

**Agreement between  
Johnson County and the City of Olathe  
For Design of a Stormwater Management Project known as  
South Keeler Flood Area  
CC-09-019**

This agreement is entered into by and between the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas (the "County") and the City of Olathe (the "City") pursuant to K.S.A. 12-2908.

**Recitals**

1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 19-3311, by Resolution No. 38-90, the County has established a county-wide retailer's sales tax for the purpose of providing funds for stormwater management projects, and by Resolution No. 76-90, created a Stormwater Management Advisory Council to identify and recommend projects for inclusion in the Stormwater Management Program.
2. The County has established a Stormwater Management and Flood Control Fund for the purpose of funding Stormwater Management Program projects.
3. The County, by Resolution No. 66-92, as modified by Resolution No. 034-94, adopted the Johnson County Stormwater Management Policy and the Administrative Procedures for the Johnson County Stormwater Management Program ("Policy and Procedures") to promote interlocal cooperation between the County and the participating municipalities in stormwater management activities.
4. The County has established a Five-Year Master Plan consisting of a list of proposed stormwater management projects that meet the established criteria for funding from the Stormwater Management and Flood Control Fund. The County, upon the recommendation of the Stormwater Management Advisory Council, has selected certain projects from the Five Year Master Plan to be included in the County's Project Priority List which contemplates the timely design and construction of those selected projects.
5. In accordance with the Policy and Procedures, the City has requested that the County participate in the funding for the design of the stormwater management project identified as South Keeler Flood Area (the "Project Design"), which Project is on the County's Project Priority List, and the County is willing to provide such funding upon the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement.

## **Agreement**

In and for the consideration of the mutual covenants contained in this agreement and the mutual benefits to be derived from the Project, the City and the County agree as follows:

1. **Policy and Procedures.** The City acknowledges receipt of the Policy and Procedures. The City and County agree that the Project Design shall be undertaken, designed, and administered in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Policy and Procedures provided, however, in the event a conflict exists between any provision of the Policy and Procedures and any provision of this agreement, the terms and conditions of this agreement shall control.
2. **Design Costs.** The parties acknowledge and agree that this agreement only obligates the parties to proceed with design of the Project. For budget and accounting purposes, the estimated cost of the Project Design is Two Hundred Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$244,540).
3. **Engineering and Design Services.** The City shall be responsible for the selection of qualified engineering professionals to provide engineering services for the design of the Project. The City may provide engineering services, in whole or in part, for the Project Design utilizing qualified City personnel. The City agrees to provide to the County for review the identity and the qualifications of engineering professionals and City personnel under consideration by the City prior to entering into any binding contract for engineering services and prior to permitting any City personnel to perform engineering services relating to the Project Design. The County shall have the right, but not the obligation, to comment upon the qualifications or suitability of the engineering professionals and City personnel. Upon the request of the County Engineer, the City agrees to provide additional information or clarification, if available, regarding the qualifications of the engineering professionals or City personnel.

It shall be the City's duty and obligation to select only qualified engineering professionals and to permit only qualified City personnel to perform Project Design related services. The parties agree that the County has no obligation to comment upon, evaluate, or object to the qualifications of any engineering professional or City personnel and the County's failure to do so shall not be deemed an approval of the engineering professional or the City personnel.

In the event the County Engineer determines that the City's selection of an engineering professional or City personnel is not in the best interests of the Project, the County Engineer may request the City to reconsider its selection. Upon such request, the City shall either select a different engineering professional or City personnel, as the case may be, or shall seek a reconsideration by the County Engineer. In the event the City and the County cannot agree upon the selection, either party may terminate this agreement upon fifteen days notice

to the other, and from and after the date of such termination, neither party shall have any further duties or obligations under this agreement.

Within sixty days from the date of the termination of this agreement as provided in this Paragraph, the City shall provide the County with a final accounting of Project Design costs and the County's share of such costs whereupon the County shall reimburse the City as provided in this agreement subject to any limitations on reimbursement set forth in the Policy and Procedures and this agreement.

4. **Estimated Project Cost.** The parties acknowledge and agree that the County Stormwater Management Program has established an estimated total design cost of the Project of Two Hundred Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$244,540) based upon engineering and design assumptions that the Preliminary Study may or may not confirm. The parties shall, upon the completion of the Preliminary Study, analyze and consider the proposed scope and conceptual design of the Project as set forth in the Preliminary Study. If the parties cannot agree upon the scope or conceptual design of the Project, then either party may terminate this agreement upon fifteen days notice to the other. Upon such termination, the City shall be reimbursed by the County for costs and expenses incurred in connection with the Preliminary Study subject to the limitations set forth in the Policy and Procedures and in this agreement.
5. **Option to Terminate.** In the event the Preliminary Study reveals that the estimated cost of Project Design exceeds either City or County expectations, the City and the County each shall have the option of terminating this agreement as set forth in this Paragraph.

The City agrees to notify the County whether it desires to terminate this agreement within thirty days following the delivery of the Preliminary Study to the County. Within thirty days after the City gives its notice of intent to terminate this agreement to the County, the County may, at its option, elect to contribute a higher percentage of the estimated Project Design costs sufficient to allow the Project Design to continue, in which event this agreement shall not terminate but shall continue in full force and effect except that the County's obligation for Project Design costs shall be increased accordingly.

Within forty-five days after the date the Preliminary Study is received by the County, the County agrees to either:

- a. Notify the City of the County's intent to terminate this agreement and re-prioritize the Project, or;
- b. Authorize the City to proceed with the preparation of the "Preliminary Project Plans and Specifications" (as defined in this agreement).

Within thirty days after the County gives its notice of intent to terminate this agreement to the City, the City may, at its option, elect to contribute a higher percentage of the estimated Project Design sufficient to allow the Project Design to continue, in which event this agreement shall not terminate but shall continue in full force and effect except that the City's obligation for Project costs shall be increased accordingly. If the City does not elect to participate in a higher percentage of the estimated Project Design costs, this agreement shall automatically terminate on the thirty-first day following the date on which the County gave its notice of intent to terminate this agreement.

Within sixty days from the date of the termination of this agreement as provided in this Paragraph, the City shall provide the County with a final accounting of Project Design costs and the County's share of such costs whereupon the County shall reimburse the City subject to the limitations set forth in the Policy and Procedures and in this agreement.

Upon the termination of this agreement as provided in this Paragraph, the Project shall be re-prioritized according to the Policy and Procedures.

6. **Notice to Affected Municipalities.** The City shall contact all upstream and downstream municipalities that possibly may be adversely affected by the Project and shall inform such municipalities of the nature and scope of the Project. The City shall notify the County of any objection to the Project that is received by the City from any upstream or downstream municipality. The City agrees that it shall provide the upstream and downstream municipalities with an opportunity to review and comment upon the Preliminary Study prior to submitting the Preliminary Study to the County. The City shall keep the municipalities informed during the design, planning, and construction phases of the Project.
7. **Project Plans and Specifications.** Within \_\_\_\_\_ days following the County's notice to proceed with the preparation of "Preliminary Plans and Specifications" (as defined below), the City shall provide the County with a copy of the preliminary plans and specifications for the Project which shall include, without limitation, all proposed and draft engineering and construction documents, plans, drawings, construction schedules, cost estimates, and bid and contract documents ("Preliminary Plans and Specifications"). The County may, at its option, provide written comments and suggestions to the City regarding the proposed Preliminary Plans and Specifications and shall do so, if at all, within forty-five days from the date of receipt by the County of the Preliminary Plans and Specifications. Any comment, suggestion, approval, or disapproval by the County with respect to the Preliminary Plans and Specifications, or any portion thereof, shall be for the sole benefit of the City for its use and consideration in preparing its "Final Plans and Specifications" for the Project which shall include, without limitation, all final engineering and construction documents, plans, drawings, construction schedules, cost estimates, and bid and contract documents. It is expressly understood and agreed that the County's approval or disapproval

of the Preliminary or Final Plans and Specifications shall not be considered, nor argued by the City in any court or proceeding, as a representation or warranty that the Plans and Specifications comply with or meet engineering or design principles or criteria or any applicable law.

The City shall submit its Final Plans and Specifications to the County for review within \_\_\_\_\_ days from the expiration of the forty-five day Preliminary Plans and Specifications review period. It is acknowledged and agreed by the parties that the County's role, and the purpose of the County's review, is to satisfy itself, to the extent practical, that the Project, as designed, is likely to meet the stormwater control desired and contemplated by Stormwater Management Program. As part of the County's review of the Preliminary and Final Plans and Specifications provided for in this agreement, the City agrees to and shall submit to the County for review a copy of the proposed construction contract or contracts for the Project.

In the event the City and the County cannot agree upon the Preliminary or the Final Plans and Specifications, either party may terminate this agreement upon fifteen days notice to the other and from and after the date of such termination neither party shall have any further duties or obligations under this agreement. In the event of such termination, the City shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual costs and expenses incurred in the preparation of the Preliminary Study and the Preliminary and Final Plans and Specifications, subject to any limitations on reimbursement contained in the Policy and Procedures or this agreement.

8. **Administration of Project.** It is acknowledged and agreed that the City shall enter into all contracts relating to the Project Design in its own name and not as the agent of the County. The City agrees to be solely responsible for the administration of all contracts for the Project Design. Any contract disputes shall be resolved by the City at the City's sole cost and expense.

The City shall require adequate indemnity covenants and evidence of insurance from engineering service providers for loss or damage to life or property arising out of the engineering service provider's negligent acts or omissions. The required insurance coverage and limits shall be established by the City but shall not, in any event, be less than \$1,000,000 professional liability coverage for engineering service providers. The City may, in the exercise of its reasonable judgment, permit any insurance policy required by this agreement to contain a reasonable and customary deductible or co-insurance provision.

9. **County Contribution Toward Project Costs.** The County shall reimburse the City from the Stormwater Management and Flood Control Fund for expenditures made by the City for the Project Design as follows:

Not more than once each calendar month, the City shall submit to the County a request for payment, invoice, or statement satisfactory in form and content to the

County Engineer detailing total Project Design costs and expenses, in line-item detail, for the preceding calendar month ("Payment Request") and for year-to-date.

The City's Payment Request shall list, by category, those particular expenditures that are reimbursable according to the Policy and Procedures. The City represents and warrants that each Payment Request shall seek reimbursement for only those expenditures that the City determines, in good faith, to be reimbursable by the County. The County Engineer may require the City to supplement the Payment Request as needed to satisfy the County Engineer, at his discretion, that the Payment Request accurately reflects properly reimbursable costs and expenses.

The County agrees to make payment to the City within thirty days following the County Engineer's approval and acceptance of a properly documented Payment Request in an amount equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the Payment Request.

10. **Limitation of Liability.** To the extent permitted by law and subject to the provisions of the Kansas Tort Claims Act, including but not limited to maximum liability and immunity provisions, the City agrees to indemnify and hold the County, its officials, and agents harmless from any cost, expense, or liability not expressly agreed to by the County which result from the negligent acts or omissions of the City or its employees or which result from the City's compliance with the Policy and Procedures.

This agreement to indemnify shall not run in favor of or benefit any liability insurer or third party.

11. ***Only if the City has proposed a Project design that contemplates a deviation from the American Public Works Association (APWA) specifications contained in Section 5600 Storm Drainage Systems and Facilities, shall the following provisions apply:***

- a. The City represents that it has determined that APWA Section 5600 specifications are not feasible, are impractical, or cannot be met without an expenditure of funds that, in the City's opinion, significantly exceeds the anticipated Project benefit.
- b. The City represents that, based upon its own analysis, the APWA Section 5600 specifications set forth on the attached Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_ are not feasible, are impractical, or cannot be met without an expenditure of funds that significantly exceeds the anticipated Project benefit.
- c. The City acknowledges and agrees that the costs of "flood proofing" any structure within the Project area shall not be a reimbursable expense under

the Stormwater Management Program but shall be borne solely by the City. "Flood proofing," for purposes of this section, means any method by which a structure's windows, doors, or other openings are covered or sealed in an effort to prevent flood water entering the structure through such openings.

- d. The City acknowledges that it has, in its sole and absolute discretion, determined to deviate from APWA Section 5600 specifications by approving a Project design that may result in seven inches or more of water flooding over a street or roadway during a 100 year storm event. The City hereby represents that:
- e. The City has concluded that the relevant APWA Section 5600 specifications are not feasible, are impractical, or cannot be met without an expenditure of funds that, in the City's opinion, significantly exceeds the anticipated benefit.
- f. The City agrees to and shall develop an emergency plan to protect life and property at the anticipated flooded crossing point during a 100-year storm or other high-water event.
- g. The City represents that it has endeavored to advise its citizens in and near the Project area of the City's proposed deviation from APWA Section 5600 specifications and its alternative plans to protect life and property at the flooded crossing point during a 100 year storm or other high-water event.
- h. The City agrees to and shall take appropriate measures to protect the public at low-water crossings, which are allowed to exist as part of the City's Project.
- i. The City acknowledges that it is deviating from the APWA Section 5600 specifications upon its discretion based upon its own investigation, analysis, and risk assessment and without reliance upon SMAC or the Board of County Commissioners, or their respective employees or agents. To the extent permitted by law and subject to the maximum liability provisions of the Kansas Tort Claims Act the City expressly agrees to and shall hold SMAC and the Board of County Commissioners, and their respective employees and agents, harmless from any property loss, property damage, personal injury, or death arising out of the construction of the Project.

The City also agrees that notwithstanding any assistance, advice, technical consulting, or engineering services provided by SMAC or the Board of County Commissioners, or the failure to provide any such assistance, advice, technical consulting, or engineering services, the City shall bear the sole and absolute responsibility for the Project's design, construction, maintenance, and repair.

12. **Notice Addresses.** Any notice required or permitted by this agreement shall be deemed properly given upon deposit in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

**If to the County:**

Mr. Kent Lage, P.E.  
Urban Services Manager  
Johnson County Public Works  
1800 W. Old 56 Highway  
Olathe, KS 66061

**If to the City:**

Rob Beilfuss  
Stormwater Manager  
City of Olathe  
1385 S. Robinson  
Olathe, KS 66061

In addition, any notice required or permitted by this agreement may be sent by telecopier or hand delivered and shall be deemed properly given upon actual receipt by the addressee.



13. **Effective Date.** Regardless of the date(s) the parties execute the agreement, the effective date of this agreement shall be \_\_\_\_\_ provided the agreement has been fully executed by both parties.

**Board of County Commissioners of  
Johnson County, Kansas**

**City of Olathe**

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Ed Eilert, Chairman

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Michael Copeland, Mayor

Attest:

Attest:

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Lynda Sader  
Deputy County Clerk

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City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert A. Ford  
Assistant County Counselor

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City Attorney