

**AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES BY AND  
BETWEEN THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
AND THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES**

This Agreement is made by and between the TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida which municipality is wholly located within the boundaries of Palm Beach County, Florida (hereinafter referred to as "TOWN") and Ric L. Bradshaw, Sheriff of Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Florida, (hereinafter referred to collectively as "SHERIFF").

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the TOWN is desirous of maintaining a high level of competent professional law enforcement services in conjunction and harmony with its fiscal policies of sound, economical management; and

**WHEREAS**, the SHERIFF has agreed to provide the TOWN a high level of professional law enforcement services and the TOWN is desirous of contracting for such services upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth; and

**WHEREAS**, the TOWN is desirous of obtaining its law enforcement services through a contractual relationship with the SHERIFF.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the sums hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and legal sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, **IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS**

1.1 For the purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the respective meanings hereinafter set forth:

- A. Executive Officer shall mean a non-exempt employee who is appointed by the SHERIFF as a deputy sheriff holding the rank of lieutenant who shall perform duties and functions as specifically set forth in Article 2 of this Agreement.
- B. Sergeant shall mean an individual who is appointed by the SHERIFF as a deputy sheriff who shall plan, direct, patrol, supervise, and/or perform the activities of a deputy sheriff as set forth in Article 2 of this Agreement.

- C. Deputy Sheriff shall mean an individual, other than those described in A, and B, of this Article, who is appointed by the SHERIFF in accordance with Section 30.07, Florida Statutes, and who has executed any necessary oath which is required by law to serve in the position of a certified law enforcement deputy sheriff and perform the duties and responsibilities as set forth in Article 2 of this Agreement.
- D. Patrol Unit shall mean one staffed marked patrol car/truck and all standard equipment as defined by the SHERIFF's general orders.
- E. Service shall mean comprehensive law enforcement protection provided each day of the year on a twenty-four (24) hour per day basis.
- F. Town Manager shall mean the chief administrative officer of the TOWN and shall include any individual employed by the TOWN or any contracted third party who is delegated to perform the duties and responsibilities of the management and oversight of the TOWN functions related to law enforcement services.

## **ARTICLE 2 – LEVELS OF SERVICE**

### **2.1 Law Enforcement Patrol Services**

- A. The SHERIFF shall provide to the TOWN, for the term hereinafter set forth, as the same may be extended in accordance with the provisions hereof, competent professional law enforcement services within and throughout the corporate limits of the TOWN to the extent and in the manner herein described.
- B. The SHERIFF shall assign personnel, through request and consultation with the Town to provide the level of professional law enforcement services as established in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, or as such service has been supplemented and enhanced as a result of this Agreement and any amendments and supplements thereto.
- C. Law enforcement services shall encompass all those duties and functions of the type coming with the jurisdiction of, and customarily provided by, municipal police departments, which include receiving of 911 calls, dispatch of calls for law enforcement services, arrest of criminal offenders and citations issued to traffic violators, traffic control, testifying in court, community policing, high visibility patrol within the TOWN (including all TOWN facilities and parks), and other duties in accordance with the SHERIFF's general orders, the TOWN Charter and ordinances, Palm Beach County Charter and ordinances that are applicable within the

TOWN, and statutes of the State of Florida. The Sheriff's deputies will not act as Code Enforcement officers, however, Sheriff's deputies may enforce Town Ordinances to the extent the ordinance authorizes arrest and provides for fines and/or imprisonment, as set forth in Chapter 162, Florida Statutes. Performance of all duties of sheriff's deputies shall be in accordance with Sheriff's Office General Orders and any applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement. Additionally, law enforcement patrol services shall encompass response to alarm calls, and the SHERIFF shall respond to alarm calls consistent with the Palm Beach County Alarm Ordinance as it may from time-to-time be amended.

D. THE SHERIFF shall additionally provide to the TOWN when necessary, at no additional cost to the TOWN the following expertise, services, and facilities, which the SHERIFF would normally provide to other law enforcement agencies:

1. Full service crime lab.
2. Aviation and helicopter unit.
3. Organized Crime investigations (includes Vice & Narcotics).
4. Prisoner and jails services.
5. Criminal Investigations.
6. Marine Patrol.
8. Evidence Custodian.
9. Other support services, such as Traffic Homicide, Canine, etc. (as available to other SHERIFF districts or law enforcement jurisdictions).

E. The SHERIFF shall provide the TOWN, upon the request of the TOWN, such supplemental law enforcement services of a deputy sheriff, beyond those services described herein, as may be needed from time-to-time that cannot be accommodated through flexible scheduling of on-duty sheriff's deputies. Compensation shall be in accordance with Article 5.3. Those services typically include, but are not limited to, providing services at:

1. TOWN Council meetings.
2. Board and Committee meetings.
3. Special Events sponsored by the TOWN.

- F. Unless exigent circumstances exist, all deputies assigned to the Town of Loxahatchee Groves shall remain within the corporate limits of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves.
- G. Unless operational necessity dictates otherwise, there shall be a minimum of one (1) patrol zone with a minimum staffing of one (1) deputy per shift.
- H. Law enforcement patrol supervision shall be provided by a Sergeant or higher ranking officer each day of the year, twenty-four (24) hours per day through District 15. Sergeants shall not be included in calculating the deputy sheriff staffing requirements set forth in this agreement.
- I. Each patrol unit shall prominently display on the vehicle's exterior "Town of Loxahatchee Groves" and the Town logo, designed to match the scheme of Sheriff's vehicles.

## 2.2 Executive and Administrative Services

- A. Performance of all duties and responsibilities of the Executive Officer of District 15 shall be in accordance with SHERIFF's general orders, any applicable collective bargaining agreements, and this Agreement.

## 2.3 Administrative Responsibilities

- A. The Executive Officer of District 15 or designee will notify the Town Manager in a timely manner of any major/significant crimes, incidents or emergencies that occur within the TOWN.
- B. From time to time, upon reasonable notice, the Executive Officer of District 15 or designee shall meet with the TOWN to discuss law enforcement issues related to services impacting the TOWN.
- C. A formal analysis of law enforcement-related trends and indicators shall be prepared and presented to the TOWN once annually at a date to be scheduled after the Florida UCR report is finalized, and shall include data, analysis and reporting.
- D. The SHERIFF or designee will provide the town a monthly summary report as is completed now.

## 2.4 Fiscal Responsibilities

- A. The SHERIFF shall provide to the TOWN cost changes associated with the renewal of law enforcement services by no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> of each prior fiscal year through the term of the agreement.
- B. Annual staffing increases for deputy sheriffs shall be supported by crime and law enforcement activity analysis and must be approved by the Town Council.

2.5 The SHERIFF shall furnish to and maintain for the benefit of the TOWN, without additional cost therefore, all necessary labor, supervision, equipment, vehicles, and supplies necessary and proper for the purpose of performing the services, duties, and responsibilities set forth and as necessary to maintain the level of service to be rendered hereunder.

## ARTICLE 3 – OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

### 3.1 Employment Responsibility

- A. All sheriffs' deputies and other persons employed by the SHERIFF in the performance of such services, functions and responsibilities, as described and contracted for herein, for the TOWN are deemed Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office employees and not employees of the TOWN.
- B. The SHERIFF shall be responsible for all insurance benefits, compensation, and/or any status or right during the course of employment with the SHERIFF. Accordingly, the TOWN shall not be called upon to assume any liability for, or direct payment of, any salaries, wages, contribution to the Florida Retirement System, insurance premiums or payments, workers' compensation benefits under Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, or any other amenities of employment to any SHERIFF personnel performing services, duties, and responsibilities hereunder for the benefit of the TOWN and residents thereof.

### 3.2 Employment: Right of Control

- A. The SHERIFF shall have and maintain the responsibility for and control of the delivery of services, the standards of performance, the discipline of personnel and other matters incident to the performance of services, duties, and responsibilities as described and contemplated herein.
- B. The TOWN does hereby vest in each deputy sheriff, to the extent allowed by law, the police powers of the TOWN which are necessary to implement and carry forth the

services, duties, and responsibilities imposed upon the SHERIFF hereby, for the sole and limited purpose of giving official and lawful status and validity to the performance thereof by such deputy sheriff.

#### **ARTICLE 4 – TOWN RESPONSIBILITIES**

##### **4.1 Office Space**

- A. All positions provided for in this agreement will be located at the SHERIFF's District 15 office and will carry out their job functions as required under this Service Agreement.
- B. Future space planning shall be coordinated with the SHERIFF and the TOWN.

4.2 The TOWN shall provide two (2) copies of TOWN'S ordinances as adopted and two (2) copies of the Code of Ordinances with updates as received.

#### **ARTICLE 5 – CONSIDERATION**

- 5.1 The total amount due for all services beginning October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, (excepting those costs identified and funded as set forth in Article 5.5), shall be based on an annual amount of \$610,000.00.
- 5.2 The total amount due for all law enforcement services for subsequent years shall be based upon the cost submitted by the SHERIFF as set forth in Article 2, Section 2.4, during the TOWN'S budget process and approved by the TOWN Council.
- 5.3 Additional law enforcement services as set forth in Article 2.1(E) must be authorized by the TOWN in writing and will be billed at the then current extra-duty permit hourly rate.
- 5.4 The SHERIFF shall invoice the TOWN within ten (10) days of the close of each month. Payments shall be made in equal monthly increments and shall be remitted to the SHERIFF before the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceding the month of service.
- 5.5 The TOWN shall fund the cost of any third-party agreements related to the performance of this Law Enforcement Services Agreement, including additional crime analysis and audit functions as determined necessary and approved by the TOWN.
- 5.6 The consideration recited herein constitutes the entire consideration to be paid herein under and upon the payment thereof, in the manner and at the times prescribed herein.

## **ARTICLE 6 – AUDIT OF RECORDS**

- 6.1 The TOWN may, upon reasonable notice to the SHERIFF and in accordance with Florida law, examine the existing SHERIFF's records relating to the services provided pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- 6.2 Records not prepared by the SHERIFF in the ordinary course of business may be provided as the TOWN and SHERIFF may agree.
- 6.3 The TOWN may elect to perform the audit itself or to have an outside third party do so.

## **ARTICLE 7 – FINES AND FORFEITURES**

### **7.1 Law Enforcement Education Funds**

All law enforcement education funds levied and collected by the Clerk of the Court and earmarked for the TOWN pursuant to Section 938, Florida Statutes, shall be assigned over to the SHERIFF and used by the SHERIFF for the law enforcement education purposes for those officers assigned to the Town of Loxahatchee Groves. Apart from such funds, the SHERIFF shall have no claim or right to any other monies or things of value which the TOWN receives or may hereinafter receive by way of entitlement programs, grants or otherwise in connection with police or law enforcement activities.

### **7.2 Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, Fines**

All fines and forfeitures levied and collected pursuant to Chapter 316 Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time-to-time, shall be forwarded to the TOWN consistent with the distribution requirements of Section 318.21 Florida Statutes.

### **7.3 Alarm Ordinance Fines and Fees.**

The TOWN shall be entitled to receive a portion of the fines and alarm permit revenues generated within the jurisdictional limits of the TOWN pursuant to the Palm Beach County Alarm Ordinance, as currently adopted and as it may be amended from time to time. The Sheriff will deduct a maintenance fee of twenty five percent (25%) from the proceeds of the alarm fines and alarm permit revenues for those costs associated with the administration of the alarm ordinance, which includes but is not limited to: Maintenance of equipment, postage, paper, envelopes and support staff related to the billing processing of alarm permits.

## **ARTICLE 8 – INSURANCE**

- 8.1 The SHERIFF is a self-insured entity pursuant to Chapter 768, Florida Statutes, and will maintain sufficient general liability and automobile liability self-insurance funds as required by law.
- 8.2 Self-insurance funds necessary to cover general liability and automobile liability will remain throughout the term of this Agreement, as the same may be extended in accordance with provisions thereof.

## **ARTICLE 9 – HOLD HARMLESS**

- 9.1 To the extent permitted by Florida law and without waiving any statutory and constitutional Sovereign Immunity protections, the SHERIFF holds the TOWN harmless from any and all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suits, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, claims, and demands of any kind whatsoever, in law or in equity, which may result from or arise out of the intentional or negligent acts of the employees or appointees of the SHERIFF while in the performance of this Agreement, and the SHERIFF shall indemnify the TOWN for any and all damages, judgments, claims, costs, expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, which the TOWN might suffer in connection with or as a result of the intentional or negligent acts and the alleged intentional or alleged negligent acts of the employees or appointees of the SHERIFF while in the performance of this Agreement.

In no event shall the SHERIFF hold harmless or indemnify the TOWN from liability, suits, cause and causes of action, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, claims, and demands of any kind whatsoever, in law or equity, which may result from or arise out of intentional or negligent acts of the TOWN, its employees, agents, servants, visitors, and/or any other third parties.

- 9.2 To the extent permitted by Florida Law and without waiving any statutory and constitutional Sovereign Immunity protections, the TOWN holds the SHERIFF harmless from any and all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suits, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, claims, and demands of any kind whatsoever, in law or in equity, which may result from or arise out of the intentional or negligent acts of the employees or appointees of the TOWN while in the performance of this Agreement, and the TOWN shall indemnify the SHERIFF for any and all damages, judgments, claims, costs, expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, which the SHERIFF might suffer in connection with or as a result of the intentional or negligent acts and the

alleged intentional or alleged negligent acts of the employees or appointees of the TOWN while in the performance of this Agreement.

In no event shall the TOWN hold harmless or indemnify the SHERIFF from liability, suits, cause and causes of action, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, claims, and demands of any kind whatsoever, in law or equity, which may result from or arise out of the intentional or negligent acts of the SHERIFF, its employees, agents, servants, visitors, and/or any other third parties.

#### **ARTICLE 10 – INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

10.1 The SHERIFF, for the purposes of this Agreement, is and shall remain an independent contractor; provided, however, such independent contractor status shall not diminish the power and authority vested in the SHERIFF and his Deputies pursuant to law and Article 3.

#### **ARTICLE 11 – TERM**

11.1 This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect commencing October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2027, all dates inclusive unless the Agreement is otherwise extended or terminated in accordance with the terms thereof.

11.2 In the absence of a notice of termination in accordance with Article 12, this Agreement shall automatically renew annually subject to the costing proposal by the SHERIFF and subsequent to approval by the TOWN.

#### **ARTICLE 12 – TERMINATION**

12.1 The TOWN or the SHERIFF may terminate this Agreement with or without cause upon written notice to the other party of this Agreement only as set forth in this subsection. Written notice shall be delivered by March 31<sup>st</sup> of any given year for termination effective as of October 1<sup>st</sup> of the following fiscal year. This written notice must be hand delivered and/or sent by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to the SHERIFF or the Town Manager.

#### **ARTICLE 13 – TRANSITION**

13.1 In the event of the termination or expiration of this Agreement, the SHERIFF and the TOWN shall cooperate in good faith in order to effectuate a smooth and harmonious transition from the SHERIFF's Office to a TOWN Police Department, and to maintain during such period of transition the same high quality of law enforcement services otherwise afforded to the residents of the TOWN pursuant to the terms hereof.

#### **ARTICLE 14 – AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE; NO CONFLICT CREATED**

- 14.1 The SHERIFF, by his execution hereof, does hereby represent to the TOWN that he has full power and authority to make and execute this Agreement pursuant to the power so vested in him under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida to the effect that:
- A. His making and executing this Agreement shall create a legal obligation upon himself and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.
  - B. This Agreement shall be enforceable by the TOWN according and to the extent of the provisions hereof.
- 14.2 Nothing herein contained and no obligation on the part of the SHERIFF to be performed hereunder shall in any way be contrary to or in contravention of any policy of insurance or surety bond required of the SHERIFF pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida.
- 14.3 The Town Mayor, by his execution hereof, does represent to the SHERIFF that he/she has full power and authority to make and execute this Agreement on behalf of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, pursuant to Resolution No. R2017-XX of the Town Council.
- 14.4 Nothing herein contained is any way contrary to or in contravention of the Charter of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves or the laws of the State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE 15 – NOTICE**

- 15.1 The persons to receive notice under this Agreement are:

**TOWN MANAGER:**

William F. Underwood, II  
155 F Road  
Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

**TOWN ATTORNEY:**

Mike D. Cirullo, Jr.  
Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A.  
3099 East Commercial Blvd., Suite 200  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

**SHERIFF:**

Ric L. Bradshaw  
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
3228 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

**SHERIFF'S AGENCY ATTORNEY:**

Department of Legal Affairs  
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
3228 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

**ARTICLE 16 – NON-ASSIGNABILITY**

- 16.1 The SHERIFF shall not assign any of the obligations or benefits imposed hereby or contained herein, unless upon written consent of the Town Council, which consent must be evidenced by a duly passed resolution.

**ARTICLE 17 – THIRD PARTIES**

- 17.1 In no event shall any of the terms of this Agreement confer upon any third person, corporation, or entity other than the parties hereto any right or cause of action for damages claimed against any of the parties to this Agreement arising from the performance of the obligation and responsibilities of the parties herein or for any other reason.

**ARTICLE 18 – JOINT PREPARATION**

- 18.1 The preparation of this Agreement has been a joint effort of the parties, and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the parties than the other.

**ARTICLE 19 – ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

- 19.1 The parties acknowledge, one to the other, that the terms hereof constitute the entire understanding and agreement of the parties with respect hereof. No modification hereof shall be effective unless in writing, executed with the same formalities as this Agreement is executed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto execute this instrument, at the time set forth below.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,  
FLORIDA

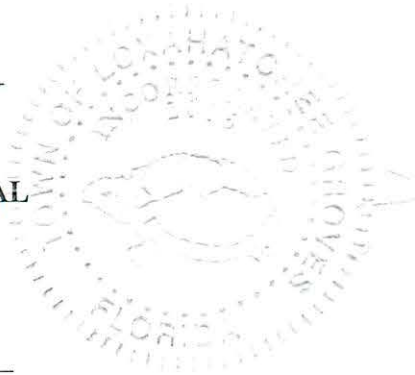
By: Virginia M. Walton  
Virginia Walton, Town Clerk

By: David Browning  
David Browning, Mayor

Dated: JUNE 6, 2017

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL  
SUFFICIENCY

By: Michael D. Cirullo, Jr.  
Michael D. Cirullo, Jr., Town Attorney



ATTEST:  
By: Antonio Araujo  
Antonio Araujo, Major

SHERIFF OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

By: Ric L. Bradshaw  
Ric L. Bradshaw

Dated: 6/7/2017

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL  
SUFFICIENCY

By: Sheriff's Agency Attorney  
Sheriff's Agency Attorney

## EXHIBIT A

This Exhibit A was adopted as part of the Agreement effective October 01, 2017.

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Allocations	
Title	Quantity
Deputy Sheriff LE	5
TOTAL	5

The total of 5 Deputy Sheriffs covers 1 Deputy on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

Increases in future allocations will be mutually agreed upon.