

A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BANNING, THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO SHARE THE COST OF A FIRE ENGINE COMPANY

THIS AGREEMENT, was made and entered into this day _____ of _____, 2021, by and between the County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California, on behalf of the Fire Department, (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY") and the City of Banning and the City of Beaumont, duly created cities (hereinafter referred to as "CITIES"). And hereinafter may collectively be referred to as the "Parties".

SECTION I: PURPOSE

A. The COUNTY has contracted with the City of Banning, individually pursuant to that certain Cooperative Agreement to provide fire protection, disaster preparedness and response, fire prevention, rescue, hazardous materials mitigation, technical rescue response, medical emergency services, and public service assists for the City of Banning, dated June 26, 2018, by and between the City of Banning and the County of Riverside (the "Banning Cooperative Agreement").

B. The COUNTY has contracted with the City of Beaumont, individually pursuant to that certain Cooperative Agreement to provide fire protection, disaster preparedness and response, fire prevention, rescue, hazardous materials mitigation, technical rescue response, medical emergency services, and public service assists for the City of Beaumont, dated June 12, 2018, by and between the City of Beaumont and the County of Riverside (the "Beaumont Cooperative Agreement").

C. The CITIES and COUNTY desire to enter into a cost sharing agreement for one (1) fire engine company which will be of mutual benefit for all involved agencies. The CITIES and COUNTY agree that the current fire engine company provides service to the City of Banning as well as to the City of Beaumont and unincorporated territory of the County.

D. The City of Beaumont and COUNTY desire to contribute among the participating parties, with *each party paying one-third (1/3) of the fire engine staffing costs.*

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED as follows:

SECTION II: COOPERATIVE OPERATIONS

Emergency Responses: The fire engine shall be dispatched, when available, to all emergencies within the jurisdictions of the CITIES and COUNTY.

SECTION III: COST SHARE

The Parties agree the cost of the fire engine shall be billed to CITIES by the COUNTY within the normal quarterly billing pursuant to the CITIES respective Cooperative Agreements and the cost will be shown as a line item on that bill. The total amount due under this Agreement by each party will be invoiced on a pro-rata share basis on each party's respective quarterly billing. The CITIES will receive an estimated cost of the fire engine staffing based on the top step salaries of the personnel assigned to the fire engine 20, at the first of the fiscal year. The cost pool of the fire engine staffing costs shall consist of the salaries, benefits, administrative costs of Full Time Employees, and Medic Support Services costs of One (1) Fire Captains, One (1) Fire Apparatus Engineers, One (1) Fire Apparatus Paramedic, Two (2) Firefighter Paramedics, and Three (3) Firefighters.

In the event that the City of Banning secures and receives money from additional funding sources which it allocates to the services described herein, City of Banning shall give COUNTY notice within thirty (30) days, or within a reasonable time thereof, of the amount received. COUNTY will seek reimbursement on behalf of the COUNTY and the City of Beaumont by separate invoice.

SECTION IV: TERM

The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024. Any party to this Agreement may terminate this Agreement by providing a written notice of termination to the other party's hereto no less than one (1) year prior to the expiration of the term hereof. If such notice is given unilaterally by COUNTY except any notice issued because of actions of CAL FIRE or CITIES, COUNTY agrees to continue to provide Fire Services to CITIES until such time as CITIES has a reasonable opportunity to implement alternative Fire Services. In no event shall this Agreement be terminated by either party after June 30, 2023.

The City of Banning agrees to continue to seek alternative funding sources for fire protection services

SECTION V: INDEMNIFICATION, AUDIT, DISPUTES, & ATTORNEY'S FEES

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, COUNTY shall and does agree to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless CITIES, their agencies,

districts, special districts and departments, their respective directors, officers, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives (collectively, "**City Indemnitees**") for, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, awards, judgments and expenses, attorney and/or consultant fees and costs, taxable or otherwise, of any nature, kind or description of any person or entity, directly or indirectly arising out of, caused by, or resulting from (1) the services performed hereunder by COUNTY, or any part thereof, (2) the Agreement, including any approved amendments or modifications, or (3) any negligent act or omission of COUNTY, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents, or representatives (collectively, "**County Liabilities**"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the only County Liabilities with respect to which COUNTY's obligation to indemnify, including the cost to defend, the Indemnitees does not apply is with respect to County Liabilities resulting from the negligence or willful misconduct of a City Indemnitee, or to the extent such claims do not arise out of, pertain to or relate to the Scope of Work in the Agreement.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, but subject to the limits in this paragraph, each CITY shall and does agree to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless COUNTY, its agencies, departments, directors, officers, agents, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials and representatives (collectively, "**County Indemnitees**") for, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, awards, judgments and expenses, attorney and/or consultant fees and costs, taxable or otherwise, of any nature, kind or description of any person or entity, directly or indirectly arising out of, caused by, or resulting from (1) the services performed hereunder by the respective CITY, or any part thereof, (2) the Agreement, including any approved amendments or modifications, or (3) any negligent act or omission of the respective CITY, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents, or representatives (collectively, "**City Liabilities**"). No CITY shall be required to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless County Indemnitees for the acts or omissions of another CITY giving rise to City Liabilities in that other City pursuant to this Agreement. Furthermore, and notwithstanding the first sentence of this paragraph, the City Liabilities with respect to which each CITY's obligation to indemnify, including the cost to defend, the County Indemnitees does not apply with respect to City Liabilities resulting from the negligence or willful misconduct of a County Indemnitee, or to the extent such claims do not arise out of, pertain to or relate to the Scope of Work in the Agreement."

SECTION VI. OWNERSHIP OF THE FIRE ENGINE

The City of Banning owns fire engine 20 and will pay the engine maintenance costs through the cost allocation plan as outlined in the "Banning Cooperative Agreement.

SECTION VII: DELIVERY OF NOTICES

All notices permitted or required under this agreement shall be given to the respective parties at the following address, or at such other addresses as the respective parties may provide in writing for this purpose.

CITY OF BANNING

City Manager
99 East Ramsey Street
Banning, CA 92220-0998

CITY OF BEAUMONT

City Manager
550 East 6th Street
Beaumont, CA 92223

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

County Fire Chief
210 West San Jacinto Avenue
Perris, CA 92570

Any notice required to be given hereunder to either party shall be given by personal delivery or be depositing such notice in the U.S. mail to the address listed, certified with return receipt requested, and pre-paid postage affixed. Such notice shall be deemed made when personally delivered or when mailed. Actual notice shall be deemed adequate notice on the date actual notice occurred, regardless of method of service.

SECTION VIII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. ALTERATION OF TERMS

No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of this Agreement, whether by written or verbal understanding of the Parties, their officers, agents, or employees, shall be valid unless made in the form of a written amendment to this Agreement, which is formally approved and executed by all Parties.

B. DISPUTES

CITIES shall select and appoint a "Contract Administrator" who shall, under the supervision and direction of CITIES, be available for contract resolution or policy intervention with COUNTY, when, upon determination by the Chief that a situation exists under this Agreement in which a decision to serve the interest of CITIES has the potential to conflict with COUNTY interest or policy. Any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under the terms of this Agreement which is not disposed of within a reasonable period of time by the CITIES and COUNTY employees normally responsible for the administration of this Agreement shall be brought to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer (or designated representative) of each organization for joint resolution. For purposes of this provision, a "reasonable period of time" shall be ten (10) calendar days or less. CITIES and COUNTY agree to continue

with the responsibilities under this Agreement during any dispute. Disputes that are not resolved informally by and between CITIES and COUNTY representatives may be resolved, by mutual agreement of the parties, through mediation. Such mediator will be jointly selected by the parties. The costs associated with mediator shall be shared equally among the participating parties. If the mediation does not resolve the issue(s), or if the parties cannot agree to mediation, the parties reserve the right to seek remedies as provided by law or in equity. The parties agree, pursuant to Battaglia Enterprises v. Superior Court (2013) 215 Cal.App.4th 309, that each of the parties are sophisticated and negotiated this agreement and this venue at arm's length. Pursuant to this Agreement, the parties agree that venue for litigation shall be in the Superior Court of Riverside County. Should any party attempt to defeat this section and challenge venue in Superior Court, the party challenging venue stipulates to request the Court change venue to San Bernardino County and shall not ask for venue in any other County.

Any claims or causes of actions, whether they arise out of unresolved disputes as specified in this Section or claims by third parties that are made against the COUNTY, shall be submitted to the Office of the Clerk of the Board for the County of Riverside in a timely manner. For claims made against the COUNTY that involve CAL FIRE employees, to the extent permissible under the COUNTY's contract with CAL FIRE, the claims will be forwarded on to CAL FIRE for processing.

C. WAIVER

Any waiver by any of the Parties, separately or collectively, of any breach of any one or more of the terms of this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or of any other term thereof. Failure on the part of the Parties to require exact, full and complete compliance with any terms of this Agreement shall not be construed as in any manner changing the terms hereof or estopping any one of the CITIES or COUNTY from enforcement hereof.

D. SEVERABILITY

If any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provision will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

E. ADMINISTRATION

1. The COUNTY Fire Chief shall administer this Agreement on behalf of the County of Riverside.
2. The CITIES respective City Manager shall administer this Agreement on behalf of its own City.

F. ATTORNEY'S FEES

If CITIES fail to remit payments for services rendered pursuant to any provision of this Agreement, COUNTY may seek recovery of fees through litigation, in addition to all other remedies available.

In the event of litigation between COUNTY and CITIES to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement or any right of either party hereto, the unsuccessful party to such litigation agrees to pay the prevailing party's costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, all of which shall be included in and as a part of the judgment rendered in such litigation.

G. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is intended by the Parties hereto as a final expression of their understanding, with respect to the subject matter hereof and as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms and conditions thereof and supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous agreement and understanding, oral or written, in connection therewith.

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[Signature Provisions on following page]

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, the duly authorized officials of the parties hereto have, in their respective capacities, set their hands as of the date first hereinabove written.

CITY OF BANNING

Dated: _____

By: _____
Douglas Schulze, City Manager

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Marie A. Calderon, City Clerk

By: _____
Kevin G. Ennis, City Attorney

(SEAL)

CITY OF BEAUMONT

Dated: _____

By: _____
Mike Lara, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Steven Mehlman, City Clerk

By: _____
John O. Pinkney, City Attorney

(SEAL)

[ADDITIONAL SIGNATURE PROVISIONS ON NEXT PAGE]

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Dated: _____

By: _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

KECIA HARPER-IHEM
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
GREGORY P. PRIAMOS,
County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy

By: _____
GREGORY P. PRIAMOS
County Counsel

(SEAL)