INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

This **AGREEMENT** entered into as of December 1, 2026 by and between the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois a municipal corporation (hereinafter called the **VILLAGE**), and the County of Cook, Illinois a body corporate and politic (hereinafter called the **COUNTY**).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The **VILLAGE** wishes to provide environmental health inspectional services relating to food service sanitation and retail food store sanitation; and

WHEREAS, the **COUNTY** is willing to provide the **VILLAGE** with certain environmental health services through the work of its Department of Public Health, (hereinafter called the **DEPARTMENT**) upon the terms and conditions as hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the **COUNTY** is a home rule unit as provided in the 1970 Illinois Constitution (Art. VII, Sec. 6); and

WHEREAS, the **VILLAGE** is a municipality deriving its authority as provided in the Illinois Compiled Statutes (65 ILCS 5); and

WHEREAS, the 1970 Illinois Constitution (Art. VII, Section 10) and the Illinois Compiled Statutes (5 ILCS 220) provide authority for intergovernmental cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Compiled Statutes (55 ILCS 5/5-25013 (B) 5), provides that the **DEPARTMENT** may contract for the sale of health services; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto seek to protect the health of the citizens of the **COUNTY** and the **VILLAGE** by undertaking the **AGREEMENTS** contained herein through their joint effort.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, and such other considerations as hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The **DEPARTMENT**, through its Environmental Health Division Staff, shall provide the following environmental services to the **VILLAGE:**

    a. Make inspections as required by the food sanitation provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the **VILLAGE** (hereinafter called the **VILLAGE CODE**) of all food service establishments and retail food stores licensed or permitted by the **VILLAGE** as scheduled by the **VILLAGE** and the **DEPARTMENT** during the term of this **AGREEMENT** to assure compliance with the **VILLAGE CODE;**

b. Reinspect all food service establishments and retail food stores to monitor the correction of violations identified at the time of the initial inspection pursuant to (a.) above;

c. Provide the **VILLAGE** with reports of inspections undertaken;

d. Report immediately to the **VILLAGE** on matters which in the opinion of the inspector are of serious concern;

e. Testify as required in any court cases brought by the **VILLAGE** for correction of food sanitation code violations cited pursuant to inspections conducted by the **DEPARTMENT**;

f. Review plans for any new or extensively remodeled food service establishment or retail food store in the **VILLAGE** to assure compliance with current Federal, State, **COUNTY**, and **VILLAGE** Food Service Establishment and Retail Food Store Regulations.

2. The **DEPARTMENT** agrees to furnish its employees with means of transportation to, from, and within the **VILLAGE** in order to carry out the duties and inspections as described herein.

3. The **VILLAGE** agrees:

a. To maintain in force during the term and any extension of this intergovernmental **AGREEMENT**, ordinances or regulations at least equivalent to the **COUNTY** Food Service Establishment and Retail Food Store Ordinances;

b. To maintain files and records of inspections and licensing or permitting of food service establishments and retail food stores, and to provide the **DEPARTMENT** with one copy of inspection reports prepared by **DEPARTMENT** personnel and upon reasonable notice provide the **COUNTY** with access to said files and records;

c. To provide any legal action in the determination of the **VILLAGE** necessary to enforce the **VILLAGE** ordinances or regulations.

4. To provide the **DEPARTMENT** with the necessary authority to perform the duties and services referred to above.

5. The **DEPARTMENT** agrees to provide all of the services outlined in Paragraph Number 1 above, at a cost of **$100.00 per inspection** billed to the **VILLAGE** for the term of the **AGREEMENT**.

6. The **VILLAGE** agrees to hold harmless and to indemnify the **COUNTY**, its Board members, officers, agents and employees from liabilities, costs, judgments, attorneys' fees or other expenses resulting from any negligence or act or failure to act under this **AGREEMENT** by the **VILLAGE**, its officers, agents or employees. The **COUNTY** agrees to hold harmless and to indemnify the **VILLAGE**, its Board members, officers, agents and employees from liabilities, costs, judgments, attorneys' fees or other expenses resulting from any negligence or act or failure to act under this **AGREEMENT** by the **COUNTY**, its officers, agents or employees. Nothing herein shall be construed to require the **VILLAGE** to indemnify the **COUNTY** for the negligence of the **DEPARTMENT** or its officers, agents, or employees; and further, nothing herein shall be construed to require the **VILLAGE** to indemnify or make any payments in connection with any claim for which the **COUNTY** or the **DEPARTMENT** otherwise would not be liable, nor shall it be construed to waive any defenses that the **COUNTY**, the **DEPARTMENT** or the **VILLAGE** may otherwise have to any such claim. Furthermore, nothing herein shall be construed to require the **COUNTY** to indemnify the **VILLAGE** for the negligence of the **VILLAGE** or its officers, agents or employees; and further, nothing herein shall be construed to require the **COUNTY** to indemnify or make payments in connection with any claim for which the **VILLAGE** otherwise would not be liable.

7. This **AGREEMENT** shall become effective as of December 1, 2026 and shall continue through November 30, 2027 unless otherwise terminated by either party as hereinafter provided. This **AGREEMENT** may be renewed on an annual basis by resolution of the corporate authority of both parties or with the written agreement of the parties through their designated representatives. For purposes of the renewal of the terms and conditions contained in this **AGREEMENT** the **COUNTY** authorizes the Chief of the Bureau of Health Services or the Director of the **DEPARTMENT** to renew on its behalf.

8. The parties hereto shall at any time during the term of this **AGREEMENT** have the right to terminate same upon 30 days written notice to the other party, said notice to be sent certified mail, return receipt to: Director, Cook County Department of Public Health, 10220 S. 76th Avenue, Room 250, Bridgeview, IL 60455; or the Mayor, Village of Homewood, 2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood, IL 60430.

9. It is expressly agreed by the parties hereto that all environmental health staff members of the **DEPARTMENT** shall be deemed its employees and shall be under the sole supervision and control of the **DEPARTMENT.**

10. This intergovernmental **AGREEMENT** may be amended only by resolution of the corporate authority of each party hereto.

11. If any provision of this **AGREEMENT** is invalid for any reason, such invalid portion shall not render invalid the remaining provisions of this **AGREEMENT** which can be given effect without the invalid provision to carry out the intent of the parties as stated herein.

12. Neither party hereto may assign this **AGREEMENT** in whole or in part without the written consent of the other party.

13. The waiver by a party or any breach or failure of the other party to perform any covenant or obligation contained herein shall not constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach.

14. This **AGREEMENT** represents the entire **AGREEMENT** between the parties and supersedes any and all prior **AGREEMENTS**, whether written or oral. Any modification of this **AGREEMENT** shall be valid only if in writing and signed by all parties hereto.

15. This **AGREEMENT** shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.

16. All notices relating to the **AGREEMENT** shall be either hand delivered to the party or mailed to the party by certified mail, return receipt requested to all respective parties at addresses as both appear in Section 8 of this **AGREEMENT**.

17. None of the provisions of this **AGREEMENT** is intended to create nor shall be designed or construed to create any relationship between the **COUNTY** and the **VILLAGE** other than of independent entities contracting with each other hereunder solely for effecting the provisions of the **AGREEMENT**. Neither of the parties hereto nor any of their respective representatives shall be construed to be the agent, the employer or representative of the other. The **VILLAGE** and the **COUNTY** will maintain separate and independent managements and each has full unrestricted authority and responsibility regarding its own organization and structure.

18. The execution of this **AGREEMENT** by the **COUNTY** shall be subject to the authorization of the Cook County Board of Commissioners adopted in accordance with applicable law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned governmental units have caused this **AGREEMENT** to be duly executed and attached herewith are copies of the respective resolutions authorizing the signing official to execute this **AGREEMENT**.

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
a municipal corporation

By: _____

Village President

ATTEST:

By: _____

Village Clerk

Dated: _____

COUNTY OF COOK
a body corporate and politic

By: _____

Chief Operating Officer (COO)

Dated: _____

By: _____

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Dated: _____