

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA

COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

BE IT KNOWN, that on the dates set forth below, personally came and appeared:

THE CITY OF WEST MONROE (“City”), a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, appearing herein through its duly authorized Mayor, Staci Albritton Mitchell;

and

SOS PETS OF OUACHITA (“SOS”), a non-profit corporation domiciled in the State of Louisiana, appearing herein through its duly authorized President, Joan Hampton;

who by these presents do covenant and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, the formal mission statement of SOS is: “Our mission is to improve the quality of life of displaced animals in Ouachita Parish, and thereby the City of West Monroe, by providing a modern shelter that encourages active community involvement and support, while promoting education and actions aimed at reducing the population of displaced animals.”

WHEREAS, to fulfill this mission, SOS undertook a multi-year fundraising effort throughout our community to support the construction of a new, modern animal shelter facility (the “animal shelter”);

WHEREAS, as a part of those continued efforts, the City has previously committed to provide funding toward the construction of an animal shelter in the amount \$30,000.00 once all funding was completed, actual construction of the animal shelter was underway, and there was assurance of its completion and of adequate funding for its operation;

WHEREAS, the City no longer maintains its own animal control officer and the City and its residents now receive animal control services from and by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, such that the City and its residents have a vested interest in the quality and operation of the animal shelter operated by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury;

WHEREAS, through the continued efforts of SOS and a pending agreement between SOS and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the transfer of funds and assignment of the pledges received by SOS for the construction of the facility, that construction of the animal shelter is now underway by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, with that animal shelter to be owned and operated by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury so that funding for construction and subsequent operation of the facility for the benefit of all of Ouachita Parish, including the City of West Monroe and its residents, is now assured, which will significantly benefit the City by improving animal control outcomes, and provide for additional public safety and community welfare;

WHEREAS, the City desires to fulfill its previous financial commitment to SOS for the construction of such animal shelter by making its payment toward its construction through SOS, which will thereafter transfer those and other funds now held by SOS to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the exclusive purposes of constructing the new animal shelter; which the Ouachita Parish Police Jury will thereafter operate for the benefit of Ouachita Parish; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that *“for a public purpose, the State and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual.”*

NOW, THEREFORE:

The City of West Monroe, Louisiana hereby reaffirms its commitment to the payment of THIRTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$30,000.00) DOLLARS toward the construction of a new animal shelter facility benefitting the City of West Monroe and all of Ouachita Parish, and upon being notified by SOS that all agreements with the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the transfer of funding by SOS have been finalized, the City will provide to SOS the City’s contribution of \$30,000.00, payable jointly to SOS and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, as a part of the funding commitment by SOS to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the construction of the new animal shelter. The funds provided herein, whether paid jointly or otherwise, shall be used solely and exclusive for the construction of the animal shelter facility described herein and for no other purpose.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this ____ day of April, 2026, at West Monroe, Louisiana.

WITNESSES:

SOS PETS OF OUACHITA.

BY: _____
JOAN HAMPTON, PRESIDENT

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this ___ day of April, 2026, at West Monroe, Louisiana.

WITNESSES:

THE CITY OF WEST MONROE

BY: _____
STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR