AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION, HAULING AND DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE, CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE, AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS IN THE CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS

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THIS EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of April 1, 2025 by and between Waste Connections Lone Star, Inc. (the "Service Provider"), and the City of Everman, Texas (the "City").

WHEREAS, the City, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and the ordinances and regulations of the City, desires to grant to the Service Provider the exclusive right to collect, haul and dispose of Municipal Solid Waste and Construction and Demolition Waste (as such terms are defined herein) within the City's corporate limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises, covenants and agreements set forth herein, the Service Provider and the City hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1. <u>DEFINED TERMS</u>.

The following terms, as used herein, will be defined as follows:

<u>**Bag**</u> – Plastic sacks, secured at the top, designed to store refuse with sufficient wall strength to maintain physical integrity when lifted by the top. Total capacity of a bag will be between thirty to thirty-five (30-35) gallons and the weight of a bag and its contents shall not exceed thirty-five (35) pounds.

Bulky Item – Any item measuring in excess of either forty-eight (48) inches in length or fifty (50) pounds in weight, including, but not limited to, refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, water tanks, chairs, couches, and tree trimmings.

<u>Bundles</u> – Items not measuring in excess of either forty-eight (48) inches in length or fifty (50) pounds in weight and which are securely fastened together, including, but not limited to, brush, newspapers and tree trimmings.

Business Day – Any day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or other day on which banks are required or authorized by law to be closed in the City.

<u>**Commercial Unit**</u> – Any non-manufacturing commercial facility that generates and accumulates Municipal Solid Waste during, or as a result of, its business, including, but not limited to, restaurants, stores, warehouses, factories, malls, schools, hospitals, health care facilities, and sports facilities or complexes.

<u>Construction and Demolition Waste</u> – Solid Waste resulting from construction or demolition activities or that is directly or indirectly the by-product of such activities, including, but not limited to, cartons, concrete, excelsior, gypsum board, metal, paper, plastic, rubber and wood products. Construction and Demolition Waste does not include Excluded Waste or Municipal Solid Waste.

<u>Container</u> – Any receptacle, including, but not limited to, dumpsters and Roll-Offs, provided to the City by Service Provider and utilized by a Residential, Commercial, or Industrial Unit for collecting Municipal Solid Waste or Construction and Demolition Waste. Containers are designed to hold between thirty (30) gallons and thirty (30) cubic yards of Municipal Solid Waste or Construction and Demolition Waste.

<u>**Customer**</u> – Any person, entity, organization or the like receiving Services or required to receive Services pursuant to this Agreement.

Excluded Waste – Any Hazardous Waste and any radioactive, volatile, corrosive, highly flammable, explosive, biomedical, infectious, biohazardous, or toxic material as defined by applicable federal, state or local laws or regulations.

Handicapped Residential Unit – Any residential dwelling that is inhabited by persons, all of whom are physically handicapped to the extent that they are unable to place Municipal Solid Waste at the curbside, and that generates and accumulates Municipal Solid Waste. The identities of the members of a Handicapped Residential Unit shall be certified by the City Manager and agreed to by the Service Provider.

<u>Hazardous Waste</u> – Waste identified or listed as a hazardous waste by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended, or so classified by any applicable federal or state statute, rule, order or regulation.

Holidays – The following days:

- (1) New Year's Day (January 1^{st})
- (2) Memorial Day
- (3) Independence Day (July 4th)
- (4) Labor Day
- (5) Thanksgiving Day
- (6) Christmas Day (December 25th)

Industrial Unit – Any manufacturing, mining or agricultural facility that generates and accumulates Municipal Solid Waste or Construction and Demolition Waste during, or as a result of, its operations.

Landfill – Any facility or area of land lawfully receiving Municipal Solid Waste or Construction and Demolition Waste for disposal.

<u>Municipal Facilities</u> – Only those specific municipal locations as set forth in this Agreement.

<u>Multi-Family Residential Unit</u> – Any residential dwelling that is designed for, and inhabited by, multiple family units and that generates and accumulates Municipal Solid Waste.

<u>Municipal Solid Waste</u> – Solid Waste resulting from or incidental to municipal, community, commercial, institutional or recreational activities, or manufacturing, mining, or agricultural operations. Municipal Solid Waste does not include Construction and Demolition Waste or Excluded Waste.

<u>**Recyclable Materials**</u> – Any non-contaminated materials, which may include but may not be limited to paper, cardboard, plastics, textiles, and wood. Recyclable Materials does not include Municipal Solid Waste, Construction and Demolition Waste, or Excluded Waste.

<u>**Residential Unit**</u> – Any residential dwelling that is either a Single-Family Residential Unit or a Multi-Family Residential Unit.

<u>**Roll-Off**</u> – A Container with twenty (20) cubic yards to thirty (30) cubic yards of capacity.

<u>Single-Family Residential</u> – Any residential dwelling that is designed for, and inhabited by, a single person or family unit and that generates and accumulates Municipal Solid Waste.

<u>Solid Waste</u> – As defined by the EPA under 40 C.F.R. § 261.2(a)(1) or by applicable state laws, including, without limitation, any such waste that is mixed with or that constitutes Recyclable Materials.

<u>White Goods</u> – Any item not measuring in excess of either three (3) cubic feet in size or fifty (50) pounds in weight and that is manufactured primarily from metal, including, but not limited to, a bath tub, heater, hot water heater, refrigerator, sink or washer and dryer.

SECTION 2. EXCLUSIVE GRANT.

The City hereby grants to the Service Provider the exclusive right to collect, haul and dispose of Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials and Construction and Demolition Waste over, upon, along, and across the City's present and future streets, alleys, bridges and public properties. The Service Provider may independently enforce the exclusivity provisions of this Agreement against third-party violators, including, but not limited to, seeking injunctive relief, and the City shall reasonably cooperate in such enforcement actions brought by the Service Provider. The City agrees that it will not, throughout the term of this Agreement, issue a permit for the collection, removal, transportation or disposal of refuse within the City pursuant to Section 9-10 of the Everman Code to any person or entity other than the Service Provider unless the City reasonably determines that such action is necessary to ensure the welfare of its residents.

SECTION 3. OPERATIONS.

A. <u>Scope of Operations</u>. The Service Provider will collect, haul and dispose of all Municipal Solid Waste, Construction and Demolition Waste, and Recyclable Materials (as provided herein) (i) generated and accumulated by Commercial, Industrial, and Residential Units (ii) placed within Containers by those Commercial, Industrial, and Residential Units receiving the services of the Service Provider (or otherwise generated and accumulated by those Commercial, Industrial, and Residential Units), all within the City's corporate limits, including any territories annexed by the City during the term of this Agreement (the "Services").

B. <u>Nature of Operations</u>. The City hereby grants to the Service Provider, in accordance with the City's ordinances and regulations governing the collection, hauling and disposal of Municipal Solid Waste, Construction and Demolition Waste, and Recyclable Materials, the title to all Municipal Solid Waste, Construction and Demolition Waste, and Recyclable Materials collected, hauled and disposed of by the Service Provider over, upon, along and across the City's present and future streets, alleys, bridges and public properties.

C. <u>Title to Waste</u>. Title to and liability for Municipal Solid Waste, Construction and Demolition Waste, and Recyclable Materials shall pass to the Service Provider upon loading of such materials into the Service Provider's trucks. All Customers shall not deposit in the Service Provider's equipment or place for collection by the Service Provider any Excluded Waste. Notwithstanding any other term contained herein, the Service Provider shall have no obligation to collect any material which is, or which the Service Provider reasonably believes to be, Excluded Waste. Title to and liability for any Excluded Waste shall remain with the Customer, even if the Service Provider inadvertently collects and disposes of such Excluded Waste. If the Service Provider finds what reasonably appears to be discarded Excluded Waste, Service Provider shall notify the Customer and the City.

D. <u>Recyclable Materials</u>. The owners and occupants of any Commercial, Industrial and Residential Units, and the City, as applicable, agree to comply with any description of and/or procedures with respect to removal of contaminants or preparation of Recyclable Materials as reasonably provided by Service Provider. If any Commercial, Industrial, and Residential Unit, or the City, as applicable, fails to do so, Service Provider may decline to collect such materials without being in breach of this Agreement. Service Provider shall not be responsible for and has not made any representation regarding the ultimate recycling of such Recyclable Materials by any third party facilities.

SECTION 4. SERVICE PROVIDER DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

It shall be the duty and obligation of Service Provider to perform the following services:

A. <u>Provision of Equipment and Facilities.</u> Service Provider agrees to furnish trucks, equipment, machinery, tools, personnel, labor, disposal, and any and all other items necessary and sufficient to fulfill its obligations under this contract, at its own expense, to adequately, efficiently and properly collect and transport Municipal Solid Waste and Construction and Demolition Waste,

Bulky Items and Bundles and other refuse from residential and commercial properties within the corporate limits of the City in a systematic, clean, healthful and sanitary manner.

B. <u>Disposal of Refuse.</u> Service Provider will dispose of in a legal manner all Municipal Solid Waste and Construction and Demolition Waste, Recyclable Materials, Bulky Items and Bundles and other refuse collected. All vehicles used by Service Provider for the collection of Municipal Solid Waste and Construction and Demolition Waste, Recyclable Materials, Bulky Items and Bundles and other refuse shall be protected at all times while in transit to prevent leakage or the blowing or scattering of refuse onto the public streets of City or property adjacent thereto. Further, such vehicles shall be clearly marked with Service Provider's telephone number and name in letters and numbers not less than four (4) inches in height.

C. <u>Sanitation and Health.</u> All collection equipment shall be washed and deodorized as necessary, but a minimum of once per week. Service Provider shall establish and enforce in its operations and among its employees such regulations in regard to cleanliness and disposal of refuse as will tend to prevent the inception and spread of infectious or contagious disease and to effectively prevent the creation of a nuisance on any property, either public or private.

D. <u>Routes and Schedules.</u> Service Provider agrees to establish daily routes and special schedules for the collection of Municipal Solid Waste and Construction and Demolition Waste, Recyclable Materials, Bulky Items and Bundles and other refuse as necessary to fulfill the requirements of this contract. Further, Service Provider will utilize written route books for use in the collection of refuse from all customers. A copy of each route book currently in use by Service Provider will be provided to City upon request and updated monthly so that City shall at all times have full knowledge of the designated route to be followed by Service Provider. City shall have the right to require alteration of service to any premises where unsightly or unsanitary conditions have resulted from inadequate commercial containers or an insufficient number of collections.

E. <u>Labor Force and Equipment.</u> Service Provider shall employ only superintendents, supervisors, and workers who are careful, competent and fully qualified to perform the duties or tasks assigned to them and shall secure the summary dismissal of any person or persons employed by the Service Provider in or about or on the work who shall misconduct themselves in the performance of their duties or who shall neglect or refuse to comply with or carry out the directions of Service Provider.

F. All workers shall have sufficient skill, ability, and experience to properly perform the work assigned to them and operate any equipment necessary to properly carry out the performance of their assigned duties.

G. Service Provider shall furnish and maintain all equipment as is considered to be necessary for performance of work other than that used for daily residential pick up in an acceptable manner and at a satisfactory rate of progress. Service Provider shall agree to furnish and maintain equipment for daily residential pick up. All equipment, tools, machinery used for handling materials and executing any part of the work shall be maintained in a satisfactory, safe, and efficient working condition. Service Provider's equipment shall be of a size and weight as to not adversely effect or create unnecessary damage to existing city streets and roadways.

H. Such equipment shall also be kept in a neat and sanitary condition. Service Provider shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the work and services performed hereunder. Service Provider shall provide reasonable protection to prevent property loss or damage to both real and personal property and/or personal injury to persons, including but not limited to employees performing such work and all other persons who may be affected thereby.

SECTION 5. SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNIT COLLECTION.

A. <u>Single-Family Residential Units</u>. The Service Provider will collect Municipal Solid Waste from Single-Family Residential Units on a regular schedule of twice per week and will collect Recyclable Materials from Single-Family Residential Units on a regular schedule of once per week; provided, that (i) such Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials are placed in Containers provided by Service Provider, and (ii) such Containers are placed within five (5) feet of the curbside or right of way adjacent to the Single-Family Residential Unit no later than 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.

B. <u>Handicapped Residential Units.</u> Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Service Provider agrees to assist Handicapped Residential Units with house-side collection of their Containers; provided that the Service Provider receives prior written notice from the Handicapped Residential Unit of such special need.

C. <u>Excess or Misplaced Municipal Solid Waste</u>. The Service Provider shall collect all Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials placed within the Containers provided by the Service Provider. The Service Provider will not be required to provider Service when Containers

are located near cars, mailboxes, or other obstructions in a way that the Service Provider reasonably determines creates an unsafe condition that could cause damage to property or injury to persons.

SECTION 6. <u>COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL</u> <u>UNIT COLLECTIONS</u>.

The Service Provider will collect Municipal Solid Waste from Commercial, Industrial, and Multi-Family Residential Units up to six times per week, as provided for in this Agreement and for the compensation set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto and incorporated by reference. The Service Provider shall only be responsible for collecting, hauling, and disposing of Municipal Solid Waste, Construction and Demolition Waste, and Recyclable Materials placed inside the Containers provided by the Service Provider. However, the Service Provider shall offer Commercial, Industrial, and Multi-Family Residential Units to increase or decrease, as necessary, the frequency of collections and the sizes or numbers of Containers so that Municipal Solid Waste at Commercial, Industrial, and Multi-Family Residential Units will be properly managed. The Service Provider shall be compensated for these additional Services as provided for in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

SECTION 7. SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES

A. <u>City Landfill Use.</u> The City is permitted to dispose of 24 dump truck loads per year of Construction and Demolition Waste at the Fort Worth C&D Landfill at no cost to the City.

B. <u>Residential Landfill Use.</u> In addition, the Service Provider will allow each Residential Unit to deliver four (4) loads of Construction and Demolition Waste per year to the Forth Worth C&D Landfill at no charge to the resident. Each load shall not exceed two (2) cubic yards.

SECTION 8. BULKY ITEMS AND BUNDLES

A. <u>Pre-Arranged Collections.</u> The Service Provider will collect Bulky Items and Bundles from Single-Family Residential Units at the time designated in the regular pick-up schedule, as designated by the Service Provider; <u>provided</u>, that (i) the Bulky Items or Bundles (A) are placed at the curbside no later than 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day, (B) are reasonably contained, and (C) do not exceed two (2) cubic yards in total volume or have any individual item exceeding fifty (50) pounds in weight. The Service Provider shall only be responsible for collecting, hauling and disposing Bulky Items and Bundles from those Single-Family Residential Units that have complied with this Section 8.A.

B. <u>Negotiated Collections.</u> It is understood and agreed that the service provided under Section 8.A. does not include the collection of Bulky Items and Bundles comprised of Construction and Demolition Waste or any materials resulting from remodeling, general property clean-up or clearing of property for the preparation of construction. However, the Service Provider may negotiate an agreement on an individual basis with the owner or occupant of a Single-Family Residential Unit regarding the collection of such items by utilizing the Service Provider's Roll-Off Services.

SECTION 9. TITLE TO AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR EQUIPMENT.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, it is expressly understood and agreed that all equipment, including, but not limited to, Containers, provided by the Service Provider in connection with the Services, shall at all times remain the property of the Service Provider. However, each Customer shall have care, custody and control of the equipment while at the respective service locations. Customers shall not overload (by weight or volume), move or alter the equipment, and shall use the equipment only for its proper and intended purpose. Customers must provide unobstructed access to the equipment on the scheduled collection days. The word "equipment" as used in this Agreement shall mean all Containers or other equipment provided by the Service Provider in relation to the Services. In the event a Container becomes lost, unsightly, unsanitary, broken, or unserviceable because of the acts or omissions of a Customer (excluding normal wear and tear), the Customer will be charged for the resulting repairs or replacement and such amounts must be paid to Service Provider upon demand.

SECTION 10. RATES AND FEES.

Subject to adjustment, as provided in Section 11 hereto, the rates and fees to be charged and received by the Service Provider are provided in Exhibit A.

SECTION 11. RATE ADJUSTMENTS.

A. <u>CPI-U Adjustment</u>. On each annual anniversary date of this Agreement, the rates set forth in this Agreement shall automatically increase by an amount equal to the increase, if any, in the CPI-U during the Prior Rolling Twelve-Month Period. The "<u>Prior Rolling Twelve Month Period</u>"

shall be the most recent twelve (12) month period for which the CPI-U is available on each annual anniversary date of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "<u>CPI-U</u>" shall mean the Consumer Price Index published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for All-Urban Consumers: United States, All Items (1982-84 = 100).

B. <u>Disposal and Governmental Fee Cost Adjustments</u>. At any time during the term of this Agreement, the Service Provider may also increase the rates set forth in this Agreement to pass through documented increases in disposal fees, increases in the Service Provider's costs due to changes in local, state or federal rules, ordinances or regulations applicable to the Service Provider's operations or the services provided hereunder, and any increases in and newly imposed taxes, fees or other governmental charges assessed against or passed through to the Service Provider (other than income or real property taxes).

C <u>Operating Cost Adjustments</u>. At any time during the term of this Agreement, the Service Provider may also petition the City for additional rate and price adjustments at reasonable times on the basis of material or unusual changes in its costs of operations not otherwise the basis of any other rate adjustments herein. At the time of any such petition, the Service Provider shall provide the City with documents and records in reasonable form and sufficient detail to reasonably establish the necessity of any requested rate adjustment. In the event the City fails or refuses to consent to any such requested rate increase, the Service Provider may, in its sole discretion, terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days' written notice to the City.

SECTION 12. EXCLUSIONS.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, this Agreement shall not cover the collection, hauling or disposal of any Excluded Waste, animal or human waste, auto parts, used tires, concrete, dirt, gravel, rock or sand from any Container provided by the Service Provider located at any Commercial, Industrial or Residential Unit; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Service Provider and the owner or occupant of a Commercial, Industrial or Residential Unit may negotiate an agreement on an individual basis regarding the collection, hauling or disposal of auto parts, used tires, concrete, dirt, gravel, rock or sand by utilizing the Service Provider's Roll-Off Services.

SECTION 13. TERM OF AGREEMENT.

The term of this Agreement shall be for a period of three years (3) years, commencing on April 1, 2025 and concluding on March 31, 2028 (the "Initial Term"). At the expiration of the Initial Term

of this Agreement, the parties hereto may mutually agree to extend the Agreement for successive periods of three (3) years (each, a "Renewal Term," and together with the Initial Term, the "Term").

SECTION 14. ENFORCEMENT.

The City shall take any action reasonably necessary to prevent any other solid waste collection company from conducting business in violation of the exclusive franchise granted herein. If the Service Provider experiences recurring problems of damage or destruction to or theft of the Containers provided by the Service Provider pursuant to this Agreement, the Service Provider may, prior to replacing or repairing such Containers, require security deposits from the Commercial, Industrial, or Residential Units utilizing such Containers. To the maximum extent allowed by applicable law, the City also hereby grants to the Service Provider the right of ingress and egress from and upon the property of Commercial, Industrial, and Residential Units for the purposes of rendering the Services contemplated hereby.

SECTION 15. PROCESSING, BILLING AND FEES.

A. <u>Residential Monthly Statement.</u> On a monthly basis, the City agrees to bill and collect the rates and fees charged under Section 10 hereto from all Residential Units possessing active water meters within the City's territorial jurisdiction, as well as from all Residential Units requiring the collection, hauling and disposal of Municipal Solid Waste within the City's territorial jurisdiction (the "Residential Monthly Statement"). Thereafter, the City will remit to the Service Provider an amount equal to (x) the amount set forth in such Residential Monthly Statement, less (z) a franchise fee equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount set forth in the Residential Monthly Statement. Such remittance shall be made by the City on or before the 15th day of each month (for the immediately preceding month's service) commencing on April 15, 2025. Nothing herein shall prohibit the City from collecting sums in addition to those sums called for herein. The Service Provider shall not be held responsible for the collection of any "bad debt" billed by City to the Residential Units.

B. <u>Commercial Monthly Statement.</u> On a monthly basis, the Service Provider agrees to bill and collect the rates and fees charged under Section 10 hereto from all Commercial and Industrial Units requiring the collection, hauling and disposal of Municipal Solid Waste or Construction and Demolition Waste within the City's territorial jurisdiction (the "Commercial Monthly Statement"). Thereafter, the Service Provider will remit to the City an amount equal to (z) a franchise fee equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount set forth in the Commercial Monthly Statement. Such remittance shall be made by the Service Provider on or before the 15th day of each month (for the immediately preceding month's service) commencing on April 15, 2025. The City shall not be held responsible for the collection of "bad debt" relating to any amounts billed by the Service Provider to Commercial and Industrial Units.

SECTION 16. SPILLAGE.

It is understood and agreed that the Service Provider shall not be required to clean up, collect or dispose of any loose or spilled Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials or Construction or Demolition Waste not caused by the Service Provider's rendering of the Services, or be required to collect and dispose of any excess Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials or Construction or Demolition Waste placed outside of the Containers by any Commercial, Industrial, or Residential Unit. The Service Provider may report the location of such conditions to the City so that the City can issue proper notice to the owner or occupant of the Commercial, Industrial, or Residential Unit instructing the owner or occupant to properly contain such Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, or Construction or Demolition Waste. Should such excess Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials or Construction or Demolition Waste continue to be placed outside of the Containers, the City shall require such Commercial, Industrial, or Residential Units to increase the frequency of collection of such Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials or Construction or Demolition Waste, or require the Commercial, Industrial, or Residential Units to utilize a Container with sufficient capacity so the excess Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials or Construction or Demolition Waste will be regularly contained. The Service Provider shall be compensated for these additional Services as provided in Exhibit A hereto, and shall be entitled to receive an extra collection charge for each additional Container requiring an extra collection.

SECTION 17. NON-COLLECTION NOTICE AND FOLLOW-UP.

A. <u>Notice from the Service Provider</u>. It is specifically understood and agreed that where the owner or occupant of a Commercial, Industrial, or Residential Unit fails to timely or properly place a Container or bag as directed in this Agreement, or is otherwise in violation of the City's ordinances and regulations, the Service Provider's reasonable rules adopted hereunder or the provisions of this Agreement relating to the nature, volume, or weight of Municipal Solid Waste,

Recyclable Materials or Construction and Demolition Waste to be removed, the Service Provider may refrain from collecting all or a portion of such Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials or Construction and Demolition Waste and will notify the City within eight (8) hours thereafter of the reason for such non-collection. The Service Provider will also provide written notice to the Commercial, Industrial, or Residential Unit of the reason for such non-collection, unless such noncollection is the result of the Commercial, Industrial or Residential Unit's failure to timely place the Containers, bags, Bulky Items or Bundles out for collection. Such written notice shall be attached to the Container or bag or the uncollected Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, or Construction and Demolition Waste, shall indicate the nature of the violation and shall indicate the correction required in order that such Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, or Construction and Demolition Waste may be collected.

B. <u>Notice from a Commercial, Industrial or Residential Unit</u>. When the City is notified by an owner or occupant of a Commercial, Industrial or Residential Unit that Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, or Construction and Demolition Waste has not been removed from such Commercial, Industrial or Residential Unit and where no notice of non-collection or a change in collection schedule has been received by the City from the Service Provider, or the Service Provider has failed to collect Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials or Construction and Demolition Waste from the Commercial, Industrial or Residential Unit without cause, as supported by notice as described herein, then the Service Provider will use all reasonable efforts to collect such Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, or Construction and Demolition Waste or the day a collection order is issued by the City; <u>provided, however</u>, that if the Service Provider fails to make such collection on the same day that a collection order is issued by the City, the Service Provider shall make such collection no later than 12:00 p.m. on the following Business Day, and there shall be no charge to the Service Provider for any such original non-collection or late collection so long as the Service Provider makes such collection within such time.

C. <u>Penalties for Noncollection.</u> Failure to resolve a valid service complaint as determined by the Service Provider or the City Manager in the time prescribed shall subject the Service Provider to the penalties provided in this Section and it is agreed that the City may deduct from payments due or to become due to the Service Provider, the following amounts as liquidated damages:

(1) Failure to clean up material amounts of spilled refuse - each incident: \$35.00.

(2) Failure to neglect to collect refuse from any premises at those times as provided by the Agreement within 24 hours of the delivery of notice of such failure to the Service Provider: \$50.00.

(3) Failure or neglect to correct chronic problem in any category above (chronic shall mean three or more similar incidents at the same premises within a three-month period) - each instance: \$150.00.

SECTION 18. HOURS OF SERVICE.

For all the Services provided hereunder, the Service Provider's hours of service shall be between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Service Provider will not be required to provide service on weekends or Holidays, and may, in its sole discretion, observe Holidays during the term of this Agreement; provided, however, that the Service Provider shall provide such Services on the Business Day immediately following the Holiday.

SECTION 19. CUSTOMER SERVICE.

A. <u>Office Hours.</u> Service Provider's local office shall be open so that customers can make complaints, requests for information, requests for service, etc. during the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Service Provider agrees to secure an annual listing in the Fort Worth Telephone Directory under the name by which it conducts business in the community.

B. <u>Office Personnel.</u> Service Provider's local office shall have a responsible person in charge during collection hours on collection days and shall be equipped with sufficient attendants to receive telephone calls. Attendant(s) shall respond to calls in a courteous manner within the following twenty-four (24) hour period.

C. <u>Managing Agent.</u> Throughout the term of the Agreement, Service Provider shall establish and maintain an authorized Managing Agent and shall designate in writing to the City Manager the name, telephone number, and address of such agent to whom all notices may be served by the City of complaints received from citizens of the City.

D. <u>Service Complaints.</u> All service complaints shall initially be directed to Service Provider and shall be resolved within twenty-four (24) hours. Service Provider shall supply the City with

copies of all complaints on a form approved by the City indicating the disposition of each complaint. The form shall indicate the day and hour on which the complaint was received and resolved. When a complaint is received on the day preceding a holiday or a weekend, it shall be serviced on the next working day.

E. <u>Notice of Complaints.</u> The City shall notify Service Provider of each complaint reported to the City in order for the Service Provider to take whatever reasonable steps are necessary to remedy the cause of the complaint. Service Provider shall notify the City of its disposition within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of the complaint.

F. <u>Explanation of Disposition of Complaints.</u> Service Provider shall provide the City with a full explanation of the disposition of any complaint involving a customer's claim of damage to private property as the result of actions of Service Provider's employees, agents, and subcontractors in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

G. <u>Notification of Procedures.</u> Service Provider shall notify all customers about procedures, rules and regulations, and days of collection on an annual basis and whenever there is a change in service, days of collection, procedures, etc. Notice is to be in the form of printed matter distributed by Service Provider to all premises served by Service Provider at least thirty (30) days prior to any change in the procedures, rules and regulations, days of collection, service, etc. Such notice must be approved by the City prior to distribution.

H. <u>Noncollection</u>. It is understood and agreed by and between the City and Service Provider that if any customer maintains improper or inadequate containers for the nature, volume, or weight of refuse to be removed from the premises, or if any customer improperly places debris or Bulky Items for collection, Service Provider may refrain from collecting all or a portion of such refuse and shall notify the City and the customer of the reason for such non-collection. When the City is notified by a customer that refuse has not been removed from his or her premises on the scheduled collection day and where no notice of non-collection nor a change in collection schedule has been received from Service Provider, the City may investigate.

I. <u>Dangerous Animals.</u> Employees of Service Provider shall not be required to expose themselves to the danger of vicious animals in order to accomplish refuse collection in any case

where the owner or tenants have animals at large, but Service Provider shall immediately notify the City, in writing, of such condition and of Service Provider's inability to make collection.

J. <u>Hazardous Weather</u>. Service Provider may cancel a portion or all of a scheduled service day due to hazardous weather conditions, and shall notify the City, in writing, of such cancellation.

SECTION 20. SERVICE PROVIDERS RELATION TO CITY

A. <u>Service Provider as Independent Contractor.</u> It is expressly agreed and understood that Service Provider is in all respects an independent contractor as to the work, duties, and rights granted herein, notwithstanding the fact that Service Provider is bound to follow the direction of designated City officials, and that neither Service Provider nor any person performing any of the work covered under this contract is in any respect an agent, servant, officer, or employer of the City. This contract specifies the work to be done by Service Provider, but the method to be employed to accomplish this work shall be the exclusive responsibility of Service Provider, and under Service Provider's exclusive contract and right of control. The doctrine of *respondeat superior* shall not apply between the City and Service Provider, or any of Service Provider's agents, servants, employees, or subcontractor's and nothing herein shall be construed as creating a partnership or joint enterprise between the City and Service Provider.

B. <u>Subletting and Assignment</u>. This contract, or any portion thereof, shall not be sublet or assigned except with the prior written consent of the City Council of the City, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

No such consent will be construed as making the City a party to such subcontract or assignment, or as subjecting the City to liability of any kind to any subcontractor or assignee unless otherwise agreed to by the City. No subcontractor shall, under any circumstances, relieve Service Provider of its liability and obligation under this contract; and despite any such subletting, the City shall deal through Service Provider unless otherwise agreed by the City. Subcontractor will be dealt with as workers and representatives of Service Provider, and such shall be subject to the same requirements as to character and competence as are other employees of Service Provider.

C. <u>Inspection of Performance.</u> The City Manager may inspect Service Provider's operations, equipment, and performance at any reasonable time, and Service Provider shall furnish the City

Manager with every reasonable opportunity to inspect Service Provider's operations or equipment or for otherwise ascertaining whether or not the work is being performed in accordance with the requirements of this contract.

D. <u>Insurance Coverage</u>. The insurance coverage specified in Section 25 constitutes the minimum requirements and said requirements shall in no way lessen or limit the liability or responsibility of Service Provider under the terms of this contract. Service Provider shall procure and maintain, at its own cost and expense, any additional kinds and amount of insurance, that, in its own judgement, may be necessary for proper protection in the prosecution of its work under this Agreement.

SECTION 21. DUE CARE

The Service Provider shall exercise due care and caution in providing the Services so that the City's public and private property, including streets and parking areas, will be protected and preserved.

SECTION 22. PERSONNEL AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The Service Provider shall not deny employment to any person on the basis of race, creed or religion, and will ensure that all federal and state laws pertaining to salaries, wages and operating requirements are met or exceeded. The Service Provider, its agents, servants and employees shall perform the Services in a courteous, competent and professional manner. During the term of this Agreement and any extension thereof, the Service Provider shall be responsible for the actions of its agents, servants and employees while such agents, servants and employees are acting within the scope of their employment or agency.

SECTION 23. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS.

The Service Provider shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws regarding the collection, hauling and disposal of Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials and Construction and Demolition Waste.

SECTION 24. PAVEMENT.

The City warrants that the City's pavement, curbing or other driving surface or any right of way reasonably necessary for the Service Provider to provide the Services described herein are

sufficient to bear the weight of all of the Service Provider's equipment and vehicles reasonably required to perform such Services. The Service Provider will not be responsible for damage to any such pavement, curbing, driving surface or right of way, except to the extent resulting from the Service Provider's negligence or willful misconduct.

SECTION 25. INSURANCE COVERAGES.

Pursuant to this Agreement, the Service Provider shall carry the following types of insurance in an amount equal to or exceeding the limits specified below:

A. <u>Insurance.</u> Service Provider shall not commence work under this contract until Service Provider has obtained all the insurance required under this contract and certificates evidencing such coverage are received by the City, Service Provider shall be responsible for delivering to the City Service Provider's certificate of insurance for approval. Service Provider shall include the coverage of all subcontractors in any insurance policy it carries. The City also shall be named as an additional insured on each policy described in subsections 2 through 4 below. All insurance policies shall contain a provision that states that coverage under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the City. The failure by the Service Provider to keep in full force and effect any insurance required by this contract shall be deemed a breach of this contract.

1. <u>Workers Compensation Insurance.</u> Service Provider shall maintain, during the life of this contract, Worker's Compensation Insurance in the statutory amounts on all employees to be engaged in work under this contract, and for all subcontractors. In case any classes of employees engaged in hazardous work under this contract are not protected under the Worker's Compensation Statute, the Service Provider shall provide adequate employer's general liability insurance for the protection of such employees not so protected.

2. <u>Comprehensive General Liability Insurance.</u> Service Provider shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this contract Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance in an amount not less than \$5,000,000 covering each occurrence on account of bodily injury, including death, and in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 covering each occurrence on account of property damage.

3. <u>Automobile Insurance – Bodily Injury and Property Damage.</u> Service Provider shall procure and maintain during the life of this contract, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$500,000 for injuries including accidental death to any one person and, subject to the same limit for each person, an amount not less than \$1,000,000 on account of one accident, and automobile property damage insurance in an amount not less than \$500,000.

4. <u>Additional Coverage</u>. Any insurance coverage that is required by statute, which is not expressly stated herein, shall be maintained in accordance with statutory requirements.

5. <u>Excess Umbrella Liability Insurance.</u> \$5,000,000 per occurrence. Notwithstanding the above, the Service Provider may satisfy any of the above policy limits with excess coverage.

6. <u>Scope of Insurance.</u> The insurance required under the above paragraphs shall provide adequate protection for Service Provider and its subcontractors, respectively, against damage claims which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operations be by the insured or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by the insured. All insurance requirements made upon Service Provider shall apply to a subcontractor's work operations.

7. Insurance and Bonding Companies. The insurance and bonding companies with whom Service Provider's insurance and performance bonds are written shall be authorized to do business in the State of Texas and shall be represented by a duly qualified agent or agents upon whom service of process may be had, and must have authority and power to act on behalf of the insurance and/or bonding company to negotiate and settle with the City, or any other claimant, any claims that the City or other claimant, or any property owner who has been damaged, may have against Service Provider or its insurance or bonding company. The name of the agent or agents shall be set forth on all such bonds and certificates of insurance. Service Provider shall keep the required insurance in full force and effect at all times during the term of this contract, and any renewals thereof. Service Provider shall furnish to the City a certificate of insurance, evidencing that Service Provider has obtained the required insurance coverage. All policies shall provide that they may not be changed or canceled by the insurer in less than five (5) days after the City has received written notice of such change or cancellation.

SECTION 26. INDEMNITY.

The Service Provider agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City and its current, former, and future agents, directors, employees, officers, officials, and servants (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties"), individually and collectively, from and against any and all suits, actions, legal proceedings, claims, demands, damages, costs, liabilities, losses or expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees) (collectively, the "Claims") to the extent caused by any negligent act or omission or willful misconduct of the Service Provider, its officers and employees. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Service Provider shall have no obligation to indemnify the Indemnified Parties to the extent any such Claims arise out of: (i) the acts or omissions of any Indemnified Party, (ii) the City's breach of any of the terms, conditions, representations, or warranties contained in this Agreement, or (iii) the violation of any law, rule, regulation, ordinance, order, permit, or license by any Indemnified Party.

SECTION 27. MISCELLANEOUS

A. <u>Compliance with Laws.</u> Service Provider hereby agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws including the Fair Labor Standards Act and rules, regulations orders and decrees of the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (fo1merly the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission), and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Service Provider shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, representatives, agents, and employees against any claim or liability arising from or based on the violation of any such laws, regulations, ordinances, order or decree, whether such violation was by Service Provider, its agents or employees, or any subcontractor. Service Provider shall not be required to collect or dispose of any oil, sludge, fecal material or any radioactive, pathological, toxic, acidic or volatile material, or other hazardous waste or improper waste from any commercial or residential customer. Should Service Provider elect to dispose of such materials, Service Provider shall take such steps and precautions as are required by the applicable laws governing disposal of such material.

Service Provider shall at all times observe all City ordinances controlling or limiting those engaged performing work under this contract; provided, however, that nothing contained in any ordinance not in derogation of this Agreement now in effect or hereafter adopted pertaining to the collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, and Construction and Demolition Waste, Bulky Items and Bundles or other trash shall in any way be construed to affect, change or modify or otherwise alter the duties, responsibilities and operation of Service Provider in the performance of the terms of this Agreement. It is the intention hereof that Service Provider be required to perform the terms of this Agreement regardless of the affect of interpretation of any municipal ordinance not in derogation of this Agreement which in any way relates to brush, debris, garbage, hazardous waste, bulky items, refuse, bundled or boxed bundled items or trash.

B. <u>Multiple Originals</u>. This Agreement may be executed in multiple originals, each of which shall be deemed for all purposes to be an original, and all of which are identical.

C. <u>Paragraph Headings</u>. The paragraph headings contained herein are for the convenience in reference and are not intended to define or limit the scope of any provision of this Agreement.

D. <u>Successors and Assigns.</u> All of the terms, covenants, and agreements contained herein shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto.

E. <u>Notices.</u> Notices by either party to the other party shall be sufficient if sent by certified mail, postage paid, return receipt required, addressed to the other party at the addresses designated below each party's signature hereunder.

F. <u>Venue</u>. Should any action, whether real or asserted, at law or in equity, arise out of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, venue for said action shall be in Tarrant County, Texas.

G. <u>Governmental Powers and Immunity.</u> It is understood and agreed that by execution of this Agreement, City does not waive or surrender any of its governmental powers, or sovereign immunity.

H. <u>Taxes.</u> Subject to Section 11(b) above, Service Provider shall pay all federal, state, and local taxes including sales tax, social security, worker's compensation, unemployment

insurance, and any and all other required taxes which may be chargeable against labor, material, equipment, real estate, and any other items necessary to and in performance of this contract.

I. <u>Licenses</u>, <u>Permits</u>, <u>and Fees</u>. Subject to Section 11(b) above, Service Provider agrees to obtain and pay for all licenses, permits, certificates, inspections and all other fees required by law or otherwise necessary to perform the services prescribed hereunder. Service Provider shall also pay, at Service Provider's own expense, all disposal fees associated with the collection, removal and disposal of refuse; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that nothing herein shall impede Service Provider's rights to adjust the rates hereunder as may be specifically set forth in this Agreement.

J. <u>Performance Bond.</u> Service Provider agrees that upon the execution of this Contract and before beginning work, it shall make, execute, and deliver to the City a good and sufficient surety bond, to secure the faithful performance of the terms and conditions herein. Such bond shall be in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), and signed by an authorized officer of the Service Provider, together with the signature of the corporate secretary and the corporate seal, if any. The surety shall be a surety company duly authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and approved by the City, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

K. <u>Savings Provision.</u> In the event that any term or provision of this Agreement shall be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, this Agreement shall, to the extent reasonably possible, remain in force as to the balance of its terms and provisions as if such invalid term or provision were not a part hereof.

L. <u>Audit.</u> Either Service Provider or the City may request an audit of all account records by the City's or, as applicable, Service Provider's outside, independent audit firm then engaged by the City or, as applicable, the Service Provider at the time of the request. Such audit shall be at the expense of the party requesting same. Further, supporting documentation of billings will be provided to the City or Service Provider upon request by the other party.

M. <u>Force Majeure.</u> The performance of this Agreement may be suspended and the obligations hereunder excused in the event and during the period that such performance is prevented by a cause or causes beyond the reasonable control of such party. The performance of

this Agreement will be suspended and the obligations hereunder excused only until the condition preventing performance is remedied. Such conditions shall include, but not be limited to, acts of God, acts of war, accident, explosion, fire, flood, riot, sabotage, unusually severe weather, lack of adequate fuel, or judicial or governmental laws or regulations.

N. <u>Attorneys' Fees.</u> The prevailing party in any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or involving the enforcement, interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be entitled to recover all reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with such action, suit or proceeding.

O. <u>Waiver.</u> Any failure by either party to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall in no way constitute a waiver by such party of any contractual right hereunder, unless such waiver is in writing and signed by such party.

SECTION 28. TERMINATION.

A. Any failure by the Service Provider or its successors and assigns to observe the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall, if continuing or persisting without remedy for more than thirty (30) days after the receipt of due written notice from the City (and signed by the City Manager), constitute grounds for forfeiture and immediate termination of all the Service Provider's rights that would have otherwise accrued after the date of such termination under this Agreement, and all such rights shall become null and void.

B. Any failure by the City to pay any amounts owed to Service Provider under this Agreement shall, if continuing or persisting without remedy for more than thirty (30) days after its receipt of due written notice from Service Provider, constitute grounds for forfeiture and immediate termination of all the City's rights that would have otherwise accrued after that date of such termination under this Agreement, and all such rights shall become null and void.

C. City shall have the right, upon provision of ninety (90) days written notice to Service Provider, to terminate this contract with or without cause.

D. Expenditures not appropriated by the City Council in its current fiscal year budget are deemed to be contingent liabilities only and are subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets. In the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated and budgeted in any subsequent fiscal period by the City Council for performance under this Agreement, the City shall

notify Service Provider, and this Agreement shall terminate on the last day of the City's fiscal year for which sufficient appropriation was made, without penalty, liability or expense to City.

SECTION 29. <u>ACCEPTANCE</u>.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS COUNCIL MEETING AT A TIME AND PLACE IN COMPLETE CONFORMITY WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS THIS __ DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

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