

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
FOR JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO (“Fort Collins”), THE CITY OF GREELEY, COLORADO (“Greeley”), and THE CITY OF LOVELAND, COLORADO (“Loveland”), and each and all also will be collectively referred to as the “Municipality” or the “Municipalities.”

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 29-1-203, C.R.S., governments may cooperate or contract with one another to provide any function, service or facility lawfully authorized to each of the cooperating or contracting units of government; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Courts of Cities and Towns are generally held and presided over by Municipal Judges employed by the Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, on occasion, the Municipal Judges may be prevented from sitting on the bench or presiding over a case by reason of personal conflict of interest, vacation, illness or other reason, and in some cases the Assistant Municipal Judge (also known as the temporary judge) may also be unavailable; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide cost-effective and efficient special judicial services to temporarily replace the services of the Municipal Judge in the event of a conflict of interest or other circumstance, the Municipalities desire to cooperatively exchange the services of their Municipal Judge with each other; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article VII of the Fort Collins City Charter sets forth the requirements for the appointment of Municipal Judges, including temporary judges, and requires that the temporary judges be reputable and qualified attorneys; and

WHEREAS, Section 9-2 of the City of Loveland Charter sets forth the requirements for appointment of the Municipal Judge and deputy municipal judges, including that such judges shall be an attorney at law admitted to practice in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-1 of the Charter of the City of Greeley sets forth the requirements for appointment of the Judge or Judges of the Municipal Court and states that in the Judge or Judges’ absence the Council shall designate an attorney to serve as Judge; and

WHEREAS, the City Councils of all three Municipalities have the authority to designate an attorney to serve as a deputy or temporary judge; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2022-___, the Fort Collins City Council recognized that the Loveland Municipal Judge, the Honorable Geri Joneson; the Loveland Deputy Municipal Judges

Marco Scalise and, Carrie Clein; the Greeley Municipal Judge, the Honorable Mark Gonzales; and the Greeley Assistant Judges Diane Knutson, Keith Coleman, and Amy Penfold-Rutz are reputable and qualified attorneys; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #R-95-2022, the Loveland City Council recognized that the Fort Collins Municipal Judge, the Honorable Jill Hueser; the Fort Collins Assistant Municipal Judges Michele Kline, Vicki Pace, and Kristin Brown; the Greeley Municipal Judge, the Honorable Mark Gonzales; and the Greeley Assistant Judges Diane Knutson, Keith Coleman, and Amy Penfold-Rutz are attorneys at law licensed to practice in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution __, 2022, the Greeley City Council recognized that the Fort Collins Municipal Judge, the Honorable Jill Hueser is an attorney qualified to serve as assistant judge in accordance with Section 2.08.050 of the Greeley Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Collins City Council authorized the Mayor of Fort Collins to execute an intergovernmental agreement between Fort Collins, Loveland, and Greeley for the purpose of appointing Judges Joneson, Scalise, Clein, Gonzales, Knutson, Coleman, and Penfold-Rutz as temporary judges through October 31, 2024, with such language in an intergovernmental agreement as the Municipalities determine is appropriate to provide for the exchange of judicial services when needed; and

WHEREAS, the Loveland City Council has authorized the Mayor of Loveland to execute an intergovernmental agreement between Loveland, Fort Collins, and Greeley for the purpose of appointing Judges Hueser, Kline, Pace, Brown, Gonzales, Knutson, Coleman, and Penfold-Rutz as deputy judges through October 31, 2024, with such language in an intergovernmental agreement as the Municipalities determine is appropriate to provide for the exchange of judicial services when needed; and

WHEREAS, the Greeley City Council has authorized the Mayor of Greeley to execute an intergovernmental agreement between Loveland, Fort Collins, and Greeley for the purpose of appointing Judge Hueser as an assistant judge through October 31, 2024, with such language in an intergovernmental agreement as the Municipalities determine is appropriate to provide for the exchange of judicial services when needed; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities' City Councils have determined it would be in the best interests of their respective Municipalities to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to authorize the exchange of such judicial services under appropriate circumstances and to establish the terms and conditions upon which such exchange of services should occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Exchange of Judicial Services. If the presiding Municipal Judge of Fort Collins, Loveland, or Greeley, in his or her discretion, determines that a conflict of interest exists, or that any assistant or backup judges are unavailable to perform the normal duties of such judge's position, the lead presiding Municipal Judge ("the Requesting Municipal Judge") shall determine whether it would be appropriate to exchange judicial services under this Agreement. In making such determination, the Requesting Municipal Judge shall consider the unique circumstances which give rise to the need for a secondary assistant or backup Municipal Judge as well as any other factors which the Requesting Municipal Judge may consider to be relevant. If the City Council or the Municipal Judge for a Municipality determines that an exchange of judicial services would be appropriate under this Agreement, the Requesting Municipal Judge shall notify the Municipal Judge for the other Municipality, ("the Responding Municipal Judge") and request that such judge provide such services.

Upon receipt of such request, the Responding Municipal Judge shall determine whether such services may be provided without unduly interfering with the Responding Municipality's ability to perform the normal duties of its own court. The Responding Municipal Judge shall notify the Requesting Municipal Judge within three (3) working days as to whether the request for judicial services can be accommodated. If so, the Responding Municipal Judge will provide such services. If no response is received from the Responding Municipal Judge within three (3) working days, the request shall be deemed denied.

2. Pursuant to Fort Collins City Council Resolution 2022-____, the Loveland City Council Resolution #R-____-2022, Greeley City Council Resolution __, 2022, the following Municipal Judges are authorized to appear in the Municipal Court of Fort Collins, Loveland, or Greeley, respectively:

Fort Collins
Geri Joneson
Marco Scalise
Carrie Clein
Mark Gonzales
Diane Knutson
Keith Coleman
Amy Penfold-Rutz

Loveland
Jill Hueser
Vicki Pace
Kristin Brown
Michele Kline
Mark Gonzales
Diane Knutson
Keith Coleman
Amy Penfold-Rutz

Greeley
Jill Hueser

3. Reimbursement of Costs. The party for whom judicial services are rendered under this Agreement ("the Requesting Municipality") shall provide a replacement judge for judicial services for the other party ("the Responding Municipality") if requested by the Responding Municipality and shall reimburse the Responding Municipality for all out-of-pocket expenses incurred in rendering the requested judicial services. Such expenses shall include, without limitation, cost of reproducing documents, mileage, and long distance telephone calls, and shall

exclude any reimbursement for compensation paid by the Responding Municipality to its Municipal Judge, its Temporary or Assistant or Deputy Judge, or to its support staff. Payment of such expenses shall be made within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of any billing therefor. The Requesting Municipality shall endeavor to limit the costs to the Responding Municipality by providing staff support as needed, copies of documents and the use of equipment such as telephones or computers.

3. Employment Status. Throughout the delivery of the requested secondary judicial services, the Responding Municipal Judge and/or such judge's personnel shall discharge the responsibilities of the Requesting Municipality in accordance with the Requesting Municipality's Charter and Code and other laws applicable to Requesting Municipality but shall continue to be employed solely by the Responding Municipality, and the delivery of such judicial services for the Requesting Municipality by the Responding Municipal Judge and/or his or her personnel shall be considered to be within the scope of the performance of the Responding Municipal Judge's duties for and employment by the Responding Municipality.

4. Workers' Compensation Insurance and Other Benefits. If the Responding Municipal Judge or other personnel of the Responding Municipality is injured, disabled or dies while providing services to the Requesting Municipality under this Agreement, said individual shall remain covered by, and eligible for, the workers compensation and other benefits to which said individual would otherwise be entitled if the injury, disability or death had occurred while acting solely as an employee of the Responding Municipality and not providing services to the Requesting Municipality under this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be deemed to create an employment relationship between the Requesting Municipality and the Responding Municipal Judge.

5. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado. In addition, the Municipalities acknowledge that there are legal constraints imposed upon them by the constitutions, statutes, rules and regulations of the State of Colorado and of the United States, and by their respective charters and codes and that, subject to such constraints, the Municipalities intend to carry out the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such a manner so as to be effective and valid under applicable law. Venue for any judicial proceeding concerning this Agreement shall only be in the District Court for Larimer County, Colorado.

6. Liability and Governmental Immunity. Each party is responsible for its own negligence and that of its officers, employees and agents. However, the parties agree that all liabilities, claims and demands shall be subject to any notice requirements, defenses, immunities or limitations to liability under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act (Section 24-10-101, C.R.S., et seq.) and to any other defenses, immunities or limitations to liability available to the Requesting Municipality under state and federal law.

7. Obligations Subject to Appropriation. The financial obligations of the parties under this Agreement in subsequent fiscal years are subject to the appropriation of funds sufficient and intended for such purposes by each party's City Council in its discretion.

8. Term. The term of this Agreement shall be effective November 1, 2022, *nunc pro tunc*, and continue through October 31, 2024. Any party may withdraw from this Agreement at any time by giving written notice of termination to the each of the other parties not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of withdrawal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Municipalities have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

[Signature pages follow.]

CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO
a municipal corporation

Date: _____

By: _____
Jeni Arndt, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(Print name)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ingrid Decker, Senior Assistant City Attorney

CITY OF LOVELAND, COLORADO

Date: _____

By: _____

Jacki Marsh, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Assistant City Attorney

CITY OF GREELEY, COLORADO

Date: _____

By: _____
John Gates, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Approved as to Substance:

Raymond C. Lee III
City Manager

Approved as to Availability of Funds:

John Karner
Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Doug Marek
City Attorney