

1 **FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE**
2 **FUNDING AGREEMENT**

3 **by and between**
4 **CITY OF BEL AIRE, KANSAS**
5 **and**
6 **BEL AIRE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.**
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8 This First Amendment to Agreement (hereinafter “Amendment”) is entered into by and
9 between the City of Bel Aire, Kansas (hereinafter “City”) and the Bel Aire Area Chamber of
10 Commerce, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Kansas
11 (hereinafter “Chamber”), and amends the Agreement entered into by the Parties on the 18th day of
12 November, 2025 (hereinafter “Original Agreement.”)
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14 **WHEREAS**, Chamber came to the Bel Aire City Council on May 20, 2026, stating that it
15 is unable to meet its obligations with the current Funding Agreement; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City, the Chamber, and the general public that
18 the City and Chamber address this issue so that it does not negatively impact planned events in
19 Bel Aire; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement to address Chamber’s continued
22 operation under the terms set forth herein.
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24 **NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises and mutual agreements hereinafter
25 contained, City and Chamber hereby agree as follows:
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- 27 1. The Chamber is relieved of the requirements in Section 3.F of the Original Agreement
28 except that the Chamber is encouraged to support that events with volunteers.
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- 30 2. The Chamber is encouraged to continue exploring avenues for growth and improved
31 participation in Chamber events by the following and other means
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- 33 A. Implement an in-person campaign where any and all Chamber members make
34 personal, in person, calls on Bel Aire businesses and businesses that have an interest
35 in Bel Aire to join and be active participants in Chamber events.
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- 37 B. Discuss with the Chambers of Commerce in Kechi and Park City to see if there is
38 any interest to combine the organizations or the activities of these organizations
39 with the Bel Aire Chamber. Immediate engagement and combined activities are
40 encouraged.
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C. Report to the City Council in written and oral detail at a City Council meeting in October or November 2026. The actions that took place to expand the membership of the Chamber, specifically the number of in person visits and the results in membership growth. Additionally, the results of efforts to combine with the Park City and/or Kechi Chambers of Commerce.

D. Review and update the mission statement to better align with current activities and organizational priorities.

3. When the Chamber makes its presentation in October/November of 2026, it should come with a proposal of how the City and Chamber should work together and any needed funding from the City for 2027. However, it is the City's expectation that the Chamber become financially independent, not relying on city funding to support its mission. The City desires to assist the Chamber in its success by potentially providing such things as facilities of meetings, office space and staff assistants for Chamber business. From this presentation the City will consider if and whether there will be an agreement between the parties in 2027.

4. Except as expressly modified herein, all other terms and conditions of the Original Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Bel Aire, Kansas, on the 2nd day of June, 2026.

SIGNED by the Mayor on the _____ day of June, 2026.

CITY OF BEL AIRE, KANSAS

Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk

Maria A. Schrock, City Attorney

84 SIGNED by the Chamber on the _____ day of June, 2026.

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89 **BEL AIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.**

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(Authorized Signature: Name, Title)

95 Luis Rodriguez, Chamber President