

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO,
FOREST TRACE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1,
FOREST TRACE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 2
AND FOREST TRACE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of this 16th day of May, 2007, by and between the CITY OF AURORA, a home-rule municipal corporation of the State of Colorado ("City"), and FOREST TRACE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1, FOREST TRACE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 2, and FOREST TRACE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3, quasi-municipal corporations and political subdivisions of the State of Colorado (the "Districts"). The City and the Districts are collectively referred to as the Parties.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Districts were organized to provide those services and to exercise powers as are more specifically set forth in the Districts' Service Plans approved by the City on July 24, 2006 ("Service Plans"); and

WHEREAS, the Service Plans make reference to the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the City and the Districts, as required by the Aurora City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Districts have determined it to be in the best interests of their respective taxpayers, residents and property owners to enter into this Intergovernmental Agreement ("Agreement").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and mutual agreements herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS

1. Operations and Maintenance. The Districts shall dedicate the Public Improvements (as defined in the Service Plan) to the City or other appropriate jurisdiction or owners association in a manner consistent with the Approved Development Plan and other rules and regulations of the City and applicable provisions of the City Code. The Districts shall not be authorized to operate and maintain any part or all of the Public Improvements, other than park and recreation improvements, unless the provision of such operation and maintenance is pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the City.

The Districts shall be authorized, but not obligated to, operate and maintain park and recreation improvements without an intergovernmental agreement with the City, provided

The Districts shall be authorized, but not obligated to, operate and maintain park and recreation improvements without an intergovernmental agreement with the City, provided that any Fee imposed by the Districts for access to such park and recreation improvements shall not result in Non-District City residents paying a user fee that is greater than, or otherwise disproportionate to, similar fees and taxes paid by residents of the Districts. However, the Districts shall be entitled to impose an administrative fee as necessary to cover additional expenses associated with Non-District City residents to ensure that such costs are not the responsibility of Districts' residents. All such Fees shall be based upon the Districts' determination that such Fees do not exceed reasonable annual market fee for users of such facilities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all parks and trails shall be open to the general public and Non-District City residents free of charge.

2. Fire Protection. The Districts shall not be authorized to plan for, design, acquire, construct, install, relocate, redevelop, finance, operate or maintain fire protection facilities or services, unless such facilities and services are provided pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the City. The authority to plan for, design, acquire, construct, install, relocate, redevelop or finance fire hydrants and related improvements installed as part of the water system shall not be limited by this provision.

3. Television Relay and Translation. The Districts shall not be authorized to plan for, design, acquire, construct, install, relocate, redevelop, finance, operate or maintain television relay and translation facilities and services, other than for the installation of conduit as a part of a street construction project, unless such facilities and services are provided pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the City.

4. Golf Course Construction. The Districts shall not be authorized to plan, design, acquire, construct, install, relocate, redevelop, finance, operate or maintain a golf course unless such activity is pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the City.

5. Construction Standards. The Districts will ensure that the Public Improvements are designed and constructed in accordance with the standards and specifications of the City and of other governmental entities having proper jurisdiction and of those special districts that qualify as "interested parties" under Section 32-1-204(1), C.R.S., as applicable. The Districts will obtain the City's approval of civil engineering plans and will obtain applicable permits for construction and installation of Public Improvements prior to performing such work.

6. Issuance of Privately Placed Debt. Prior to the issuance of any privately placed Debt, the District shall obtain the certification of an External Financial Advisor substantially as follows:

We are [I am] an External Financial Advisor within the meaning of the District's Service Plan.

We [I] certify that (1) the net effective interest rate (calculated as defined in Section 32-1-103(12), C.R.S.) to be borne by [insert the designation of the Debt] does not exceed a reasonable current [tax-exempt] [taxable] interest rate, using criteria deemed appropriate

by us [me] and based upon our [my] analysis of comparable high yield securities; and (2) the structure of [insert designation of the Debt], including maturities and early redemption provisions, is reasonable considering the financial circumstances of the District.

7. Inclusion. THE DISTRICTS SHALL NOT INCLUDE WITHIN ANY OF THEIR BOUNDARIES ANY PROPERTY INSIDE THE INCLUSION AREA BOUNDARIES WITHOUT THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL EXCEPT UPON PETITION OF THE FEE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF SUCH PROPERTY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 32-1-401(1)(A), C.R.S.

8. Overlap Limitation. The boundaries of the Districts shall not overlap unless the aggregate mill levy for payment of Debt of the overlapping Districts will not at any time exceed the Maximum Debt Mill Levy of the Districts. Additionally, the Districts shall not consent to the organization of any other district organized under the Special District Act within the Service Area which will overlap the boundaries of the Districts unless the aggregate mill levy for payment of Debt of such proposed districts will not at any time exceed the Maximum Debt Mill Levy of the Districts.

9. Initial Debt. On or before the effective date of approval by the City of an Approved Development Plan (as defined in the Service Plan), the Districts shall not: (a) issue any Debt; nor (b) impose a mill levy for the payment of Debt by direct imposition or by transfer of funds from the operating fund to the Debt service funds; nor (c) impose and collect any fees used for the purpose of repayment of Debt.

10. Total Debt Issuance. The Districts shall not issue Debt in excess of Thirty Six Million Dollars (\$36,000,000).

11. Fee Limitation. Each of the Districts may impose and collect Fees as a source of revenue for repayment of debt, capital costs, and/or for operations and maintenance. No Fee related to the funding of costs of a capital nature shall be authorized to be imposed upon or collected from Taxable Property owned or occupied by an End User which has the effect, intentional or otherwise, of creating a capital cost payment obligation in any year on any Taxable Property owned or occupied by an End User. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the restrictions in this definition shall not apply to any Fee imposed upon or collected from Taxable Property for the purpose of funding operation and maintenance costs of the Districts.

12. Debt Issuance Limitation. The Districts shall not be authorized to incur any indebtedness until such time as the Districts have approved and executed the IGA and approved the imposition of the Aurora Regional Improvement Mill Levy (as defined in the Service Plan) upon all taxable property located within the boundaries of the Districts.

13. Monies from Other Governmental Sources. The Districts shall not apply for or accept Conservation Trust Funds, Great Outdoors Colorado Funds, or other funds available from or through governmental or non-profit entities that the City is eligible to apply for, except pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the City. This Section shall not apply to

specific ownership taxes which shall be distributed to and a revenue source for the Districts without any limitation.

14. Consolidation. District No. 1 shall not file a request with any Court to consolidate with another Title 32 district without the prior written consent of the City, unless such consolidation is with District No. 2 or District No. 3.

15. Bankruptcy. All of the limitations contained in this Service Plan, including, but not limited to, those pertaining to the Maximum Debt Mill Levy and the Maximum Debt Mill Levy Imposition Term have been established under the authority of the City to approve a Service Plan with conditions pursuant to Section 32-1-204.5, C.R.S. It is expressly intended that such limitations:

(a) Shall not be subject to set-aside for any reason or by any court of competent jurisdiction, absent a Service Plan Amendment; and

(b) Are, together with all other requirements of Colorado law, included in the “political or governmental powers” reserved to the State under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C.) Section 903, and are also included in the “regulatory or electoral approval necessary under applicable nonbankruptcy law” as required for confirmation of a Chapter 9 Bankruptcy Plan under Bankruptcy Code Section 943(b)(6).

Any Debt, issued with a pledge or which results in a pledge, that exceeds the Maximum Debt Mill Levy and the Maximum Debt Mill Levy Imposition Term, shall be deemed a material modification of this Service Plan pursuant to Section 32-1-207, C.R.S. and shall not be an authorized issuance of Debt unless and until such material modification has been approved by the City as part of a Service Plan Amendment.

16. Dissolution. Upon an independent determination of the City Council that the purposes for which the Districts were created have been accomplished, the Districts agree to file petitions in the appropriate District Court for dissolution, pursuant to the applicable State statutes. In no event shall a dissolution occur until the Districts have provided for the payment or discharge of all of their outstanding indebtedness and other financial obligations as required pursuant to State statutes.

17. Disclosure to Purchasers. The Districts will use reasonable efforts to assure that all developers of the property located within the Districts provide written notice to all purchasers of property in the Districts regarding the Maximum Debt Mill Levy, as well as a general description of the Districts’ authority to impose and collect rates, Fees, tolls and charges. The form of notice shall be filed with the City prior to the initial issuance of the Debt of the District imposing the mill levy which is the subject of the Maximum Debt Mill Levy.

18. Service Plan Amendment Requirement. Actions of the Districts which violate the limitations set forth in V.A.1-14 or VII.B-G of the Service Plans shall be deemed to be material modifications to the Service Plan and the City shall be entitled to all remedies available under State and local law to enjoin such actions of the Districts.

19. Multiple District Structure. It is anticipated that the Districts, collectively, will undertake the financing and construction of the Public Improvements. The nature of the functions and services to be provided by each District shall be clarified in an intergovernmental agreement between and among the Districts. Such intergovernmental agreement will be designed to help assure the orderly development of the Public Improvements and essential services in accordance with the requirements of the Service Plan. Implementation of such intergovernmental agreement is essential to the orderly implementation of the Service Plan. Accordingly, any determination of any Board to set aside said intergovernmental agreement without the consent of all of the Districts shall be a material modification of the Service Plan. Said intergovernmental agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the Districts without the need to amend the Service Plan.

20. Annual Report. The Districts shall be responsible for submitting an annual report to the Manager of the Office of Development Assistance of the City Manager's Office no later than August 1st of each year following the year in which the Order and Decree creating the District has been issued, pursuant to the City Code and containing the information set forth in Section VIII of the Service Plan.

21. Regional Improvements. The Districts shall be authorized to provide for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, installation, relocation and/or redevelopment of the Regional Improvements and fund the administration and overhead costs related to the provisions of the Regional Improvements incurred as a result of participation in the alternatives set forth in Section VI.A, B or C of the Service Plan.

The Taxing Districts shall impose the ARI Mill Levy and shall convey it as follows:

(a) If the Districts have executed an ARI Authority Establishment Agreement and the City has been offered the opportunity to execute an ARI Authority Establishment Agreement, the terms of which provide for the City to appoint no less than thirty percent (30%) and no more than forty-nine percent (49%) of the board members who will serve as the board of directors of the ARI Authority to be established by such ARI Authority Establishment Agreement, regardless as to whether the City approves the execution of such ARI Authority Establishment Agreement, the revenue from the ARI Mill Levy shall be conveyed to the ARI Authority for the planning, designing, constructing, installing, acquiring, relocating, redeveloping or financing of the Regional Improvements in the ARI Master Plan and for the operations of such ARI Authority; or

(b) If the City and the Districts have executed an intergovernmental agreement then the revenue from the ARI Mill Levy shall be conveyed to the City for use in planning, designing, constructing, installing, acquiring, relocating, redeveloping or financing of the Regional Improvements which benefit the service users and taxpayers of the Districts in accordance with such agreement; or

(c) If neither Section VI.A nor VI.B of the Service Plan is applicable then the revenue shall be conveyed to the City and (i) the City shall place in a special account all revenues received from the ARI Mill Levy imposed in the Service Area under Section VI of the Service Plan and shall not expend such revenue until an intergovernmental agreement is

executed between the Districts establishing the terms and conditions for the provision of the Regional Improvements; and (ii) if the intergovernmental agreement is not executed within two (2) years from the date of the approval of the Service Plan by the City and neither Section VI.A nor VI.B above have occurred within two (2) years from the date of the approval of the Service Plan by the City, then the revenue from the ARI Mill Levy shall be conveyed to the City for use by the City in the planning, designing, constructing, installing, acquiring, relocating, redeveloping or financing of the Regional Improvements which benefit the service users or taxpayers of the Districts as prioritized and determined by the City.

As set forth in the definition of the ARI Mill Levy, any District may, pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement with the City, extend the terms for application of the ARI Mill Levy beyond the years set forth in Sections VI.A and VI.B of the Service Plan. The Maximum Mill Levy Imposition Term shall include the terms and any extension of such terms, as set forth in Sections A, B and C of the definition of the ARI Mill Levy.

The Regional Improvements shall be limited to the provision of the planning, design, acquisition, construction, installation, relocation and/or redevelopment of street and transportation related improvements as defined in the Special District Act and the administration and overhead costs incurred as a result of participation in the alternative set forth in Sections VI.A, B, or C of the Service Plan, unless the City has agreed otherwise in writing; provided, however, in no event shall the Regional Improvements include water or sanitary sewer improvements unless such improvements are necessary as a part of completing street and transportation related improvements. The Districts shall cease to be obligated to impose, collect and convey to the appropriate entity, as described above, the revenue from the ARI Mill Levy described in Section VI of the Service Plan at such time as the area within the Districts' boundaries is included within a different district organized under the Special District Act, or a General Improvement District organized under Section 31-25-601, et seq., C.R.S., or Business Improvement District organized under Section 31-25-1201, et seq., C.R.S., which other district has been organized to fund a part or all of the Regional Improvements.

22. Maximum Debt Mill Levy. The "Maximum Debt Mill Levy" shall be the maximum mill levy the District is permitted to impose upon the taxable property within the District for payment of Debt, and shall be determined as follows:

(a) For the portion of any aggregate District's Debt which exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the District's assessed valuation, the Maximum Debt Mill Levy for such portion of Debt shall be fifty (50) mills less the number of mills necessary to pay unlimited mill levy Debt described in Section VII.C.2 of the Service Plan; provided that if, on or after January 1, 2004, there are changes in the method of calculating assessed valuation or any constitutionally mandated tax credit, cut or abatement; the mill levy limitation applicable to such Debt may be increased or decreased to reflect such changes, such increases or decreases to be determined by the Board in good faith (such determination to be binding and final) so that to the extent possible, the actual tax revenues generated by the mill levy, as adjusted for changes occurring after January 1, 2004, are neither diminished nor enhanced as a result of such changes. For purposes of the foregoing, a change in the ratio of actual valuation shall be deemed to be a change in the method of calculating assessed valuation.

(b) For the portion of any aggregate District's Debt which is equal to or less than fifty percent (50%) of the District's assessed valuation, either on the date of issuance or at any time thereafter, the mill levy to be imposed to repay such portion of Debt shall not be subject to the Maximum Debt Mill Levy and, as a result, the mill levy may be such amount as is necessary to pay the Debt service on such Debt, without limitation of rate.

(c) For purposes of the foregoing, once Debt has been determined to be within Section VII.C.2 of the Service Plan, so that the District is entitled to pledge to its payment an unlimited ad valorem mill levy, the District may provide that such Debt shall remain secured by such unlimited mill levy, notwithstanding any subsequent change in the District's Debt to assessed ratio. All Debt issued by the District must be issued in compliance with the requirements of Section 32-1-1101, C.R.S. and all other requirements of State law.

To the extent that the District is composed of or subsequently organized into one or more subdistricts as permitted under Section 32-1-1101, C.R.S., the term "District" as used herein shall be deemed to refer to the District and to each such subdistrict separately, so that each of the subdistricts shall be treated as a separate, independent district for purposes of the application of this definition.

23. Maximum Debt Mill Levy Imposition Term. The Districts shall have the authority to impose the ARI Mill Levy for the terms as set forth in Section VI of the Service Plan. Other than the ARI Mill Levy, the Districts shall not impose a levy for repayment of any and all Debt (or use the proceeds of any mill levy for repayment of Debt) on any single property developed for residential uses which exceeds forty (40) years after the year of the initial imposition of such mill levy unless a majority of the Board of Directors of the District are residents of the District and have voted in favor of a refunding of a part or all of the Debt and such refunding will result in a net present value savings as set forth in Section 11-56-101, C.R.S.; et seq.

24. Notices. All notices, demands, requests or other communications to be sent by one party to the other hereunder or required by law shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been validly given or served by delivery of same in person to the address or by courier delivery, via United Parcel Service or other nationally recognized overnight air courier service, or by depositing same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

To the Districts: Forest Trace Metropolitan District Nos. 1, 2 & 3
c/o White, Bear & Ankele
Professional Corporation
1805 Shea Center Drive, Suite 100
Highlands Ranch, Colorado 80129
Attn: Kristen D. Bear, Esq.
Phone: 303-858-1800
Fax: 303-858-1801

To the City: City of Aurora
15151 E. Alameda Pkwy., 5th Floor
Aurora, CO 80012

Attn: Mike Hyman, City Attorney
Phone: (303) 739-7030
Fax: (303) 739-7042

All notices, demands, requests or other communications shall be effective upon such personal delivery or one (1) business day after being deposited with United Parcel Service or other nationally recognized overnight air courier service or three (3) business days after deposit in the United States mail. By giving the other party hereto at least ten (10) days written notice thereof in accordance with the provisions hereof, each of the Parties shall have the right from time to time to change its address.

25. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended, modified, changed, or terminated in whole or in part only by a written agreement duly authorized and executed by the Parties hereto and without amendment to the Service Plan.

26. Assignment. No Party hereto shall assign any of its rights nor delegate any of its duties hereunder to any person or entity without having first obtained the prior written consent of all other Parties, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld. Any purported assignment or delegation in violation of the provisions hereof shall be void and ineffectual.

27. Default/Remedies. In the event of a breach or default of this Agreement by any Party, the non-defaulting Parties shall be entitled to exercise all remedies available at law or in equity, specifically including suits for specific performance and/or monetary damages. In the event of any proceeding to enforce the terms, covenants or conditions hereof, the prevailing Party/Parties in such proceeding shall be entitled to obtain as part of its judgment or award its reasonable attorneys' fees.

28. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be governed and construed under the laws of the State of Colorado.

29. Inurement. Each of the terms, covenants and conditions hereof shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

30. Integration. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the matters addressed herein. All prior discussions and negotiations regarding the subject matter hereof are merged herein.

31. Parties Interested Herein. Nothing expressed or implied in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to confer upon, or to give to, any person other than the Districts and the City any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any covenants, terms, conditions, or provisions thereof, and all the covenants, terms, conditions, and provisions in this Agreement by and on behalf of the Districts and the City shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Districts and the City.

32. Severability. If any covenant, term, condition, or provision under this Agreement shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of

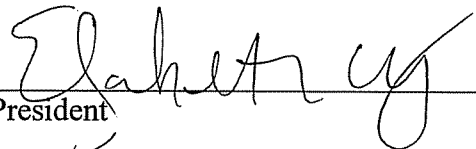
such covenant, term, condition, or provision shall not affect any other provision contained herein, the intention being that such provisions are severable.

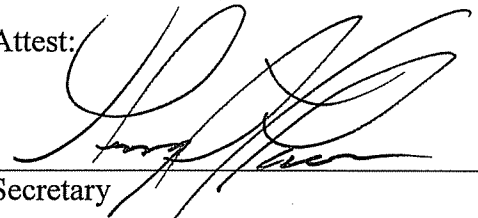
33. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document.

34. Paragraph Headings. Paragraph headings are inserted for convenience of reference only.

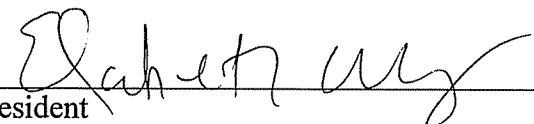
35. Defined Terms. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Service Plan.

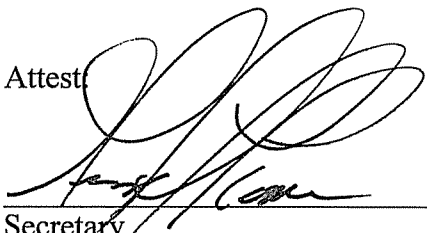
FOREST TRACE METROPOLITAN
DISTRICT NO. 1

By: 
President

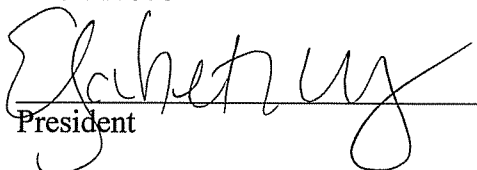
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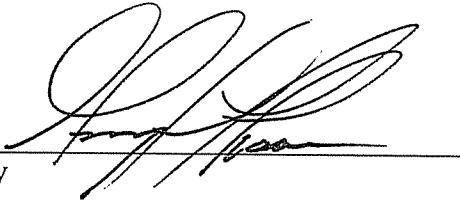
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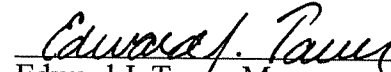
Attest:

Secretary



CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO

By:


Edward J. Tauer, Mayor

Attest:

By:



Its:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

