

# FIRST AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT

This First Amendment To Special Employee Agreement (this "First Amendment") is made between the City of Kettering (the "City") and David J. Duritsch, Jr. ("Employee").

WHEREAS, the City and the Employee entered into a Special Employee Agreement on or about November 22, 2024 (the "Original Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the City and the Employee desire to amend the Original Agreement as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

- A. Section 4(A) of the Original Agreement is amended so that the annual full-time salary will be \$ 134,951.52 as calculated from an "hourly base rate" of \$64.88 per hour.
- B. Except as amended and modified by this First Amendment, the provisions of the Original Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each Party has signed this Agreement on the day and year under their signature.

CITY OF KETTERING: City of Kettering 3600 Shroyer Road Kettering, OH 45429 937-296-2412

Matthew H. Greeson, City Manager

Date signed: 2-5-25

EMPLOYEE:

David J. Duritsch, Jr. Public Service Director

Date signed: 2 5 25



#### SPECIAL EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT

This special employee agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the City of Kettering, Ohio, ("CITY" or "EMPLOYER"), and David J. Duritsch, Jr. ("SPECIAL EMPLOYEE" or "EMPLOYEE") (CITY and SPECIAL EMPLOYEE are referred to collectively as "Parties" and individually as "Party"), in consideration of the mutual promises set forth below.

# Section 1 - Resignation; Retirement.

A. No later than December 31, 2024, the EMPLOYEE shall submit to the CITY's City Manager a signed written statement in which EMPLOYEE resigns as a full-time CITY employee effective 11:59 P.M., January 31, 2025, ("Resignation Date"). If EMPLOYEE withdraws or revokes this resignation statement prior to the Resignation Date, then this Agreement shall be deemed void ab initio immediately upon submission of such withdrawal or revocation.

B. The CITY acknowledges that at all times while this Agreement is in effect EMPLOYEE may be eligible for retirement benefits from the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System ("OPERS"), therefore during such times the EMPLOYEE may, at EMPLOYEE's sole election and option, seek and receive OPERS benefits.

Section 2 - Purposes of Employment. Effective February 1, 2025, the CITY hereby employs the personal services of the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE for the purpose(s) of: (i.) performing the duties of Public Service Director as described in the attached job description, and (ii.) such other duties and services as may be assigned in the sole discretion of the City Manager and/or Assistant City Manager(s). All such duties and services shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement. EMPLOYEE's status shall be considered, "at will" and in the Unclassified Civil Service of the City.

Section 3 – Rules; Supervision. At all times the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE shall perform the required services and duties in a professional manner and in conformance with all applicable rules, regulations, policies, and procedures of the CITY, whether existing now or subsequently adopted while this Agreement is in effect. The SPECIAL EMPLOYEE further agrees to perform the required services and duties under the supervision and direction of the City Manager and/or or any designee appointed by the City Manager. The services and duties to be provided by SPECIAL EMPLOYEE under this Agreement shall require SPECIAL EMPLOYEE to provide such services and duties on such workdays and during such hours as necessary and/or as may be requested by the City Manager and/or Assistant City Manager(s) or their respective designees to satisfactorily complete the services and duties. At all times while this Agreement is in effect, SPECIAL EMPLOYEE shall be subject to the administrative policies of the CITY regarding employees. EMPLOYEE shall not

use CITY equipment or supplies for any purpose or project that is not directly related to or for the benefit of the CITY.

<u>Section 4 - Compensation</u>. The CITY agrees to compensate the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE, for services and duties provided, in the following manner:

- A. Commencing the day following the Resignation Date, January 31, 2025, and continuing thereafter while this Agreement is in effect, the CITY shall pay EMPLOYEE an annual full-time salary of \$131,710.52 as calculated from an "hourly base rate" of \$63.32 per hour. At all times this Agreement is in effect, the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE shall have the status of an overtime exempt "full-time employee" with the CITY.
- B. At all times this Agreement is in effect, if employees in the 700 Pay Grade series of the CITY become eligible for and receive, or are required to accept a retroactive salary increase or decrease, then EMPLOYEE's salary and hourly rate shall accordingly be retroactively adjusted.
- C. As a "full-time employee" the EMPLOYEE shall be eligible for the same health, dental, life insurance and other supplemental benefits offered to the non-union full-time employee group.
- D. EMPLOYEE will receive the following fringe benefits offered to non-union full-time employees: sick leave, vacation leave, paid holidays, and personal leave. EMPLOYEE shall also continue to receive a car allowance and cell phone stipend as long as such benefit is offered in the Personnel Ordinance and/or Administrative Policies.
- E. Except as expressly provided for in this Agreement or as may be approved in writing by the City Manager, no other compensation and no other benefits are either implied nor due EMPLOYEE. The CITY shall make deductions from the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE's pay as required by law, including but not limited to, federal, state, and local tax withholdings and any contributions to FICA or the OPERS.
- F. The CITY is committed to complying with state and federal laws regarding deductions from employees' pay and will promptly correct any mistakes that are made in connection with such deductions. If EMPLOYEE believes that his pay has been improperly reduced, EMPLOYEE shall contact Human Resources.
- Section 5 Contract Relationship; Notice of Termination. This Agreement creates a relationship between EMPLOYEE and the CITY that is contractual in character. By mutual agreement of the Parties under this Agreement, the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE has the right to terminate this Agreement, with or without reason, upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the City; and the CITY has the right, unless specified otherwise in this Agreement, to terminate this Agreement, with or without reason, at any time and without advanced notice.
- Section 6 No Subcontracting/Assignment. Without the expressed written permission of the City Manager, the City Finance Director, and the City Law Director, the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE is prohibited from, in any fashion or manner, assigning to another party, the EMPLOYEE's responsibilities, obligations, or both, whether in whole or in part, to perform the services and duties required of the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE under this Agreement.
- <u>Section 7 Records and Forms</u>. The SPECIAL EMPLOYEE shall keep and, when applicable, submit all records and forms determined necessary by the CITY, whether through ordinance, policy, procedure, or instruction by the City Manager, for purposes of this Agreement. Failure to meet this requirement within established deadlines set by the CITY may result in termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 5.

Section 8 - Compensation on Termination. Should this Agreement be terminated prior to its expiration date, the CITY shall pay to the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE the sum then due for the work performed up to the date of termination. Additionally, upon the termination and/or expiration of this Agreement SPECIAL EMPLOYEE shall be eligible to receive compensation for the then balance of EMPLOYEE's accrued sick leave and vacation leave, if any, pursuant to and in accord with the then current CITY policies and procedures applicable to non-union full-time employees of the CITY.

<u>Section 9 Severability</u>. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement will be interpreted in such a manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law. If any term, provision, covenant, or condition of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect under any applicable law or rule in any jurisdiction, the remaining portion(s) of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect at the option of the CITY.

<u>Section 10 – No Strict Construction</u>. The language used in this Agreement shall be deemed to be the language chosen by the Parties hereto to express their mutual intent, and no rule of strict construction shall be applied against any Party.

<u>Section 11 – Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue.</u> This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, without regard to choice of law rules, except to the extent that federal law preempts those laws. The Parties consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the federal and state courts located in Montgomery County, Ohio, waive any objection thereto, and agree that any dispute arising under or related to this Agreement shall be brought therein.

Section 12 – Effective Date and Terms. This Agreement shall become effective on the date it is signed on behalf of the City and shall terminate on December 31, 2030.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Party has signed this Agreement on the day and year under their signature.

CITY OF KETTERING:
City of Kettering
3600 Shroyer Road
Kettering, OH 45429
937-296-2412

By:

Matthew H. Greeson, City Manager

David J. Duritsch, Jr. Public Service Director

Date signed: 11 22 24

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Theodore A. Hamer III, Law Director

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

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# Job Description: PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR Department: Public Service

Employment Status: Full-Time Reports To: Assistant City Manager FLSA Status: Exempt Approved: 11/2024

# GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

Department director level position responsible for the overall management and operations of the Street Division, the Facilities Division, and the Vehicle Maintenance Center (VMC). Director plans and directs all activities of the Public Service Department, including construction, design, roadway maintenance, financial and personnel management and general facilities and infrastructure management. The position includes long-range capital planning for all City facilities and performs special projects as assigned by the City Manager's Office.

# DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE POSITION:

The operation of the Street Division includes overall responsibility for street and storm water maintenance, snow removal, signage and pavement markings, residential leaf pickup, yard debris center operations, compost facility operations and other related tasks.

The operation of the Facilities Division includes all aspects of the design, construction, renovation, maintenance, custodial services, key/access management, facility safety and security, energy management and operations of all facilities, out-buildings and structures owned and used by the City.

The operation of the VMC includes the overall fleet management – purchase, inventory, maintenance, and repair - of the City's vehicles and equipment.

The position classification of Public Service Director is a management level position in the Unclassified Civil Service of the City of Kettering.

# **EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)**

- Plan, organize, assign and direct the duties of the department;
- Develop budget forecasts for staffing, equipment and operation other operational needs and prepare annual departmental;
- Develop and implement overall departmental goals and objectives;
- Evaluate departmental policies and procedures makes modifications where necessary to improve the effectiveness of operations and programs;
- Coordinate with other departments on various capital projects;
- Regular and predictable on-site attendance required.

# REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Considerable knowledge of modern methods and techniques used in the design, construction and inspection of public infrastructure projects; and the principles and practices of effective

supervision. Must possess ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, and maintain effective relationships with employees, City officials and the general public.

# ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

Graduation from a four-year, accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, Architecture or related field with minimum five years of management experience and training. Registration as a professional engineer or architect in the State of Ohio is preferred.

Job Description Approved by: _	) <del>(</del>
Date: 11/21/24	

#### CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This City Manager Employment ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between THE CITY OF KETTERING, OHIO, a municipal corporation ("Employer" or "City") and MATTHEW H. GREESON ("Employee") and will be effective on the date it is signed on behalf of the City.

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Employee has the education, training, and experience in local government management to be a fully qualified city manager and who, as a member of ICMA, is subject to and follows the ICMA Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Employer desires to retain the services of Employee and to appoint Employee as Manager of the City of Kettering, and Employee desires to be so retained and appointed;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

# **SECTION 1 - TERM**

This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect from December 12, 2022 until terminated by the Employer or Employee as provided in Sections 9, 10, 11, or 12 of this agreement.

#### SECTION 2 – DUTIES AND AUTHORITY

A. Effective December 12, 2022 Employer agrees to appoint and employ Employee as a special employee of the City of Kettering working with the current City Manager and preparing for assumption of City Manager duties in 2023. For avoidance of doubt, during this interim period, this Agreement will be in full force and effect and Employee is entitled to all rights and benefits hereunder.

B. Effective January 1, 2023, Employer agrees to appoint and employ Employee as City Manager of Employer to perform the functions and duties specified in the Charter of the City of Kettering, Ohio, the Kettering Codified Ordinances, and Administrative Rules and Regulations, as the same presently exist or may hereinafter be amended, and to perform other legally permissible and proper duties and functions as the City Council shall from time to time assign to the City Manager.

# **SECTION 3 - COMPENSATION**

A. Employer agrees to pay Employee at an hourly base rate of \$96.16 per hour (\$200,012.80 annually). The annual base salary of the Employee is based on a 2,080 work hour year, regardless of the actual amount of hours worked by Employee, plus a 26 pay period year. If the Employee is employed during a year with 27 pay periods, then in addition to the annual base salary Employee shall be paid for the 27<sup>th</sup> pay period an amount equal to 80 hours multiplied by the hourly base rate in effect during the 27<sup>th</sup> pay period. Employee's annual base salary shall be payable in installments at the same time as other employees of the City are paid. Employee's compensation (base salary and benefits) is subject to normal deductions for State of Ohio Retirement System, taxes, and other withholdings required by law.

B. Increases in compensation will be considered as part of the performance evaluation process set out in Section 13 below.

# SECTION 4 - DISABILITY, HEALTH, AND LIFE INSURANCE

A. Employer agrees to cause to be put into force, maintained, and to make required premium payments for the benefit of Employee, insurance policies for accident, sickness, dental, disability income benefits, major medical and dependent's group insurance coverage consistent with that which is offered to other full-time City employees or as may be specified by the then current and effective City of Kettering ordinance commonly known as the "Personnel Ordinance" or "Pay Ordinance", whichever particular policy coverage benefit may be determined greater by the Employee. Employee may also participate in any wellness program(s) offered by Employer for other employees; this includes any incentives offered for participation.

Furthermore, Employer agrees to cause to be put into force, maintained, and to make required premium payments for the benefit of Employee a life insurance policy in the amount of \$250,000.00 and with the beneficiary at Employee's sole selection.

B. At the request of the City Council, but no more frequently than once per calendar year, Employee shall submit to a complete physical examination by a qualified physician selected by the Employer to determine if Employee can satisfactorily perform the essential functions of the City Manager position. The cost of the examination shall be paid by the Employer. Reporting to the Employer by the physician shall be limited to that information necessary to establish if the Employee can satisfactorily perform the essential functions of the City Manager position, without additional detail regarding any medical conditions, procedures, or history.

# SECTION 5 - VACATION, SICK, AND PERSONAL LEAVE

A. Employee shall accrue, and have credited to Employee's personal account, vacation, sick and personal leave at the same rate as other general administrative employees of Employer with similar public service tenure. Employee shall not carry forward, from one calendar year to another, vacation amounts in excess of two hundred forty (240) hours, except (i.) upon written approval of the Mayor, or (ii.) except as such amount may be exceeded by authority of the then current City of Kettering ordinance commonly known as the "Personnel Ordinance" or "Pay Ordinance" for employees providing written notice of their commitment to retire on a specific date and such employees are in Pay Grades 705 through 724. Furthermore, the Employee shall be compensated for accrued sick leave in accordance with the then appropriate schedule available to similar City of Kettering administrative employees.

- B. To facilitate Employee's transition to residing in Kettering, Employer shall credit Employee with 10 days of vacation and waive the 90 day eligibility requirement for their use.
- C. Unless changed by the Personnel Ordinance, the City Manager may, once annually, convert up to a maximum of 12 days of his/her accrued vacation leave, in whole hour increments at a ratio of 6:5, to a maximum payment of up to 10-days equivalent in cash. The rules governing this vacation leave conversion program shall be filed with and approved by the Ohio

Public Employees Retirement System. Unless changed by the Personnel Ordinance, eligibility to convert such leave requires that all of the following apply to the City Manager:

- 1. Has, at the time of filing a request with the Finance Director to convert leave, an accrued vacation leave balance equal to or greater than the amount of hours requested to be converted:
- 2. The amount of vacation leave converted into a cash payment in one calendar year must not exceed the amount of vacation leave accrued in the prior calendar year; and
- 3. Has a record of at least 25 years of accumulated public service. Evidence of such accumulated public service may include a record of accumulated public service on file with the City of Kettering, as indicated by the employee's "Date of Hire" or "Leave Date" or a record of accumulated or purchased service credit on file with any of the Ohio Retirement Systems.

# SECTION 6 – AUTOMOBILE, PHONE, AND COMPUTER

- A. Employer acknowledges and agrees that Employee's duties require the use of an automobile suitable for executive use. In lieu of an Employer provided automobile, Employer agrees to pay to Employee a car allowance in the amount of \$4,500.00 annually, payable in 24 equal installments. However, each time that Employer uniformly increases or decreases the car allowance for other eligible employees, the Employee's car allowance shall be similarly increased or decreased.
- B. Employer acknowledges and agrees that Employee's duties require that at all times during employment with Employer Employee shall have the unrestricted use of a cell phone provided by the Employer. Such cell phone shall be capable of data transfer, and shall be compatible with and suitable for the then current cell phone technology so that Employee can easily communicate with other cell phones using the then latest cell phone technology. Employer shall be responsible for paying for all usage of the cell phone, and for the purchase (or rental), repair and regular replacement of said cell phone. In lieu of an Employer provided cell phone, Employee may, at Employee's sole discretion, opt for a cell phone allowance in the

amount of \$480.00 annually, payable in 12 equal installments. However, each time that Employer uniformly increases or decreases the cell phone allowance for other eligible employees, the Employee's cell phone allowance shall be similarly increased or decreased.

C. The Employer shall provide Employee with a computer, tablet, and appropriate software and connectivity to perform Employee's duties and to maintain communication.

#### **SECTION 7 - RETIREMENT**

A. The Employer agrees to enroll the Employee into the applicable State of Ohio Retirement System and to make all the appropriate contributions required of public employers. Employer will deduct from Employee's compensation contributions required of employees by the applicable State of Ohio Retirement System and forward them to said system.

B. At all times while this Agreement is in effect, Employer shall contribute each year, or prorated in the event of Agreement termination resulting in a portion of a year, an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of Employee's then annual salary to a qualified deferred compensation plan selected by Employee. Yearly contributions shall not exceed the limit established by the Internal Revenue Service.

#### SECTION 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS EXPENSES

A. Employer agrees to budget for and to pay for professional dues and subscriptions of the Employee necessary for continuation and full participation in national, regional, state, and local associations, and organizations necessary and desirable for the Employee's continued professional participation, growth, and advancement, and for the good of the Employer.

B. Employer agrees to budget for and to pay for travel and subsistence expenses of Employee for professional and official travel, meetings, and occasions to adequately continue the professional development of Employee and to pursue necessary official functions for Employer, including, but not limited to the ICMA Annual Conference, the state league of municipalities, and such other national, regional, state, and local governmental groups and committees in which Employee serves as a member.

- C. Employer also agrees to budget for and to pay for travel and subsistence expenses of Employee for short courses, institutes, and seminars that are necessary for the Employee's professional development and for the good of the Employer.
- D. Employer recognizes that certain expenses of a non-personal but job related nature are incurred by Employee, and agrees to reimburse or to pay said general reasonable expenses. The Finance Director is authorized to disburse such moneys upon receipt of duly executed expense or petty cash vouchers, receipts, statements, or personal affidavits.

E. The Employer acknowledges the value of having Employee participate and be directly involved in local civic clubs or organizations. Accordingly, Employer shall reimburse Employee up to \$500 each year to pay for the reasonable membership fees and/or dues to enable the Employee to become an active member in local civic clubs or organizations.

# **SECTION 9 – TERMINATION**

For the purpose of this agreement, termination shall occur when:

- 1. The Employer, citizens or legislature acts to amend any provisions of the Charter or Codified Ordinances pertaining to the role, powers, duties, authority, or responsibilities of the City Manager that substantially changes the form of government. In such event, the Employee shall have the right to declare that such amendments constitute termination.
- 2. The Employer reduces the base salary, compensation, or any other financial benefit of the Employee, unless it is applied in no greater percentage than the average reduction of all department heads. In such event, the Employee shall have the right to declare that such reduction(s) constitutes termination.
- 3. The Employee resigns following an offer to accept resignation, whether formal or informal, by the Employer as representative of the majority of the City Council that the Employee resign, then the Employee may declare a termination as of the date of the suggestion.

- 4. Breach of contract is declared by Employee with a 30 day cure period for Employer.

  Written notice of a breach of contract shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 21.
- 5. A majority of City Council votes to remove Employee without cause as defined in Section 11.

# SECTION 10 – SEVERANCE

- A. Severance shall be paid to the Employee when employment is terminated as defined in Section 9. If the Employee is terminated, the Employer shall provide a minimum severance payment equal to one year salary at Employee's then current rate of pay. This severance shall be paid in a lump sum unless otherwise agreed to by the Employer and the Employee.
- B. The Employee shall also be compensated for any accrued leave pursuant to the then adopted policies of the City.
- C. For 12 months following termination, the Employer shall pay the cost to continue the following benefits:
  - 1. any unpaid balance of salary then due Employee; and
  - 2. twelve months of continued family plan health insurance coverage under COBRA during which Employer will pay the standard City of Kettering share of the premium costs for City of Kettering employee family plan health insurance coverage with Employee paying any difference; if at any time after termination Employee becomes eligible for and receives health insurance coverage under another health insurance plan, then this health insurance severance benefit will terminate.
- D. Severance payments shall be subject to normal deductions for State of Ohio Retirement System, taxes, and other withholdings required by law. Such deductions and withholdings shall be made by Employer.

## SECTION 11 - REMOVAL

The City Council may suspend the Employee, with full pay and benefits, to investigate malfeasance or serious misconduct during the term of this Agreement upon a vote of a majority of all City Council members. Following the procedures set out in Section 5-6 of the Kettering City Charter, the City Council may remove Employee as Manager for conviction of or plea of nolo contendere to any illegal act or criminal activity, excluding traffic-related offenses. In such event, this Agreement will automatically terminate and no severance will be due except for the unpaid balance of the Employee's salary and the Employee's salary for the next two months as provided in Section 5-6 of the Charter.

#### SECTION 12 – RESIGNATION

In the event that the Employee voluntarily resigns Employee's position with the Employer, the Employee shall provide a minimum of 30 days' advance notice unless the parties agree otherwise.

# SECTION 13 - PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND MERIT INCREASES

A. Within the first one hundred twenty (120) days of Employee's employment with the City, City Council will meet with Employee to discuss and adopt a performance plan of priorities and goals for Employee during the first twelve (12) months of employment. The City Council shall annually review the performance of the Employee in December subject to a process, form, criteria, and format for the evaluation which shall be mutually agreed upon by the Employer and Employee. The process at a minimum shall include the opportunity for both parties to: (1) prepare a written evaluation, (2) meet and discuss the evaluation, and (3) present a written summary of the evaluation results. The final written evaluation should be completed and delivered to the Employee within 30 days of the evaluation meeting.

B. The Employee's salary will be subject to review and merit consideration at the annual anniversary date of the Manager's hire. In conjunction with the annual performance review, City Council and Employee will discuss and update the City Manager's annual performance plan and annual compensation. City Council shall increase base salary and/or other benefits of the City

Manager at the time of the Manager's review, in such amounts and to such extent as the City Council may determine that it is desirable to do so, at its sole discretion, in light of performance by the City Manager.

C. If during any calendar year Council fails to review the performance and salary of Employee as required above, then Employee shall receive any uniform salary increase given that same calendar year to department heads.

# SECTION 14 - HOURS OF WORK

Employer recognizes and acknowledges that Employee may be required to work a number of hours in excess of 40 hours per week to perform duties required of Employee by this Agreement. Also, it is recognized and acknowledged that because Employee must devote a certain amount of time outside the normal office hours to business of the Employer, therefore Employee will be allowed to take compensatory time off as Employee shall deem appropriate during said normal office hours.

# **SECTION 15 – OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES**

The employment provided for by this Agreement shall be the Employee's sole employment. Recognizing that certain outside consulting or teaching opportunities provide indirect benefits to the Employer and the community, the Employee may elect to accept limited teaching or consulting opportunities that do not materially interfere with Employee's responsibilities to Employer and do not conflict with Employer's interests. For avoidance of doubt, Employee may not perform consulting for or work for any other government entity or political subdivision during the term of this Agreement.

# SECTION 16 – RESIDENCY

Employee shall establish residency in the City of Kettering within 12 months of employment. During Employee's tenure as Manager, Employee shall maintain residency within the City of Kettering.

#### SECTION 17 – MOVING AND RELOCATION EXPENSES

A. Employer shall reimburse Employee the expenses of moving Employee and Employee's family and personal property to Kettering, Ohio in an amount not to exceed \$7,500. Said moving expenses include packing, moving, storage costs, unpacking, and insurance charges.

B. Employer shall pay Employee a graduated interim housing supplement for up to a maximum of eight months of employment, or until Employee's home in Worthington is sold and closed on, whichever event occurs first. Payments will be made monthly with the first payment being made during the month of Employee's start of employment. Payment amounts will be as follows: Month 1 - \$2,000; Month 2 - \$2,000; Month 3 - \$1,000; Month 4 - \$1,000; Month 5 - \$500; Month 6 - \$500; Month 7 - \$500; Month 8 - \$500.

#### **SECTION 18 - INDEMNIFICATION**

The City shall defend and hold Employee harmless from and against any and all torts, claims, causes of action, demands, costs, expenses or other legal action, including all attorneys' fees, whether groundless or otherwise, arising out of any alleged act or omission occurring during or arising out of the Employee's performance of duties as a special employee or City Manager. The City shall have the right to compromise and settle any such claim or suit and shall pay the amount of any settlement or judgment rendered thereon. Said duty to defend shall extend beyond the Employee's termination of employment, and the otherwise expiration of this Agreement, to provide full and complete protection to Employee by the City of Kettering, as described herein, for any acts undertaken or committed in the Employee's capacity as City Manager, regardless of whether the filing of a lawsuit for such tort, claim, cause of action, demand, or other legal action occurs during or following the Employee's employment with the City.

#### **SECTION 19 - BONDING**

Employer shall bear the full cost of any fidelity or other bonds required of the Employee under any law or ordinance.

SECTION 20 - OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

A. The Council, in consultation with the Employee, shall fix, in writing, such other terms

and conditions of employment as it may determine from time to time and which relate to the

performance of Employee, provided such terms and conditions are not material to, not

inconsistent with, not in conflict with and/or would require alteration or amending this

Agreement, the City Charter or any policy or ordinance of the City.

B. All provisions of the City Charter and Codified Ordinances and regulations and

rules of the Employer relating to vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, retirement and

pension system contributions, holidays and other fringe benefits and working conditions as they

now exist or hereafter may be amended, also shall apply to Employee as they would to other

employees of Employer, in addition to said benefits enumerated specifically for the benefit of

Employee, except as may be otherwise provided for in this Agreement.

**SECTION 21 - NOTICES** 

A. All notices required or permitted hereunder will be in writing and will be addressed to

such party at the address set forth below or to such other address as any party may give to the

other in writing for such purpose:

(1) EMPLOYER:

Mayor

City of Kettering

3600 Shroyer Road – South Building

Kettering, Ohio 45429

with a copy to:

Law Director

City of Kettering

3600 Shroyer Road – South Building

Kettering, Ohio 45429

(2) EMPLOYEE:

Mathew H. Greeson

3600 Shroyer Road

Kettering, Ohio 45429

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All such communications, if personally delivered, will be conclusively deemed to have been received by a party hereto and to be effective when so delivered; if given by mail, on the fourth business day after such communication is deposited in the mail with first-class postage prepaid, return receipt requested; or if sent by overnight courier service, on the day after deposit thereof with such service; or if sent by certified or registered mail, on the third business day after the day on which deposited in the mail.

## **SECTION 22 - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

A. Integration. This Agreement sets forth and establishes the entire understanding between the Employer and the Employee relating to the employment of the Employee by the Employer. Any prior discussions or representations by or between the parties are merged into and rendered null and void by this Agreement. The parties by mutual written agreement may amend any provision of this agreement during the life of the agreement. Such amendments shall be incorporated and made a part of this Agreement.

- <u>B. Binding Effect</u>. This Agreement shall be binding on the Employer and the Employee as well as their heirs, assigns, executors, personal representatives and successors in interest.
- <u>C. Severability</u>. If any provision, or any portion thereof, contained in this Agreement is held unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or portion thereof, shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.
- <u>E. Remedies</u>. The remedies provided in this Agreement are cumulative. Delay or forbearance in the enforcement of any right under this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of, or estoppel against, the exercise of such right.
- <u>F. No Strict Construction</u>. The language used in this Agreement shall be deemed to be the language chosen by the Parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of strict construction shall be applied against any Party.
- G. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of such counterparts taken together will constitute one and the same

Agreement. Copies of duly executed counterparts shall have the same legal effect as an original. Facsimile signatures or signatures transmitted by email or other electronic means shall be sufficient to bind the Parties.

H. Applicable Law / Venue Selection. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio without giving effect to conflict of law provisions which would result in the application of any law other than Ohio law. Employer and Employee consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in Montgomery County, Ohio, waive any objection thereto, and agree that any court proceeding arising under or related to this Agreement shall be brought therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, City, through its Mayor, and Employee have signed this Agreement intending to be bound.

CITY OF KETTERING, OHIO

**EMPLOYEE** 

Date: October 11, 2022

Approved as to form:

Theodore A. Hamer, III, Law Director

Funds Certified By:



#### SPECIAL EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT

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<u>Section 1 - Purposes of Employment.</u> Effective **December 16, 2024**, the CITY hereby employs the personal services of the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE for the purpose(s) of: (i.) performing the duties of **Fire Prevention Inspector** as described in the attached job description, and (ii.) such other duties and services as may be assigned in the sole discretion of the **Fire Chief or their authorized designee**. All such duties and services shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement. EMPLOYEE's status shall be considered, "at will" and in the Unclassified Civil Service of the City.

Section 2 – Rules; Supervision. At all times the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE shall perform the required services and duties in a professional manner and in conformance with all applicable rules, regulations, policies, and procedures of the CITY, whether existing now or subsequently adopted while this Agreement is in effect. The SPECIAL EMPLOYEE further agrees to perform the required services and duties under the supervision and direction of the Fire Chief or any designee appointed by the Fire Chief. The services and duties to be provided by SPECIAL EMPLOYEE under this Agreement shall require SPECIAL EMPLOYEE to work up to a maximum of 28 hours per week. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE will provide such services and duties on such workdays and during such hours as necessary and/or as may be requested by the Fire Chief or their respective designees to satisfactorily complete the services and duties. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE must have a minimum of one hour of compensable time per month during the term of this Agreement. At all times while this Agreement is in effect, SPECIAL EMPLOYEE shall be subject to the administrative policies of the CITY regarding employees. EMPLOYEE shall not use CITY equipment or supplies for any purpose or project that is not directly related to or for the benefit of the CITY.

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- (a.) The CITY shall pay EMPLOYEE an "hourly base rate" of \$23.11 per hour.
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- (c.) Except as expressly provided for in this Agreement or as may be approved in writing by the City Manager, no other compensation and no other benefits are either implied nor due EMPLOYEE. The CITY shall make deductions from the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE's pay as required by law, including but not limited to, federal, state, and local tax withholdings.
- (d.) The CITY is committed to complying with state and federal laws regarding deductions from employees' pay and will promptly correct any mistakes that are made in connection with such deductions. If EMPLOYEE believes that his pay has been improperly reduced, EMPLOYEE shall contact Human Resources.

<u>Section 4 – Contract Relationship; Notice of Termination</u>. This Agreement creates a relationship between EMPLOYEE and the CITY that is contractual in character. By mutual agreement of the Parties under this Agreement, the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE has the right to terminate this Agreement, with or without reason, upon fourteen (14) days advance written notice to the City; and the CITY has the right, unless specified otherwise in this Agreement, to terminate this Agreement, with or without reason, at any time and without advanced notice.

<u>Section 5 - No Subcontracting/Assignment</u>. Without the expressed written permission of the City Manager, the City Finance Director, and the City Law Director, the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE is prohibited from, in any fashion or manner, assigning to another party, the EMPLOYEE's responsibilities, obligations, or both, whether in whole or in part, to perform the services and duties required of the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE under this Agreement.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each Party has signed this Agreement on the day and year under their signature.

# CITY OF KETTERING:

City of Kettering 3600 Shroyer Road Kettering, OH 45429 (937) 296-2412

By: WIGHT

Signature of Department Director

Mitch J. Robbins, Fire Chief

Date signed: 11/25/24

Signature of Special Employee

**Robert Hessinger, Fire Prevention Inspector** 

Date signed by employee: 11/25/24

By:

Signature of City Manager

Matthew H. Greeson, City Manager

Date signed:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Theodore A. Hamer III, Law Director

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS** 

FINANCE DIRECTOR



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Signature of Department Director

Mitch J. Robbins, Fire Chief

Date signed: \_

Katie Kracus

Signature of Special Employee

**Katie Kracus, Fire Prevention Inspector** 

Date signed by employee: 11/25/24

Ву:

Signature of City Manager

Matthew H. Greeson, City Manager

Date signed: \_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Theodore A. Hamer III, Law Director

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

FINANCE DIRECTOR



This Agreement is entered into by and between the City of Kettering, Ohio, hereinafter called the CITY and <u>Joshua L. Walters</u>, hereinafter called the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE or simply the EMPLOYEE, in consideration of the mutual premises set forth below.

Section 1 - Purposes of Employment. Effective August 11, 2025, and concurrent with the EMPLOYEE's employment with the Miami Valley Technology and Communications Group (MVTCG) the CITY hereby agrees to employ the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE as a special employee working with the current TCSU Director and preparing for the assumption of TCSU Director duties. The SPECIAL EMPLOYEE shall be titled <u>Director of TCSU Task Force-Elect.</u> For avoidance of doubt, during this interim period, this Agreement will be in full force and effect and Employee is entitled to all rights and benefits hereunder.

Effective August 22, 2025 at 5:01 p.m. and continuing until August 9, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., and concurrent with the EMPLOYEE'S employment with the MVTCG, the CITY hereby employs the personal services of the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE for the purpose(s) of: <u>Director of TCSU Task Force (A salaried, overtime exempt position in the Unclassified Civil Service with a full-time schedule)</u> and for performing other related duties as may be required, all subject to this Agreement.

<u>Section 2 - Rules, Supervision</u>. The SPECIAL EMPLOYEE agrees to perform the services required in a professional manner which is consistent with all applicable rules, regulations, orders, policies and procedures of the CITY and its Police Department, whether existing now or subsequently adopted. The SPECIAL EMPLOYEE further agrees to submit to the lawful supervision and direction of those in authority on the CITY's staff.

Section 3 - Compensation. (a) The CITY agrees to pay the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE, for services provided, in the following manner: Effective 8/11/2025, salary of \$127,795.00/yr. \$61.44/hour equivalent. No other compensation or benefits is either implied or due, except as expressly provided for in this Agreement. The CITY shall make deductions from the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE's pay as required by law, including but not limited to, federal, state and local tax withholdings and any contributions to Medicare or the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, or any other applicable pension fund. The City is committed to complying with state and federal laws regarding deductions from employees' pay and will promptly correct any mistakes that are made in connection with such deductions. If SPECIAL EMPLOYEE believes that his pay has been improperly reduced, he shall contact Human Resources. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE will be eligible for general pay increases, if granted, in an equal percentage, but not to exceed 5% to that of the Kettering Police Lieutenants, retrospectively (to the extent applicable) and/or prospectively as provided for in the Retro Pay Policy effective upon signing of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

- (b) The SPECIAL EMPLOYEE, as a full-time employee shall be eligible for group health, dental and life insurance and other related supplemental benefits offered to the non-union full-time Kettering employee group.
- (c) During the term of this Agreement the Employee shall be eligible for and to take vacation leave, sick leave, paid holidays and personal leave (currently 3 days) consistent with non-union full-time employees. Upon separation from employment, the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE shall be compensated for any earned and accrued vacation not taken as of the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE'S separation date if applicable. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE chose to carry over his sick leave balance and is therefore eligible for sick leave conversion upon separation and otherwise consistent with City policy.
- (d) SPECIAL EMPLOYEE shall be provided a vehicle for TCSU work related purposes.
- Section 4 Employee-at-Will, Notice of Termination. The SPECIAL EMPLOYEE and the CITY have an employee-employer relationship which is conditioned upon an "employment-at-will" basis. Specifically, the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE has the right to terminate this Agreement at any time, subject to fourteen (14) days' written notice, and the CITY has the same right, subject to fourteen (14) days' written notice, unless specified otherwise herein. The SPECIAL EMPLOYEE's status shall be temporary, subject to the terms of this Agreement and is in the unclassified Civil Service pursuant to the City Charter.
- <u>Section 5 Need for Personnel Action</u>. The obligations of the parties are subject to and contingent upon a City of Kettering Personnel Action form being signed by or through the City Manager, so as to authorize hiring of the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE.
- Section 6 Termination Without 14 Days' Notice. The CITY may terminate this Agreement at any time, without necessity of the fourteen (14) days' written notice referred to in Section 4 of this Agreement, when in the sole determination of the CITY the commencement or continuance of the event(s), program(s) or service(s) described in Section 1 is (are) no longer needed or no longer desired by the CITY and/or the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE's contract with MVTGC is terminated.
- Section 7 No Subcontracting Assignment. The SPECIAL EMPLOYEE is prohibited, as an "employee" of the CITY, from in <u>any way</u> subcontracting out his or her responsibilities to perform the personal services required of the employee under this Agreement, whether for pay or not-for-pay. The SPECIAL EMPLOYEE must obtain approval for others to assist or substitute for him or her from designated CITY staff who have authority to make such decisions/assignments. Any attempted assignment or subcontracting of this Agreement without the written consent of the City shall be void.
- Section 8 Records and Forms. The SPECIAL EMPLOYEE shall keep and/or submit all records and forms determined necessary for the CITY for purposes of employment and program operations. Failure to meet this requirement within established deadlines set by the CITY may result in immediate termination of this Agreement, without necessity of the advance notice described in Section 4. The CITY shall not be arbitrary in setting of said deadlines.
- <u>Section 9 Compensation on Termination</u>. Should this Agreement be terminated prior to its expiration date, the CITY shall pay to the SPECIAL EMPLOYEE only the sum then due for the work performed, unless otherwise specified herein.

<u>Section 10 – Severability and Construction</u>. If any term, provision, covenant, or condition of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the rest of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect at the option of the City. The language used in this Agreement shall be deemed to be the language chosen by the parties hereto to express their mutual intent, and no rule of strict construction shall be applied against any party.

<u>Section 11 – Conflicts of Interest.</u> The SPECIAL EMPLOYEE shall not accept assignments from or perform services for other parties which conflict in any way with the duties and services to be provided by SPECIAL EMPLOYEE for the CITY under Section 1 of this Agreement, or which, alone or when combined with other factors, prevent completion of SPECIAL EMPLOYEE's duties and services for the CITY.

<u>Section 12 – Applicable Law.</u> This Agreement shall be governed by the law of the State of Ohio without giving effect to conflict of law provisions which would result in the application of any law other than Ohio law. Any suit or claim by either party against the other respective party and that flows from, whether directly or indirectly, this Agreement, shall by brought in a court of competent jurisdiction that is located in Montgomery County, Ohio.

Section 13 – Integration and Modification. No modification of this Agreement shall be valid or binding unless such modification is in writing, dated and signed by an authorized representative of both SPECIAL EMPLOYEE and the CITY. This Agreement and any documents referred to herein constitute the complete understanding of the parties and merge and supersede any and all other discussions, agreements and understandings, either oral or written, between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. Neither party shall be bound by any terms, conditions, statements or representations, oral or written, which are not expressly contained in this Agreement.

Section 14 - Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed by the parties in several counterparts which when taken together shall be deemed to be one original, and/or may be executed in multiple copies, each of which shall be deemed an original. All true and accurate copies of this full executed Agreement shall be valid and binding evidence of the Agreement of the parties, whether the document and/or any or all of the signatures are reproductions of an original by photocopy, facsimile or email transmission, or other method commonly accepted as accurate.

<u>Section 15 – Headings</u>. The section headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be used to interpret this Agreement.

<u>Section 16 – Effective Date and Terms.</u> This Agreement shall become effective August 11, 2025, and shall terminate on August 9, 2026, unless terminated earlier as provided in Section 4 or Section 6.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party has signed this Agreement on the day and year following his or her signature.

CITY OF KETTERING		SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT
Ву:	Signature of City Manager	
Ву:	Matthew H. Greeson, City Manager (print or type City Manager's name)  Date signed: 1 24 25  Signature of Department Director	Signature of Special Employee
	Christopher N. Protsman, Chief of Police (print or type Director's name)  Date signed: 7/28/7525	Joshua L. Walters (print or type name of Employee)  Date signed by employee: 7:28:25
		Address:
	Approved as to form:  Theodore A. Hamer III Law Director	

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