will not utilize any subcontractors found on the Final Divestment List.

26. ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

The Contractor warrants and agrees that no labor supplied by the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors in the performance of this Agreement shall be obtained by means of deception, coercion, intimidation or force, or otherwise in violation of North Carolina law, specifically Article 10A, Subchapter 3 of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, Human Trafficking.

27. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE.

Pursuant to Article 40 of Chapter 66 of the North Carolina General Statutes (the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act) this Agreement and all documents related hereto containing an electronic or digitized signature are legally binding in the same manner as are hard copy documents executed by hand signature. The Parties hereby consent to use electronic or digitized signatures in accordance with the Town's Electronic Signature Policy and intend to be bound by the Agreement and any related documents. If electronic signatures are used the Agreement shall be delivered in an electronic record capable of retention by the recipient at the time of receipt.

In witness thereof, the contracting parties, by their authorized agents, affix their signatures and seals this 11 day of March, ~~2019~~
2020

Contractor

Town of Apex

Name: J+D Tree Pros

Andrew L. Havens, Town Manager

By: Denise Patterson
(Signature)

Title: Secretary

Attest:

(Secretary, if a corporation)

Attest:

Town Clerk

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Finance Director



J & D Tree Pros Inc.

PO Box 853 | Apex NC 27502
 919-467-7997 | info@jdtreepros.com | jdtreepros.com

RECIPIENT:

***Town of Apex**
 P.O. Box 250
 Apex, NC 27502
 Phone: 919-372-7478

Quote #4921

Sent on 02/28/2020

Total \$0.00

SERVICE ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 250
 Apex, NC 27502

PRODUCT / SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
zzz Services	Itemized Breakdown for Annual Contract Pricing 2020 - 2021 for each crew depending on what equipment it will take to clear easement.	\$0.00*
zzz Services	Manual Crew - 5 Men Equipment - Bucket truck, 18" Chipper and Chipper Truck Monday - Friday from 7:30 am - 5pm \$425/hr with 1.5 hr minimum After hours for emergency work after 5:00 pm \$485/hr with 1.5 hr minimum	\$0.00*
zzz Services	Smaller Manual Crew - 3 Men for broke limbs Equipment - Bucket truck, 18" Chipper Monday - Friday from 7:30 am - 5pm \$335/hr with 1.5 hr minimum After hours for emergency work after 5:00 pm \$365/hr with 1.5 hr minimum	\$0.00*
zzz Services	Crane Crew - 6 Men Equipment - 90 Ton Crane(with 150' maximum reach, 17 Ton Knuckleboom, 18" Chipper and 2 Chipper Trucks, Counterweight truck Monday - Friday from 7:30 am - 5pm \$670/hr with 4 hr minimum After hours for emergency work after 5:00 pm \$775/hr with 4 hr minimum	\$0.00*
zzz Services	Crane Crew - 6 Men Equipment - 110 Ton Crane(with 200' maximum reach, 17 Ton Knuckleboom, 18" Chipper and 2 Chipper Trucks, 18 wheeler Counterweight truck Monday - Friday from 7:30 am - 5pm \$870/hr with 4 hr minimum After hours for emergency work after 5:00 pm \$980/hr with 4 hr minimum	\$0.00*
zzz Services	Grind the stumps to approximately 4" below ground level. This does not include removal of grindings. Under 14" - \$100 14" - 28" - \$150 28" and larger - \$180 and up depending on size and mass.	\$0.00*



J & D Tree Pros Inc.

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Total

\$0.00

* Non-taxable

J&D Tree Pros, Inc. will be held harmless should the customer fail to inform us of any underground utilities that could cause damage due to the weight of the machinery, trees hitting the ground or stump grinding. This includes but is not limited to water & sewer lines, septic tanks, driveways, underground dog fences and sprinkler systems. Payments by check, online checking or with credit card.