



WINTER SERVICE AGREEMENT DEVIATION AMENDMENT

This Winter Service Agreement Deviation Amendment (hereafter “Deviation Agreement” made this ____ day of October 2026, by and between the City of Mackinac Island (City), Shepler’s St. Ignace, Inc., d/b/a Shepler’s Mackinac Island Ferry (Shepler’s), Mackinac Island Ferry Company (Arnold), d/b/a Arnold Transit Co., and the Mackinac Island Transportation Authority (MITA).

Whereas, the City and Shepler’s are parties to a Franchise Agreement dated July 1, 2012, as amended, and

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Whereas, the Franchise Agreements require one of the franchisees to provide winter ferry service to and from the City of Mackinac Island from November 1st through April 20th of any calendar year; and

Whereas, franchisee Arnold is the winter service provider through April 20th 2028 pursuant to an Agreement for Winter Ferry Service dated October 18th, 2023 between the City of Mackinac Island and Arnold (“Winter Service Agreement”); and

Whereas, the City assigned its rights under the Winter Service Agreement to the MITA subject to certain terms and conditions; and

Whereas, Arnold has requested certain changes to the details of the Winter Service Agreement; and

Wherefore, the City of Mackinac Island, Shepler’s, Arnold, and MITA hereby agree to the following deviations from the Winter Service Agreement for the 2026-2027 winter service under the following terms and conditions:

1. Paragraph 2A of the Winter Service Agreement requires Arnold to “provide and maintain all of the steel-hulled vessels, docks, parking and other facilities referenced in Exhibit A during the term of [the] agreement. Any change that would reduce or eliminate any of the steel-hulled vessels, docks, parking and other facilities identified in Exhibit A must be approved by [the City]...” Exhibit A includes the Chippewa, which Arnold has requested be removed. Arnold will add the following steel hull ferry boat to be utilized under the Winter Service Agreement for the 2026-2027 winter service, as backups to the Huron, Ottawa, and Straits of Mackinac II:
 - a. M/V Senator – Arnold Freight Company-owned steel hull vessel with a heated cabin for 55 passengers.
 - b. M/V Marquette II — Twin-screw, aluminum-hulled ferry certified for 330 passengers.
 - c. M/V Cadillac — Twin-screw, aluminum-hulled ferry for 150 passengers.
 - d. M/V Joliet — Twin-screw, aluminum-hulled ferry certified for 150 passengers.
 - e. M/V LaSalle — Twin-screw, aluminum-hulled ferry certified for 150 passengers.

2. Arnold's updated ferry schedule "Option Two" provided to the City at its October 14th, 2026 meeting is accepted by all parties.
3. All terms of this Deviation Agreement are conditioned on the services being equal to or better than the services provided in years prior to the 2024-2025 winter season, with the normal winter service vessels.
4. Except as expressly deviated from hereby, all other provisions of the Winter Service Agreement are hereby reaffirmed and shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

All parties acknowledge that this Deviation Agreement shall not bind or benefit any party regarding future deviations from the Winter Service Agreement or required operations under that Agreement or the Franchise Agreements, nor will any party be compensated or penalized for this Deviation Agreement.

CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND, By:

Dated: _____

Margaret Doud, Its Mayor

SHEPLER'S ST. IGNACE, INC., D/B/A
SHEPLER'S MACKINAC ISLAND FERRY, By:

Dated: _____

_____, Its President

MACKINAC ISLAND FERRY COMPANY, D/B/A
ARNOLD TRANSIT COMPANY, By:

Dated: _____

Veronica Dobrowolski, Its CEO

MACKINAC ISLAND TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY, By:

Dated: _____

Andy McGreevy, Its Chairperson