

STATE OF TEXAS § **MOSQUITO GROUND CONTROL AGREEMENT**
 § **BETWEEN DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS ON BEHALF**
 § **OF DALLAS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN**
 § **SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE CITY OF**
COUNTY OF DALLAS § **COPPELL, TEXAS, A MUNICIPALITY**

1. PARTIES

This Interlocal Agreement (“Agreement”) is an Interlocal contract made by and between the City of Coppel, Texas, a “Municipality” as defined by Section 1.005(3) of the Texas Local Government Code (“Municipality”), and Dallas County, Texas (“County”), on behalf of the Dallas County Health and Human Services Department (“DCHHS”), based on the authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act in Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and the Local Public Health Reorganization Act in Chapter 121 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, to protect the public health by controlling the population of mosquitoes by ground spraying of adult mosquitoes (“adulticiding”) and by treating standing water to destroy mosquito larvae (“larvaciding”) in order to prevent and control the outbreak of diseases associated with mosquitoes.

2. DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

This Agreement is effective from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, unless otherwise stated in this Agreement (the “Term”).

3. ADULTICIDING AND LARVACIDING SPRAYING SERVICES

- A. Upon written request from Municipality, County will provide adulticiding and larvaciding by way of **ground application** at the rate set forth in Paragraph 4.
- B. In the event that aerial spraying is needed to control the St. Louis Encephalitis or the West Nile virus throughout the County, Municipality will have the option to participate in the County’s separate emergency aerial mosquito spraying plan. If Municipality agrees to participate in the County’s separate emergency aerial mosquito spraying plan, Municipality must provide written notice to County and agree in writing to the following:
 - 1) Indicate in writing the areas and amount of acres to be sprayed; and
 - 2) Pay Municipality’s proportioned share of the cost based upon the number of acres to be sprayed multiplied by the per-acre spraying cost, as determined by County.

4. BUDGET AND PAYMENT BY MUNICIPALITY TO COUNTY

- A. Municipality will pay County at a rate of One Hundred Eighty-Five (\$185.00) Dollars per hour, with a minimum of one (1) hour of service assessed.
- B. After the initial one (1) hour minimum service time for a given day of spraying, spraying services will be assessed using thirty (30) minute minimum intervals.
- C. Only spraying time will be assessed. Travel time to or from the site of ground spraying or treating standing water will not be assessed.
- D. Municipality must pay County the assessed fees within thirty (30) days of receipt by Municipality of the monthly written request for payment, or if County fails to make any

written payment request(s), then Municipality will pay any remaining assessed fees no later than the last day of the Term of this Agreement.

- E. Any payment not made within thirty (30) days of its due date will bear interest in accordance with Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code. Municipality's obligation to pay fees assessed and interest accrued under this Agreement will survive the Term of this Agreement until the Municipality pays the assessed fees and accrued interest.

5. **AUDITING AND WITHHOLDING OF PAYMENTS**

The Dallas County Auditor has the exclusive right and authority to audit this Agreement or to demand access to or copies of County's records concerning this Agreement or the County's administration of this Agreement. Municipality will have no right or authority to audit this Agreement or to demand access to or copies of County's records concerning this Agreement or the County's administration of this Agreement. Municipality has no right to withhold payments to County pending any audit of or inquiry about this Agreement or the County's administration of this Agreement.

6. **TERMINATION**

- A. Without Cause: This Agreement may be terminated in writing, without cause, by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.
- B. With Cause: The County reserves the right to terminate the Agreement immediately, in whole or in part, at its sole discretion, for the following reasons:
 - 1) Municipality's lack of or reduction in funding or resources, financial or otherwise; or
 - 2) Municipality's misuse of resources, financial or otherwise; or
 - 3) Municipality's failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement; or
 - 4) Municipality's submission of inaccurate, incomplete, or false data, statements, or reports.

7. **NO INDEMNIFICATION**

COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITY, INCLUDING THEIR RESPECTIVE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, AGREE THAT EACH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OWN NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OR OTHER TORTIOUS CONDUCT IN THE COURSE OF PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, WITHOUT WAIVING ANY GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITIES AVAILABLE TO COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY UNDER TEXAS LAW OR OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS AND WITHOUT WAIVING ANY AVAILABLE DEFENSES UNDER TEXAS LAW OR OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS. NOTHING IN THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE CONSTRUED TO CREATE OR GRANT ANY RIGHTS, CONTRACTUAL OR OTHERWISE, IN OR TO ANY THIRD PERSONS OR ENTITIES.

8. **INSURANCE**

Municipality agrees that Municipality will at all times during the Term of this Agreement maintain in full force and effect general liability insurance; or self-insurance, to the extent permitted by applicable law under a plan of self-insurance, that is also maintained in accordance with sound, generally accepted accounting practices. Municipality expressly

understands and agrees that it is solely responsible for 1) all costs of such general liability insurance; 2) any and all deductible amounts in any general liability insurance policy; and 3) any liability in the event that any insurance company denies coverage for any incident reasonably related to the performance of this Agreement.

9. NOTICE

Any notice or certification required or permitted to be delivered under this Agreement will be deemed to have been given when personally delivered, or if mailed, seventy-two (72) hours after deposit of the notice or certification in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, and properly addressed to the contact person shown at their respective addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may be specified by written notice delivered by the methods described above in this subsection:

TO DALLAS COUNTY:

Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services
Dr. Philip Huang, Director, DCHHS
2377 N. Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, Texas 75207
Tel. (214) 819-2101

With a copy to:

Dallas County District Attorney's Office
Chief, Civil Division
500 Elm Street, Suite 6300
Dallas, Texas 75202

TO CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS:

Attn: Ashely Owens
255 Parkway Blvd
Coppell, TX 75019

10. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENTS

This Agreement, including any Exhibits and Attachments, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any other agreement concerning the subject matter of this transaction, whether oral or written. No modification, amendment, novation, renewal, or other alteration of this Agreement can be effective unless mutually agreed upon in writing and executed by the parties.

11. COUNTERPARTS, NUMBER, GENDER, AND HEADINGS

This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which will constitute one and the same instrument when considered together in context. Words of any gender used in this Agreement will be held and construed to include

any other gender any words in the singular will include the plural and vice versa, unless the context clearly requires otherwise. Headings are for the convenience of reference only and cannot be considered in any interpretation of this Agreement.

12. SEVERABILITY

If any term of this Agreement is construed to be illegal, invalid, void or unenforceable, this construction will not affect the legality or validity or any of the remaining terms. The unenforceable or illegal term will be deemed stricken and deleted, but the remaining terms will not be affected or impaired and such remaining terms will remain in full force and effect.

13. FISCAL FUNDING CLAUSE

Notwithstanding any terms contained in this Agreement, the obligations of the County under this Agreement are expressly contingent upon the availability of funding for each item and obligation for the Term of the Agreement and any pertinent extensions. Municipality has no right of action against County in the event County is unable to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement as a result of lack of sufficient funding for any item or obligation from any source utilized to fund this Agreement or failure to budget or authorize funding for this Agreement during the current or future fiscal years. In the event that County is unable to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement as a result of lack of sufficient funding, or if funds become unavailable, County, at its sole discretion, may provide funds from a separate source or may terminate this Agreement by written notice to Municipality at the earliest possible time prior to the end of its fiscal year.

14. DEFAULT - CUMULATIVE RIGHTS - MITIGATION

It is not a waiver of default if the non-defaulting party fails to immediately declare a default or delays in taking any action. The rights and remedies provided by this Agreement are cumulative, and either party's use of any right or remedy will not preclude or waive its right to use any other remedy. These rights and remedies are in addition to any other rights the parties may have by law, statute, ordinance, or otherwise. Both parties have a duty to mitigate damages.

15. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

THIS AGREEMENT IS EXPRESSLY MADE SUBJECT TO MUNICIPALITY'S AND COUNTY'S GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITIES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, TITLE 5 OF THE TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE AND ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS. THE PARTIES EXPRESSLY AGREE THAT NO TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT IS IN ANY WAY INTENDED TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF ANY IMMUNITIES FROM SUIT OR FROM LIABILITY, OR A WAIVER OF ANY TORT LIMITATION, AND ANY DEFENSES THAT MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY HAVE BY OPERATION OF LAW, OR OTHERWISE. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO OR DOES BENEFIT ANY THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY.

16. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW, CHOICE OF LAW, AND VENUE

In providing services required by this Agreement, Municipality and County must observe and comply with all licenses, legal certifications, or inspections required for the services, facilities, equipment, or materials, and all applicable Federal, State, and local statutes, ordinances, rules,

and regulations. The laws of the State of Texas govern this Agreement. Exclusive venue for any action or claim arising from this Agreement is in the State or Federal District Courts that are physically located in Dallas County, Texas.

17. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

County and Municipality are each independent political subdivisions of the State of Texas. Neither is an agent, servant, joint enterpriser, joint venturer, or employee of the other. Municipality and County agree and acknowledge that each governmental entity will be responsible for its own acts, forbearance, negligence and deeds, and for those of its agents or employees in conjunction with the performance of work covered under this Agreement.

18. OPEN RECORDS

To the extent, if any, that any provision in this Agreement is in conflict with Tex. Gov't. Code §552.001 *et seq.*, as amended (the “**Open Records Act**”), the same shall be of no force and effect. Furthermore, it is expressly understood and agreed that County, its officers and employees may request advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas in regard to the application of the Open Records Act to any information, or any part thereof, or other items or data furnished to County whether or not the same are available to the public. It is further understood that County, its officers and employees shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General, and that County, its officers and employees shall have no liability or obligations to Municipality for the disclosure to the public, or to any person or persons, of any information, or a part thereof, or other items or data furnished to County by Municipality in reliance on any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

19. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be deemed to have breached any provision of this Agreement as a result of any delay, failure in performance, or interruption of service resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, network failures, acts of civil or military authorities, civil disturbances, wars, energy crises, fires, transportation contingencies, interruptions in third-party telecommunications or Internet equipment or service, other catastrophes, or any other occurrences which are reasonably beyond any party's control. The parties are required to use due caution and preventive measures to protect against the effects of force majeure, and the burden of proving that a force majeure event has occurred shall rest on the party seeking relief under this provision. The party seeking relief due to force majeure is required to promptly notify the other parties in writing, citing the details of the force majeure event and relief sought, and shall resume performance immediately after the obstacles to performance caused by a force majeure event have been removed, provided the Agreement has not been terminated. Delay or failure of performance, by either party to this Agreement, caused solely by a force majeure event, shall be excused for the period of delay caused solely by the force majeure event.

20. SIGNATORY WARRANTY

Municipality and County represent that each has the full right, power, and authority to enter and perform this Agreement in accordance with all of its terms and conditions, and that the execution and delivery of this Agreement has been made by authorized representatives of the parties to validly and legally bind the parties to all terms set forth in this Agreement.

DALLAS COUNTY:

CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS:

BY: Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge

BY: Wes Mays
Mayor
City of Coppell, Texas

DATE SIGNED: _____

DATE SIGNED: _____

Recommended:

BY: Philip Huang
Director, DCHHS

APPROVED AS TO FORM*:

DALLAS COUNTY

**JOHN CREUZOT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

**BARBARA NICHOLAS
CHIEF, CIVIL DIVISION**

Approved as to Form:

CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS

BY: Rebecca Lundberg
Assistant District Attorney
Civil Division

BY: Robert E. Hager
City Attorney

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