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COUNTY OF MADISON

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**AGREEMENT**

**THIS APPROPRIATION AGREEMENT IS MADE** by and between **MADISON A.R.F. (ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION), INC.**, an Alabama non-profit corporation (hereinafter "MARF"), and the **CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA**, a municipal corporation (hereinafter "City").

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, it is the objective of the parties to cooperatively work toward the betterment of the community at large; and

**WHEREAS**, MARF is a corporation organized to promote animal welfare in the Madison area; and

**WHEREAS**, MARF will provide essential services to the City of Madison that serve a public purpose and which further the stated objectives of the parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the City could otherwise provide these same services for its citizens but has chosen instead to assign such responsibility to MARF pursuant to the terms of this Appropriation Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest for the following appropriation to be made to MARF;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants and conditions hereinafter set out, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. This Agreement shall come into effect when the authorized representatives of each party finally execute and affix their respective signatures hereto in their duly authorized capacities. In the event the signatures are affixed on different dates, the date of the final signature shall be the date the Agreement comes into effect. This Agreement shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2024.
2. During said term, it is hereby agreed that MARF shall provide essential services to the City in accordance with Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein, the City otherwise being capable of providing said services for itself.
3. The City agrees to pay to MARF the sum of fifteen thousand dollars and no cents (\$15,000.00) for fiscal year 2024, which began October 1, 2023, and ends September 30, 2024, for the services listed in Exhibit A.
4. MARF pledges to act in good faith with respect to the execution of its responsibilities and duties herein undertaken. Further, MARF agrees to and shall provide to the City, upon request, an accounting with respect to how any or all funds provided under this Agreement were expended by MARF.
5. MARF agrees to provide a written explanation for any animals that it may turn down by e-mailing the City of Madison Police Animal Control Unit with such reason for turning down an animal.
6. The City pledges to promote MARF to the public and better educate citizens to the scope of MARF and its animal rescue efforts.

7. Under no circumstances and in no event shall the City be liable for any debt or obligations incurred by MARF regardless of the purpose for which the debt or obligation was incurred. Additionally, the City shall not be deemed or construed to be a partner, joint venture, or agent of MARF, nor shall MARF at any time use the name or credit of the City in purchasing or attempting to purchase any vehicle, equipment, supplies, or other things whatsoever.
8. It is mutually understood and agreed and it is the stated intent of the parties that an independent contractor relationship be and hereby is established under the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MARF being an independent contractor of the City and in no way deemed to be an agent of the City. It is further mutually understood and agreed that officers, employees, and any other agents of the City are not nor shall they be deemed to be officers, employees, or agents of MARF and that officers, employees, and any other agents of MARF are not nor shall they be deemed to be officers, employees, or agents of the City.
9. MARF is wholly responsible for the execution of the duties conferred herein and shall not transfer or assign this Agreement or any of the rights or privileges granted therein.
10. MARF hereby agrees to comply strictly with all ordinances of the City and laws of the State of Alabama and the United States while performing under terms of this Agreement.
11. Both parties agree that upon violation of any of the covenants or agreements herein contained on account of any act of omission or commission by either party, the City or MARF may, as its option, terminate and cancel this Agreement with thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.
12. MARF agrees that it will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, and all other federal laws and regulations assuring that no person will be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, color, national origin, or disability.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned have set their hands and seals on each day and year evidenced below.

**Madison A.R.F. (Animal Rescue Foundation), Inc.,  
a domestic non-profit corporation**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Its:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_, whose name as \_\_\_\_\_ of Madison A.R.F. (Animal Rescue Foundation), Inc., is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, he/she, in his/her duly appointed capacity and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said entity.

Given under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Paul Finley, Mayor**

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**Lisa D. Thomas, City Clerk**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Paul Finley and Lisa D. Thomas, whose names as Mayor and City Clerk, respectively, of the City of Madison, Alabama, are signed to the foregoing instrument, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, they, as such officers and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of the City of Madison, Alabama, a municipal corporation.

Given under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

## EXHIBIT A

Madison A.R.F. (Animal Rescue Foundation), Inc. ("MARF") intends to use the provided funding in the following activities:

- Pay for spay/neuter and rabies, all required vaccinations, testing and boarding (if required) for animals claimed from Madison Animal Control. MARF takes in approximately 120 animals per year from Madison Animal Control. The amount of \$15,000 will pay for approximately 75 animals received from the City of Madison Animal Control based on average veterinary costs not including cost of boarding which is \$300 per month per animal.
- If funding is sufficient, use remaining funds for spay/neuter and rabies vaccinations for animals referred to MARF by Madison Animal Control by owners turning in, abuse and neglect cases. MARF takes in approximately 30 owner surrender and strays from Madison each year.