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Board of County Commissioners

January 23, 2024

Mayor and City Council
c/o Sharon Jakubowski Wolz, City Administrator
City of Walsenburg
525 S. Albert Ave.
Walsenburg, CO 81089

RE: Law Enforcement Services Agreement Extension

To the Mayor and City Council,

We write to confirm that the County is willing to continue to provide Law Enforcement Services to the City of Walsenburg, per our existing agreement which would have expired on December 31, 2023, for the first 6 months of 2024.

We also confirm our agreement to provide those services at a rate of \$67,816 per month as discussed and agreed in the meeting held January 19, 2024 between the City, represented by Mayor Gary Vezzani, Council Member Veronica Maes, and City Administrator Sharon Jakubowski Wolz, and the County, represented by Chairman John Galusha, Sheriff Bruce Newman, County Administrator Carl Young, and Management Fellow Robert Gilbert. This amounts to a 14% increase in the monthly payment during this 6 month extension period.

Lastly, we want to confirm that the County will continue to provide services while your legal team prepares the addendum that memorializes our agreement. Our next regular meeting is February 13th and if the addendum is ready by then that is when we would sign. Please reach out to John Galusha or Carl Young if you need anything from the County to help prepare that addendum.

This extension will allow the City and the County time to negotiate a new long-term contract. We look forward to working with you to finalize a new agreement before this nonrenewable extension expires.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

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**RENEWAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALSENBURG
AND THE BOARD OF HUERFANO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR
LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

This document constitutes a renewal of the intergovernmental agreement for law enforcement services entered into in 2016 and most recently renewed and amended in July of 2023 (the "Agreement") by and between the City Council and the City of Walsenburg (the "City"), a Colorado municipal corporation, and the Board of County Commissioners of Huerfano County, Colorado, the governing body of Huerfano County (the "County"), a political subdivision of the state, collectively, (the "Parties").

WHEREAS, Colo. Const. art. 14 § 18, and C.R.S. § 29-1-201, 203 et. seq. permit and encourage political subdivisions to enter intergovernmental agreements to provide any function, service, or facility lawfully authorized to each of the cooperating or contracting units, including the sharing of costs for the mutual benefit of both;

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 30-11-410(1) provides that the governing body of a municipality and the board of county commissioners may contract to provide law enforcement services, including enforcement of municipal ordinances, by the sheriff within the boundaries of the municipality;

WHEREAS, public safety within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Walsenburg and Huerfano County is in the mutual interest of both entities;

WHEREAS, the Parties previously entered into an agreement for law enforcement services and that agreement expired December 31, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. and the Parties subsequently negotiated a renewal to the 2016 Agreement that expired on December 31, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to renew the Agreement for law enforcement services for a period of 6 months to allow the Parties additional time to negotiate a new agreement for a longer term;

WHEREAS, the City of Walsenburg desires to obtain all reasonable and necessary law enforcement services from the County and the County desires to provide all reasonable and necessary law enforcement services to the City; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City desire to renew the Agreement in accordance with the amended terms herein provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City and the County agree that the Agreement terms remain in full force and effect upon execution of this renewal with the exception of the following Agreement terms that are hereby reenacted and replaced to read as follows.

8. Fee for Services.

The City and County shall share the cost of law enforcement through the payment of fees by the City to the County to offset the cost of law enforcement services

Signature Page

APPROVED by the Walsenburg City Council on the 8th day of February,
2024.

Gary M Vezani
Gary Vezani, Mayor

APPROVED by the Huerfano County Commissioners this ____ day of _____ 2024.

_____, Chair

_____, Commissioner

_____, Commissioner

APPROVED by the Huerfano County Sheriff this ____ day of _____, 2024.

_____, Huerfano County Sheriff