

# AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2026, by and between the CITY OF KINGSPORT, hereinafter referred to as "Kingsport", a municipal corporation of the state of Tennessee, and the WASHINGTON COUNTY, TN, hereinafter referred to as "Washington County", a subdivision of the state of Tennessee.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-35-416; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the public interest for the parties hereto to enter into this Agreement for the extension of public water service to various locations in Washington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

**Section 1.** As a condition precedent to Washington County providing its obligations set out in this Agreement, Kingsport will extend or upgrade Kingsport's water distribution system, providing adequate service for the following areas:

- a. Kincheloe Rd from Logan Chapel Rd to Painter Rd (approx. 3,000 ft)
- b. Good Rd from RG Cloyd Rd to 155 Good Rd (approx. 2,600 ft)

**Section 2.** Upon successful bid opening for this project, Washington County will provide funds to Kingsport for the following:

- a. Construction costs for work described in Section 1, along with contingency funds equaling 6% of construction costs;
- b. Engineering fees covering survey, design, and construction management totaling 14% of construction cost;
- c. Estimated total cost of \$841,800 with a. and b. included. Final total cost to be determined upon bid opening;
- d. Any funds not used for the work described in Section 1 will be returned to Washington County within 60 days of close out of project with contractor.

**Section 3.** The construction of water service is to be completed in approximately 12 months from notice to proceed from lowest compliant bidder.

**Section 4.** This Agreement is subject to such rules, regulations, or laws as may be applicable to similar agreements in the state of Tennessee, and the parties will collaborate in obtaining such permits, certificates, or the like, as may be required to comply therewith.

**Section 5.** Neither party will be liable to the other party or be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement for any failure or delay in rendering performance arising out of causes beyond its reasonable control and without its fault or negligence. Such causes may include but are not limited to, acts of God or the public enemy, terrorism, severe weather, thunderstorms, severe winds, significant fires, floods, earthquakes, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, or governmental authorities' approval delays which are not caused by any act or omission by either party. The party whose performance is affected agrees to notify the other party promptly of the existence and nature of the delay.

**Section 6.** In the event that any provision or portion of this Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, then such provision or portion thereof will be reformed in accordance with the applicable laws. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision or portion of any of this Agreement will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision or portion of the Agreement.

**Section 7.** The failure of either party to perform, keep or fulfill any of the covenants, undertakings, obligations or conditions set forth in this Agreement, and the continuance of such default for a period of thirty (30) days after the defaulting party's receipt of written notice from the non-defaulting party of said failure will be a default. Upon the occurrence of an alleged default, or a dispute or disagreement between the parties hereto arising out of or in connection with any term or provision of this Agreement or, the subject matter hereof, or the interpretation or enforcement hereof (the "Dispute"), the parties will engage in informal, good faith discussions and attempt to resolve the Dispute. In connection therewith, upon written notice of either party, each of the parties will appoint a designated officer whose task it will be to meet for the purpose of attempting to resolve such Dispute. The designated officers will meet as often as the parties deem reasonably necessary. Such officers will discuss the Dispute. If the parties are unable to resolve the Dispute in accordance with this Section 7, and in the event either party concludes in good faith that amicable resolution through continued negotiation with respect to the Dispute is not reasonably likely, then the parties may mutually agree to submit to nonbinding mediation. If the matter is not resolved by mediation either party will have the right, at its sole option, without further demand or notice, to take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or desirable to enforce its rights including, but not limited to, the suspension or termination of this Agreement. Venue for any litigation for any dispute arising out of or related to this Agreement, which cannot promptly be resolved by negotiation, will be the state courts for Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee. This Agreement will be construed under and will be governed by the laws of the state of Tennessee.

**Section 8.** Notices, statements and other communications to be given under the terms of this Agreement will be in writing and delivered by hand, sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or sent by nationally recognized overnight delivery service, or email addressed to the parties as follows:

To Kingsport:  
Assistant Utilities Director – Engineering / Operations  
City of Kingsport  
1113 Konnarock Rd  
Kingsport, Tennessee 37664

with copy to:

City Attorney  
City of Kingsport  
415 Broad Street  
Kingsport, Tennessee 37660

To Washington County:  
Mayor Joe Grandy  
110 E. Main Street  
Jonesborough, TN 37659

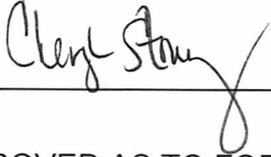
Such notice may also be sent to such other address as is from time to time designated by the party receiving the notice. Any such notice that is sent in accordance with this Section 8 will be deemed received when hand delivery is received or refused, as shown on the return receipt if mailed or shown as delivered if sent by nationally recognized overnight delivery service.

**Section 9.** Both parties are governmental entities having substantial experience with the subject matter of this Agreement, and each has fully participated in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. Accordingly, this Agreement will be construed without regard to the rule that ambiguities in a document are to be construed against the draftsman. No inferences will be drawn from the fact that the final, duly executed Agreement differs in any respect from any previous draft hereof.

**Section 10.** This Agreement, together with any other writings signed by the parties expressly stated to be supplemental hereto and together with any instruments to be executed and delivered pursuant to this Agreement, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior understandings and writings, and this Agreement may only be modified or amended during the term only by a written non-electronic instrument that has been duly executed by the non-electronic signatures of authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement in duplicate original counterparts, each of which constitutes an original.

ATTEST:

  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Allyson Wilkinson  
Attorney for Washington County

ATTEST:

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Angela Marshall, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Rodney B. Rowlett, III  
City Attorney for Kingsport

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

By:   
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Joe Grandy, Mayor



**CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor