

City of Kingsville, Texas

AGENDA
CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
HELEN KLEBERG GROVES COMMUNITY ROOM
400 WEST KING AVENUE
5:00 P.M. – Regular Meeting

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I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

None.

APPROVED BY:

Charlie Sosa By: MW
Charlie Sosa
Interim City Manager

II. Public Hearing - (Required by Law).¹

None.

III. Reports from Commission & Staff.²

"At this time, the City Commission and Staff will report/update on all committee assignments which may include but is not limited to the following: Planning & Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustments, Historical Board, Housing Authority Board, Library Board, Health Board, Tourism, Chamber of Commerce, Coastal Bend Council of Governments, Conner Museum, Keep Kingsville Beautiful, and Texas Municipal League. Staff reports include the following: Building & Development, Code Enforcement, Proposed Development Report; Accounting & Finance – Financial Services - Information, Investment Report, Quarterly Budget Report, Monthly Financial Reports; Police & Fire Department – Grant Update, Police & Fire Reports; Street Updates; Public Works-Building Maintenance, Construction Updates; Park Services - grant(s) update, miscellaneous park projects, Administration –Workshop Schedule, Interlocal Agreements, Public Information, Hotel Occupancy Report, Quiet Zone, Proclamations, Health Plan Update, Tax Increment Zone Presentation, Main Street Downtown, Chapter 59 project, Financial Advisor, Water And Wastewater Rate Study Presentation. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time."

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items.³

1. Comments on all agenda and non-agenda items.

V.

Consent Agenda
Notice to the Public

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Commission has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Commission Member in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.

CONSENT MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND ORDINANCES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

(At this point the Commission will vote on all motions, resolutions, and ordinances not removed for individual consideration)

1. Motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into an Engagement Letter Agreement between the City of Kingsville, Texas and John Womack & Co., P.C. for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Audit. (Finance Director).

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

2. Consideration and approval accepting the 2025 Final Certified Estimated Value Information and the 2025 Final Certified Estimated Rolls for the total appraised assessed and taxable values of all existing and new property in the City of Kingsville as certified by the Kleberg County Appraisal District. (Finance Director).
3. Consideration and approval of Certification of 2024-2025 Excess Debt Collections for City of Kingsville Interest & Sinking Fund and Certification of 2025 Anticipated Collection Rate. (Finance Director).
4. Consideration and approval of a proposed tax rate, if it will exceed the no-new revenue tax rate or the voter-approval rate (whichever is lower), take record vote, and schedule public hearing for 5:00 p.m. on September 2, 2025 at City Hall in the Helen Kleberg Groves Community Room, 400 W. King Avenue, Kingsville, Texas 78363. (Finance Director).
5. Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Construction Contract with Grace Paving and Construction, Inc. for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract No. 22-085-009-D237 Project 14: E. Santa Gertrudis Ave. Storm Water Improvements Project. (Bid No. 25-17 awarded 7/28/25). (City Engineer).
6. Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor KJM Commercial Inc. Victory Building Team for construction of Kingsville Fire Station #3. (Bid #25-15 awarded 7/14/25). (Purchasing Manager).
7. Consideration and approval of City participation in the Viva El Centro Event to take place September 19 & 20, 2025 in the downtown area. (new event not included in the list of events & parades approved for FY24-25 on 9/23/24). (Tourism Director)..
8. Discussion on proposed City of Kingsville Fiscal Year 25-26 budget for General Fund, Rate/Fee Increases, Fund Balance Discussion. (Interim City Manager).

VII. Adjournment.

1. No person's comments shall exceed 5 minutes. Cannot be extended by Commission.
2. No person's comments shall exceed 5 minutes without permission of majority of Commission.
3. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. May be extended or permitted at other times in the meeting only with 5 affirmative Commission votes. The speaker must identify himself by name and address.

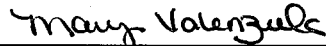
4. Items being considered by the Commission for action except citizen's comments to the Mayor and Commission, no comment at this point without 5 affirmative votes of the Commission.

NOTICE

This City of Kingsville and Commission Chambers are wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at 361/595-8002 or FAX 361/595-8024 or E-Mail mvalenzuela@cityofkingsville.com for further information. Braille Is Not Available. The City Commission reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551-071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551-072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551-073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551-074 (Personnel Matters), 551-076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551-086 (Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters), and 551-087 (Economic Development).

I, the undersigned authority do hereby certify that the Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, City of Kingsville, 400 West King Avenue, Kingsville, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and said Notice was posted on the following date and time:

August 7, 2025, at 3:00 P.M. and remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours proceeding the scheduled time of said meeting.



Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, City Secretary
City of Kingsville, Texas

This public notice was removed from the official posting board at the Kingsville City Hall on the following date and time: _____

By: _____
City Secretary's Office
City of Kingsville, Texas

CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #1

**City of Kingsville
Finance Department**

TO: Mayor and City Commissioners

CC: Charlie Sosa, Interim City Manager

FROM: Deborah Balli, Finance Director

DATE: August 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Audit Engagement Letter

Summary:

This item authorizes the acceptance of the audit engagement letter from John Womack and Company for audit services for FY 24-25.

Financial Impact:

The estimated fees for services are \$112,500 - \$124,500 and will include:

- The financial audit of the City, GASB34 and GFOA report presentation, capital assets, state and federal grant audit requirements for the Sindle Audit, the Retirement System and OPEB disclosure reporting requirements for GASB 68 and 75

There will be an additional \$3,500 - \$5,500 if a state single audit is required plus out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, confirmation service provider fees, etc.).

All fees will be budgeted in General Fund 001 and Utility Fund 051 Fund in equal amounts.

Interim work shall begin October 2025 and the Audit Report will be finished and submitted to GFOA by March 31, 2025.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the approval of the audit engagement letter from John Womack and Company.



RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS AND JOHN WOMACK & CO., P.C. FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Kingsville, Texas:

I.

THAT the Interim City Manager is authorized and directed as an act of the City of Kingsville, Texas to enter into an Engagement Letter Agreement Between John Womack & Co., P.C. and the City of Kingsville, Texas for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year audit in accordance with Exhibit A hereto attached and made a part hereof.

II.

THAT all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

III.

THAT this Resolution shall be and become effective on and after adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a majority vote of the City Commission on the 11th day of August, 2025.

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney

JOHN WOMACK & CO., P.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

JOHN L. WOMACK, CPA
MARGARET KELLY, CPA

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July 14, 2025

To the Mayor and City Commission
City of Kingsville
P. O. Box 1458
Kingsville, Texas 78364

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide for the City of Kingsville for the year ended September 30, 2025.

Audit Scope and Objectives

We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, including the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements, of the City of Kingsville as of and for the year ended September 30, 2025. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the City of Kingsville's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the City of Kingsville's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by GAAP and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

1. Management's Discussion and Analysis.
2. Budgetary Comparison Information.



PRIVATE COMPANIES PRACTICE SECTION, AICPA DIVISION FOR CPA FIRMS

3. Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability.
4. Schedule of the City Pension Contributions.
5. Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability.
6. Schedule of the City OPEB Contributions.

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies the City of Kingsville's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS, and we will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole, in a report combined with our auditor's report on the financial statements:

1. Schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state awards (if applicable).
2. Combining and Individual Nonmajor Fund Financial Statements.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, we will read the following other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

1. Introductory Sections.
2. Statistical Sections.

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP, and report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the

aggregate, they would influence the judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements. The objectives also include reporting on:

- Internal control over financial reporting and compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and award agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
- Internal control over compliance related to major programs and an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a direct and material effect on each major program in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements and Single Audit

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS; the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and the provisions of the Uniform Guidance, and will include tests of accounting records, a determination of major program(s) in accordance with Uniform Guidance, and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. We will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of waste and abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to perform specific procedures to detect waste or abuse in financial audits nor do they expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting waste or abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions,

there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements or noncompliance may not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements or on major programs. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, any fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that come to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. We will include such matters in the reports required for a Single Audit. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

In connection with this engagement, we may communicate with you or others via email transmission. As emails can be intercepted and read, disclosed, or otherwise used or communicated by an unintended third party, or may not be delivered to each of the parties to whom they are directed and only to such parties, we cannot guarantee or warrant that emails from us will be properly delivered and read only by the addressee. Therefore, we specifically disclaim and waive any liability or responsibility whatsoever for interception or unintentional disclosure of emails transmitted by us in connection with the performance of this engagement. In that regard, you agree that we shall have no liability for any loss or damage to any person or entity resulting from the use of email transmissions, including any consequential, incidental, direct, indirect, or special damages, such as loss of revenues or anticipated profits, or disclosure or communication of confidential or proprietary information.

We will also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the government's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement.

As part of this communication, we have not identified any significant risks of material misstatement. However, planning has not concluded, and modifications may be made. If new significant risks are identified after the date of this initial communication, for example during the course of fieldwork, we will communicate them to those charged with governance in a timely manner, in writing.

Our audit of financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities.

Audit Procedures—Internal Control

We will obtain an understanding of the government and its environment, including the system of internal control, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

As required by the Uniform Guidance, we will perform tests of controls over compliance to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with compliance requirements applicable to each major federal award program. However, our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on those controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance.

Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the City of Kingsville's compliance with provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements, including grant agreements. However, the objective of those procedures will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Uniform Guidance requires that we also plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the auditee has complied with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards applicable to major programs. Our procedures will consist of tests of transactions and other applicable procedures described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City of Kingsville's major programs. For federal programs that are included in the Compliance Supplement, our compliance and internal control procedures will relate to the compliance requirements that the Compliance Supplement identifies as being subject to audit. The purpose of these procedures will be to express an opinion on the City of Kingsville's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major programs in our report on compliance issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements and Single Audit

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for (1) designing, implementing, establishing, and maintaining effective internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, including internal controls over federal awards, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities, to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; (2) following laws and regulations; (3) ensuring that there is reasonable assurance that government programs are administered in compliance with compliance requirements; and (4) ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles; for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and all accompanying information in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America with the oversight of those charged with governance; and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations (including federal statutes), rules, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements (including award agreements). Your responsibilities also include identifying significant contractor relationships in which the contractor has responsibility for program compliance and for the accuracy and completeness of that information.

You are also responsible for making drafts of financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, all financial records, and related information available to us; for the accuracy and completeness of that information (including information from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers); and for the evaluation of whether there are any conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the government's ability to continue as a going concern for the 12 months after the financial

statements date or shortly thereafter (for example, within an additional three months if currently known). You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions, and other matters; (2) access to personnel, accounts, books, records, supporting documentation, and other information as needed to perform an audit under the Uniform Guidance; (3) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit; and (4) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements; schedule of expenditures of federal awards; federal award programs; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and related matters

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements of each opinion unit taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. You are also responsible for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that we report. Additionally, as required by the Uniform Guidance, it is management's responsibility to evaluate and monitor noncompliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards; take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified including noncompliance identified in audit findings; promptly follow up and take corrective action on reported audit findings; and prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a separate corrective action plan. The summary schedule of prior audit findings should be available for our review on October 1, 2025.

You are responsible for identifying all federal awards received and understanding and complying with the compliance requirements and for the preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (including notes and noncash assistance received, and COVID-19-related concepts, such as lost revenues, if applicable) in conformity with the

Uniform Guidance. You agree to include our report on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards that includes our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with the Uniform Guidance; (2) you believe the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, including its form and content, is stated fairly in accordance with the Uniform Guidance; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

You are also responsible for the preparation of the other supplementary information, which we have been engaged to report on, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on, the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Scope and Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

With regard to publishing the financial statements on your website, you understand that websites are a means of distributing information and, therefore, we are not required to read

the information contained in those sites or to consider the consistency of other information on the website with the original document.

Limitation on Liability

In the unlikely event that differences concerning our services or fees should arise that are not resolved by mutual agreement, to facilitate judicial resolution and save time and expense of both parties, the City agrees to participate in mediation, under the Commercial Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association, before any claim is asserted.

In the event that John Womack & Co., P.C. is found to be negligent in provision of any services covered by this agreement which result in damage to the City, John Womack & Co., P.C.'s liability to the City will be limited to actual damages or losses incurred by the City. John Womack & Co., P.C. will not be liable to the City for any punitive damages.

Other Services

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements, depreciation schedules (if needed) using your assigned life and depreciation method, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes of the City of Kingsville in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the Uniform Guidance based on information provided by you. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statements, depreciation schedules (if needed) using your assigned life and depreciation method, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the financial statements, depreciation schedules (if needed) using your assigned life and depreciation method, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes, and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements, depreciation schedules (if needed) using your assigned life and depreciation method, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements, depreciation schedules (if needed) using your assigned life and depreciation method, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, Patrick L. Moore, CPA, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

You may request that we perform additional services not addressed in this engagement letter. If this occurs, we will communicate with you regarding the scope of the additional services and the estimated fees. We also may issue a separate engagement letter covering the additional services. In the absence of any other written communication from us documenting such additional services, our services will continue to be governed by the terms of this engagement letter.

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash, accounts receivable, or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing. We will schedule the engagement based in part on deadlines, working conditions, and the availability of your key personnel. We will plan the engagement based on the assumption that your personnel will cooperate and provide assistance by performing tasks such as preparing requested schedules, retrieving supporting documents, and preparing confirmations. If, for whatever reason, your personnel are unavailable to provide the necessary assistance in a timely manner, it may substantially increase the work we have to do to complete the engagement within the established deadlines, resulting in an increase in fees over our original fee estimate. We will schedule the engagement based in part on deadlines, working conditions, and the availability of your key personnel. We will plan the engagement based on the assumption that your personnel will cooperate and provide assistance by performing tasks such as preparing requested schedules, retrieving supporting documents, and preparing confirmations. If, for whatever reason, your personnel are unavailable to provide the necessary assistance in a timely manner, it may substantially increase the work we have to do to complete the engagement within the established deadlines, resulting in an increase in fees over our original fee estimate. We will not undertake any accounting services (including but not limited to reconciliation of accounts and preparation of requested schedules) without obtaining approval through a written change order or additional engagement letter for such additional work.

At the conclusion of the engagement, we will complete the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form that summarizes our audit findings. It is management's responsibility to electronically submit the reporting package (including financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, summary schedule of prior audit findings, auditor's reports, and corrective action plan) along with the Data Collection Form to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. We will coordinate with you the electronic submission and certification. If applicable, we will provide copies of our report for you to include with the reporting package you will submit to pass-through entities. If applicable, we will provide copies of our report for you to include with the reporting package you will submit to pass-through entities. The Data Collection Form and the reporting package must be submitted within the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's reports or nine months after the end of the audit period.

We will provide copies of our reports to the City; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of John Womack & Co., P.C. and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to cognizant agencies or their designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of John Womack & Co., P.C. personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the cognizant agency. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency, pass-through entity, or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

John L. Womack is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them. We expect to begin our audit on approximately October 20, 2025. To ensure that John Womack & Co., P.C.'s independence is not impaired under the AICPA *Code of Professional Conduct*, you agree to inform the engagement partner before entering into any substantive employment discussions with any of our personnel.

Our audit engagement ends on delivery of our audit report. Any follow-up services that might be required will be a separate, new engagement. The terms and conditions of that new engagement will be governed by a new, specific engagement letter for that service.

Our fee of \$112,500 to \$124,500 will be for the following services: the financial audit of the City, GASB34 and GFOA report presentation, capital assets, state and federal grant audit requirements for the Single Audit, the Retirement System and OPEB disclosure reporting requirements for GASB 68 and 75, plus an additional \$3,500 to \$5,500 if a state single audit is required plus out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, confirmation service provider fees, etc.). Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable

on presentation. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the engagement. If significant additional time is necessary, we will keep you informed of any problems we encounter and our fees will be adjusted accordingly.

As an attest client, John Womack & Co., P.C. cannot retain your documents on your behalf. This is in accordance with the ET 1.295.143 of the *AICPA Code of Professional Conduct*. The City of Kingsville is responsible for maintaining its own data and records.

Reporting

We will issue written reports upon completion of our Single Audit. Our reports will be addressed to management and the governing Board of the City of Kingsville, which will also address other information in accordance with AU-C 720, *The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Other Information Included in Annual Reports*. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add a separate section, or add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph to our auditor's report, or if necessary, withdraw from this engagement. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance.

If circumstances occur related to the condition of your records, the availability of sufficient, appropriate audit evidence, or the existence of a significant risk of material misstatement of the financial statements caused by error, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets, which in our professional judgment prevent us from completing the audit or forming an opinion on the financial statements, we retain the right to take any course of action permitted by professional standards, including declining to express an opinion or issue reports, or withdrawing from the engagement.

You have engaged us to include in our report a section that discusses key audit matters, if any, identified during our audit. Key audit matters are matters that are communicated or required to be communicated to those charged with governance that were, in the auditor's professional judgment, of most significance to the audit of the financial statements of the current period. Key audit matters may involve, among other things, areas of higher assessed risk of material misstatement or significant identified risks; areas that required significant auditor judgment, such as accounting estimates or other areas subject to a high degree of estimation uncertainty; or the effect of significant events or transactions in the current period. For each key audit matter identified in our report, our report will describe the primary reason(s) we designated it as a key audit matter, how it was addressed in the audit, and refer to the financial statement account(s) or disclosure(s) related to it. The communication of key audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the financial

statements, taken as a whole. If our audit does not identify any key audit matters, our audit report will state that conclusion.

The *Government Auditing Standards* report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters will state that (1) the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance, and (2) the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. The Uniform Guidance report on internal control over compliance will state that the purpose of the report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Both reports will state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

You have requested that we provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any subsequent reports received during the contract period. Accordingly, our 2023 peer review report accompanies this letter.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the City of Kingsville and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the attached copy and return it to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Womack & Co., P.C.", written in dark ink.

John Womack & Co., P.C.

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the City of Kingsville.

Management signature: _____

Title: _____

Governance signature: _____

Title: _____



Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

May 31, 2023

To the Owner of John Womack & Co., P.C.
and the Peer Review Committee of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of John Womack & Co., P.C. (the firm) in effect for the year ended August 31, 2022. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards):

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitation of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including a compliance audit under the Single Audit Act.

As part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of John Womack & Co., P.C., in effect for the year ended August 31, 2022, has been suitable designed or complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing the reporting in conformity with applicable standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)*, or *fail*. John Womack & Co., P.C. has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

MWH Group, P.C.

MWH Group, PC

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #2

KLEBERG COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 1027 * 502 E. KLEBERG * KINGSVILLE, TEXAS 78364
PHONE: (361) 595-5775 * FAX: (361) 595-7984

July 25, 2025

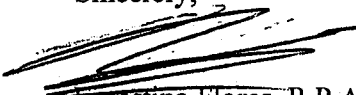
City of Kingsville
Charlie Sosa, Interim City Manager
P.O. Box 1458
Kingsville, Texas 78364

Dear Mr. Sosa:

Enclosed you will find 2025 Final Certified Estimated Value Information for your taxing entity and a CD(s) of your taxing entity's 2025 Final Certified Estimated Rolls. Also included is a copy of outstanding protest list, information needed for the calculation of the no-new-revenue tax rate and a copy of the 2025 Average Residence Value Report.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 361-595-5775.

Sincerely,



Ernestina Flores, R.P.A.
Chief Appraiser

Cc: Sam Fugate, Mayor
~~Deborah Balli, Finance Director~~
Kleberg County Appraisal District Board of Directors

2025 FINAL CERTIFIED ESTIMATE OF VALUE INFORMATION

AS OF 7-25-25

**TAXING UNIT
CITY OF KINGSVILLE**

GROSS VALUES		2025 FINAL CERTIFIED ESTIMATE OF VALUE NOT UNDER ARB REVIEW		2024 FINAL CERTIFIED ESTIMATE OF VALUE NOT UNDER ARB REVIEW		DIFFERENCE
REAL:	(+)	1,366,062,118		1,202,504,936		163,557,182
PERSONAL:	(+)	88,393,250		94,880,720		(6,487,470)
MINERAL:	(+)	44,636,153		39,857,614		4,778,539
TOTAL GROSS VALUE: (CERTIFIED ESTIMATE OF MARKET VALUE) (PART 1)	(=)	1,499,091,521		1,337,243,270		161,848,251
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS:	(-)	282,386,781		256,800,214		25,586,567
HOMESTEAD CAP:	(-)	99,051,368		40,181,684		58,869,684
23.231 CAP:	(-)	54,087,487		21,079,460		33,008,027
LOSS TO AGRICULTURAL: VALUATION	(-)	16,968,348		16,128,812		839,536
NET TAXABLE VALUE: (CERTIFIED ESTIMATE OF NET TAXABLE VALUE) (PART 1)	(=) (+)	1,046,697,637	(-)	1,003,053,100	(=) (INC)	43,644,437
		CERTIFIED ESTIMATE OF VALUE UNDER ARB REVIEW 2025		CERTIFIED ESTIMATE OF VALUE UNDER ARB REVIEW 2024		
REAL AND MH MARKET VALUE STILL UNDER ARB REVIEW	(+)	277,623,941				
PERSONAL: MARKET VALUE STILL UNDER ARB REVIEW	(+)	9,084,720				
MINERAL: MARKET VALUE STILL UNDER ARB REVIEW	(+)	-				
TOTAL GROSS VALUE TOTAL MARKET VALUE STILL UNDER ARB REVIEW	(=)	286,708,661				
MARKET VALUE PROTEST ADJUSTMENT FACTOR	(*)	0.875204202				
ADJUSTED GROSS VALUE: (CERTIFIED ESTIMATE OF MARKET VALUE) (PART 2) STILL UNDER ARB REVIEW	(=)	250,928,625				
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS: STILL UNDER ARB REVIEW	(-)	366,700				
HOMESTEAD CAP: STILL UNDER ARB REVIEW	(-)	2,809,609				
23.231 CAP: STILL UNDER ARB REVIEW	(-)	11,076,005				

AGENDA ITEM #3

MARIA V. VALADEZ, TAC
Kleberg County Tax Assessor-Collector



P.O. BOX 1457

Phone 361-595-8541

Phone 361-595-8542

Fax 361-595-8546

COUNTY of KLEBERG
KINGSVILLE, TEXAS

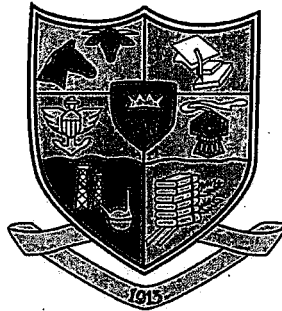
**CERTIFICATION OF 2025 ANTICIPATED
COLLECTION RATE**

"I, Maria V Valadez, Collector for CITY OF KINGSVILLE solemnly
swear, that the anticipated collection rate for 2025 for City of Kingsville
Maintenance & Operations Fund has been determined to be 100%."

Maria V Valadez
COLLECTOR

July 16, 2025
DATE

MARIA V. VALADEZ, TAC
Kleberg County Tax Assessor-Collector



P.O. BOX 1457

Phone 361-595-8541

Phone 361-595-8542

Fax 361-595-8546

COUNTY of KLEBERG
KINGSVILLE, TEXAS

**CERTIFICATION OF 2024-2025
EXCESS DEBT COLLECTIONS
CITY OF KINGSVILLE
INTEREST & SINKING FUND**

“I, Maria Victoria Valadez, Collector for City of Kingsville
solemnly swear, that the amount of excess debt service funds
collected in 2025 for the, Interest & Sinking
Fund has been determined to be \$0”

Maria Valadez
COLLECTOR

July 18, 2025
DATE

AGENDA ITEM #4



**City of Kingsville
Finance Department**

TO: Mayor and City Commissioners

CC: Charlie Sosa, Interim City Manager

FROM: Deborah Balli, Finance Director

DATE: July 30, 2025

SUBJECT: Proposed Tax Rate

Summary:

Every year the tax calculation is prepared by the Kleberg County Tax Office using the State's provided tax calculation worksheet and is based on the current year's certified taxable values.

The tax calculation ended up with the following rates:

- No-New Revenue Tax Rate (NNR) - \$.71665 (This rate will provide the same amount as last year's adopted rate)
- Voter Approved Tax Rate (VAT) - \$.76919 (This rate is 3.5% between the NNR and the VAT adjusted for a percentage of sales taxes {\$.16751} used to reduce the tax rate)
- Proposed Tax Rate - \$.76918 (Right under the VAT which does not cause an election) – less than the rate for FY 24-25.

Financial Impact:

The proposed tax rate will result in the following proposed Property Tax Revenue budgets for FY 25-26:

- Fund 001 – General Fund M&O Rate (\$.61273) - \$7,694,551
- Fund 011 – Debt Service Fund I& Rate (\$.15645) - \$2,015,317 (amount needed to pay debt service for FY 25-26.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the proposed tax rate of \$.76918.

MOTION ON PROPOSED TAX RATE

For whoever will be making tonight's motion on the proposed tax rate, the specific wording that should be used for the motion. It is as follows:

“I move that the *proposed* property tax rate be \$0.76918 and that one public hearing be set for Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Helen Kleberg Groves Community Room, City Hall, 400 W. King Ave., Kingsville, Texas with additional funds to be used for city infrastructure upgrades, equipment, employee wages & benefits, technology, and increased operational costs.

- NOTE: The City Manager's budget is currently built on a tax rate of \$0.76918.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.76918 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF KINGSVILLE.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.76918 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.71665 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.76919 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF KINGSVILLE from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF KINGSVILLE may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CITY OF KINGSVILLE is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 2, 2025 AT 5:00 p.m AT City Hall, Helen Kleberg Groves Community Room, 400 W. King Ave, Kingsville, TX 78363.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CITY OF KINGSVILLE is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Commission of CITY OF KINGSVILLE at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above. YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED

AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal:

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF KINGSVILLE last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF KINGSVILLE this year.

	2024	2025	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.77000	\$0.76918	decrease of -0.00082 per \$100, or -.11%
Average homestead taxable value	\$116,465	\$130,620	increase of 12.5%
Tax on average homestead	\$896.78	\$1,004.70	increase of 107.92, or 12.03%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$9,216,125	\$9,908,029	increase of 691,904, or 7.51%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for CITY OF KINGSVILLE at 361-595-8002 or mvalenzuela@cityofkingsville.com, or visit cityofkingsville.com for more information.

2025 Governing Body Summary #1A*

Benchmark 2025 Tax Rates

CITY OF KINGSVILLE

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DESCRIPTION OF TAX RATE	TAX RATE PER \$100	THIS YEAR'S TAX LEVY**	ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY
No-New-Revenue Tax Rate	\$0.71665	\$9,231,375	
One Percent \$100 Tax Increase***	\$0.72382	\$9,323,734	\$92,359
One Cent per \$100 Tax Increase***	\$0.726650	\$9,360,188	\$128,813
De Minimis Rate	\$0.76033	\$9,794,029	\$562,654
VAR NOT adjusted for Unused Increment Rate	\$0.75072	\$9,670,240	\$438,865
VAR adjusted for Unused Increment Rate	\$0.76919	\$9,908,158	\$676,783
Last Year's Tax Rate	\$0.77000	\$9,918,592	\$687,217
Proposed Tax Rate	\$0.76918	\$9,908,029	\$676,654

*These figures are provided as estimates of possible outcomes resulting from varying the tax rate. Please be aware that these are only estimates and should not be used alone in making budgetary decisions.

**Tax levies are calculated using line 22 of the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet and this year's frozen tax levy on homesteads of the elderly or disabled.

***Tax increase compared to no-new-revenue tax rate.

Notice of Adopted 2025 Tax Rate

CITY OF KINGSVILLE ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 8.43 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$7.93.

§26.05(b) of Property Tax Code
Steps Required for Adoption of Tax Rate & Budget

Entity Name: CITY OF KINGSVILLE

Date: 08/06/2025 02:36 PM

Language Required in the Motion Setting This Year's Tax Rate:

This year's proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate. The vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order setting the tax rate must be a record vote and 60% of the governing body must vote in favor of the adoption of the tax rate. A motion to adopt the ordinance, resolution, or order must be made in the following form:

I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.76918, which is effectively a 7.33 percent increase in the tax rate.

Statement Required in the Ordinance, Resolution, or Order Setting:

This year's levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds last year's maintenance and operations tax levy. The following statements must be included in the ordinance, resolution, or order setting this year's tax rate. The statements must be in larger type than the type used in any other portion of the document.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 8.43 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$7.93.

Statement That Must be Posted on the Home Page of Any Internet Website Operated by the Taxing Unit:

This year's levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds last year's maintenance and operations tax levy. The following statements must be included in the ordinance, resolution, or order setting this year's tax rate. The statements must be in larger type than the type used in any other portion of the document.

CITY OF KINGSVILLE ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 8.43 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$7.93.

Steps Required for Proposal and Adoption of Budget

Entity Name: CITY OF KINGSVILLE

Date: 08/06/2025 02:37 PM

Steps for the Proposal of the Budget:

This year's property tax levy will raise more revenue from property taxes than in the preceding year. The governing body must hold a separate vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget. This vote must be in addition to and separate from the vote to adopt the budget or the vote to set the tax rate. Counties that maintain a website must post the proposed budget when it is filed with the county clerk. The adopted budget must also be posted on the website when it is filed with the county clerk.

The following statement must be included on the notices of public hearing on proposed budget. It must also be included on the cover page of the proposed budget, in 18-point type or larger.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$691,904 OR 7.51%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$54,447 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

Steps for the Adoption of the Budget:

-A vote to adopt the budget must be a record vote.

-An adopted budget must contain a cover page stating a record vote of each member of the governing body by name, the property tax rates for the current and preceding fiscal year, the total amount of debt obligations, and the following statement in 18 point font:

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$691,904, which is a 7.51 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$54,447.

-The budget and cover page must be filed with the clerk and posted on the entity's website at least until the date of the first anniversary the budget is adopted.

CITY OF KINGSVILLE
Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Budget Cover Page
September 8, 2025

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$691,904, which is a 7.51 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$54,447.

The members of the governing body voted on the budget as follows:

FOR:

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Property Tax Rate Comparison

	2025-2026	2024-2025
Property Tax Rate:	\$0.76918/100	\$0.77000/100
No-New-Revenue Tax Rate:	\$0.71665/100	\$0.73176/100
No-New-Revenue Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate:	\$0.56507/100	\$0.60480/100
Voter-Approval Tax Rate:	\$0.76919/100	\$0.79793/100
Debt Rate:	\$0.15645/100	\$0.16520/100

Total debt obligation for CITY OF KINGSVILLE secured by property taxes:
\$2,015,317

2025 Planning Calendar

CITY OF KINGSVILLE

Date: 08/06/2025 02:38 PM

Date	Activity
April-May	Mailing of notices of appraised value by chief appraiser.
April 30	The chief appraiser prepares and certifies to the tax assessor for each county, municipality, and school district participating in the appraisal district an estimate of the taxable value.
May 15	Deadline for submitting appraisal records to ARB.
July 20* (Aug. 30)	Deadline for ARB to approve appraisal records.
July 25	Deadline for chief appraiser to certify rolls to taxing units or provide estimated values.
August 18, 2025	Deadline to call for an election.
August 25, 2025	Deadline to adopt a tax rate above the voter-approval tax rate.
July 16, 2025	Certification of anticipated collection rate by collector.
July 28, 2025	Calculation of no-new-revenue and voter-approval tax rates.
August 29, 2025	Publication of no new revenue and voter-approval tax rates on tax office and appraisal district websites; submission to governing body.
August 29, 2025	72-hour notice for meeting (<i>Open Meetings Notice</i>). <i>ACT Tip: After September 1, 2025 this requirement changes to 3 business days</i>
August 11, 2025	Meeting of governing body to discuss tax rate; take record vote and schedule public hearing or meeting (as required).
August 21, 2025	Notice of Public Hearing or Notice of Public Meeting is the first quarter-page notice in newspaper and on TV and website, if available, published at least seven days before public hearing/meeting.
August 29, 2025	72-hour notice for public hearing (<i>Open Meetings Notice</i>). <i>ACT Tip: After September 1, 2025 this requirement changes to 3 business days</i>
September 2, 2025	Public hearing.
September 5, 2025	72-hour notice for meeting at which governing body will adopt tax rate if rate was not adopted at previous Public Hearing/Meeting (<i>Open Meetings Notice</i>). <i>ACT Tip: After September 1, 2025 this requirement changes to 3 business days</i>
September 8, 2025	Meeting to adopt tax rate, if rate was not adopted at previous Public Hearing/Meeting . Meeting is within 7 days of first Public Hearing/Meeting. Taxing unit must adopt tax rate by Sept. 29 or 60 days after receiving certified appraisal roll, whichever is later.

*Tax Code Section 81.06 directs that if a date falls on a weekend, the deadline is extended to the following regular business day

Notice About 2025 Tax Rates

Property tax rates in CITY OF KINGSVILLE.

This notice concerns the 2025 property tax rates for CITY OF KINGSVILLE. This notice provides information about two tax rates used in adopting the current tax year's tax rate. The no-new-revenue tax rate would impose the same amount of taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. In most cases, the voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate a taxing unit can adopt without holding an election. In each case, these rates are calculated by dividing the total amount of taxes by the current taxable value with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

This year's no-new-revenue tax rate	\$0.71665/\$100
This year's voter-approval tax rate	\$0.76919/\$100

To see the full calculations, please visit co.kleberg.tx.us for a copy of the Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet.

Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the taxing unit's accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Fund	Balance
Unencumbered Funds	67,105,940
GO Debt Service I&S	661,657

Current Year Debt Service

The following amounts are for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from upcoming property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
2025 debt	973,248	946,169	95,900	2,015,317

Total required for 2025 debt service	\$2,015,317
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in unencumbered funds	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2025	\$2,015,317
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2025	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$2,015,317

This notice contains a summary of actual no-new-revenue and voter-approval calculations as certified by Maria Victoria Valadez, Tax Assessor-Collector on 08/06/2025 .

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Section 26.05(b) of Property Tax Code
Worksheet for Determination of Steps Required for Adoption of Tax Rate
CITY OF KINGSVILLE

M&O Tax Increase in Current Year	
1. Last year's taxable value, adjusted for court-ordered reductions. Enter Line 8 of the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet.	\$1,192,868,034
2. Last year's M&O tax rate. Enter Line 28 of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet.	\$0.60480/\$100
3. M&O taxes refunded for years preceding tax year 2024. Enter Line 31A of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet.	\$24,394
4. TIF Adjustment. Enter Line 31B of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet.	\$0
5. Last year's M&O tax levy. Multiply line 1 times line 2 and divide by 100. To the result, add line 3 and subtract line 4.	\$7,238,859
6. This year's total taxable value. Enter line 21 of the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet.	\$1,288,128,770
7. This year's proposed M&O tax rate. Enter the proposed M&O tax rate approved by the Governing Body.	\$0.61273/\$100
8. This year's M&O tax levy. Multiply line 6 times line 7 and divide by 100.	\$7,892,751
9. M&O Tax Increase (Decrease). Subtract line 5 from line 8.	\$653,892
Comparison of Total Tax Rates	
10. No-New-Revenue Total Tax Rate.	\$0.71665/\$100
11. This year's proposed total tax rate.	\$0.76918/\$100
12. This year's rate minus No-New-Revenue rate. Subtract line 10 from line 11.	\$0.05253
13. Percentage change in total tax rate. Divide Line 12 by line 10.	7.33%
Comparison of M&O Tax Rates	
14. No-New-Revenue M&O Tax Rate. Enter line 39 of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet.	\$0.56507/\$100
15. This year's proposed M&O tax rate.	\$0.61273/\$100
16. This year's rate minus No-New-Revenue rate. Subtract line 14 from line 15.	\$0.04766
17. Percentage change in M&O tax rate. Divide line 16 by line 14.	8.43%
Raised M&O Taxes on a \$100,000 Home	
18. This year's taxable value on a \$100,000 home.	\$100,000
19. Last year's M&O tax rate.	\$0.60480/\$100
20. This year's proposed M&O tax rate.	\$0.61273/\$100
21. This year's raised M&O taxes. Subtract line 19 from line 20 and multiply result by line 18.	\$7.93

2025 Governing Body Summary #2A*
Tax Increase Compared to No New Revenue Tax Rate
CITY OF KINGSVILLE

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INCREASE IN CENTS PER \$100	TAX RATE PER \$100	TAX LEVY**	ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY***
0.00	\$0.71665	\$9,231,375	
0.50	\$0.72165	\$9,295,781	\$64,406
1.00	\$0.72665	\$9,360,188	\$128,813
1.50	\$0.73165	\$9,424,594	\$193,219
2.00	\$0.73665	\$9,489,001	\$257,626
2.50	\$0.74165	\$9,553,407	\$322,032
3.00	\$0.74665	\$9,617,813	\$386,438
3.50	\$0.75165	\$9,682,220	\$450,845
4.00	\$0.75665	\$9,746,626	\$515,251
4.50	\$0.76165	\$9,811,033	\$579,658
5.00	\$0.76665	\$9,875,439	\$644,064
5.50	\$0.77165	\$9,939,846	\$708,471
6.00	\$0.77665	\$10,004,252	\$772,877
6.50	\$0.78165	\$10,068,659	\$837,284
7.00	\$0.78665	\$10,133,065	\$901,690
7.50	\$0.79165	\$10,197,471	\$966,096
8.00	\$0.79665	\$10,261,878	\$1,030,503
8.50	\$0.80165	\$10,326,284	\$1,094,909
9.00	\$0.80665	\$10,390,691	\$1,159,316
9.50	\$0.81165	\$10,455,097	\$1,223,722
10.00	\$0.81665	\$10,519,504	\$1,288,129
10.50	\$0.82165	\$10,583,910	\$1,352,535
11.00	\$0.82665	\$10,648,316	\$1,416,941
11.50	\$0.83165	\$10,712,723	\$1,481,348
12.00	\$0.83665	\$10,777,129	\$1,545,754
12.50	\$0.84165	\$10,841,536	\$1,610,161
13.00	\$0.84665	\$10,905,942	\$1,674,567
13.50	\$0.85165	\$10,970,349	\$1,738,974
14.00	\$0.85665	\$11,034,755	\$1,803,380
14.50	\$0.86165	\$11,099,162	\$1,867,787
15.00	\$0.86665	\$11,163,568	\$1,932,193
15.50	\$0.87165	\$11,227,974	\$1,996,599
16.00	\$0.87665	\$11,292,381	\$2,061,006
16.50	\$0.88165	\$11,356,787	\$2,125,412
17.00	\$0.88665	\$11,421,194	\$2,189,819
17.50	\$0.89165	\$11,485,600	\$2,254,225
18.00	\$0.89665	\$11,550,007	\$2,318,632
18.50	\$0.90165	\$11,614,413	\$2,383,038
19.00	\$0.90665	\$11,678,819	\$2,447,444
19.50	\$0.91165	\$11,743,226	\$2,511,851
20.00	\$0.91665	\$11,807,632	\$2,576,257

*These figures are provided as estimates of possible outcomes resulting from varying the tax rate. Please be aware that these are only estimates and should not be used alone in making budgetary decisions.

**Tax levies are calculated using line 22 of the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet and this year's frozen tax levy on homesteads of the elderly or disabled.

***Tax increase compared to no-new-revenue tax rate.

2025 Governing Body Summary #2B*
Tax Increase Compared to Last Year's Tax Rate
CITY OF KINGSVILLE

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Last Year's Tax Levy: \$9,216,125

INCREASE IN CENTS PER \$100	TAX RATE PER \$100	TAX LEVY**	ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY***
0.00	\$0.77000	\$9,918,592	\$702,467
0.50	\$0.77500	\$9,982,998	\$766,873
1.00	\$0.78000	\$10,047,404	\$831,279
1.50	\$0.78500	\$10,111,811	\$895,686
2.00	\$0.79000	\$10,176,217	\$960,092
2.50	\$0.79500	\$10,240,624	\$1,024,499
3.00	\$0.80000	\$10,305,030	\$1,088,905
3.50	\$0.80500	\$10,369,437	\$1,153,312
4.00	\$0.81000	\$10,433,843	\$1,217,718
4.50	\$0.81500	\$10,498,249	\$1,282,124
5.00	\$0.82000	\$10,562,656	\$1,346,531
5.50	\$0.82500	\$10,627,062	\$1,410,937
6.00	\$0.83000	\$10,691,469	\$1,475,344
6.50	\$0.83500	\$10,755,875	\$1,539,750
7.00	\$0.84000	\$10,820,282	\$1,604,157
7.50	\$0.84500	\$10,884,688	\$1,668,563
8.00	\$0.85000	\$10,949,095	\$1,732,970
8.50	\$0.85500	\$11,013,501	\$1,797,376
9.00	\$0.86000	\$11,077,907	\$1,861,782
9.50	\$0.86500	\$11,142,314	\$1,926,189
10.00	\$0.87000	\$11,206,720	\$1,990,595
10.50	\$0.87500	\$11,271,127	\$2,055,002
11.00	\$0.88000	\$11,335,533	\$2,119,408
11.50	\$0.88500	\$11,399,940	\$2,183,815
12.00	\$0.89000	\$11,464,346	\$2,248,221
12.50	\$0.89500	\$11,528,752	\$2,312,627
13.00	\$0.90000	\$11,593,159	\$2,377,034
13.50	\$0.90500	\$11,657,565	\$2,441,440
14.00	\$0.91000	\$11,721,972	\$2,505,847
14.50	\$0.91500	\$11,786,378	\$2,570,253
15.00	\$0.92000	\$11,850,785	\$2,634,660
15.50	\$0.92500	\$11,915,191	\$2,699,066
16.00	\$0.93000	\$11,979,598	\$2,763,473
16.50	\$0.93500	\$12,044,004	\$2,827,879
17.00	\$0.94000	\$12,108,410	\$2,892,285
17.50	\$0.94500	\$12,172,817	\$2,956,692
18.00	\$0.95000	\$12,237,223	\$3,021,098
18.50	\$0.95500	\$12,301,630	\$3,085,505
19.00	\$0.96000	\$12,366,036	\$3,149,911
19.50	\$0.96500	\$12,430,443	\$3,214,318
20.00	\$0.97000	\$12,494,849	\$3,278,724

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***Tax increase compared to last year's tax levy.

2025 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet

Taxing Units Other Than School Districts or Water Districts

Form 50-856

CITY OF KINGSVILLE

361-595-8009

Taxing Unit Name

Phone (area code and number)

400 W King Avenue, Kingsville, TX 78363

www.cityofkingsville.com

Taxing Unit's Address, City, State, ZIP Code

Taxing Unit's Website Address

GENERAL INFORMATION: Tax Code Section 26.04(c) requires an officer or employee designated by the governing body to calculate the no-new-revenue (NNR) tax rate and voter-approval tax rate for the taxing unit. These tax rates are expressed in dollars per \$100 of taxable value calculated. The calculation process starts after the chief appraiser delivers to the taxing unit the certified appraisal roll and the estimated values of properties under protest. The designated officer or employee shall certify that the officer or employee has accurately calculated the tax rates and used values shown for the certified appraisal roll or certified estimate. The officer or employee submits the rates to the governing body by Aug. 7 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

School districts do not use this form, but instead use Comptroller Form 50-859 *Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet, School District without Chapter 313 Agreements* or Comptroller Form 50-884 *Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet, School District with Chapter 313 Agreements*.

Water districts as defined under Water Code Section 49.001(1) do not use this form, but instead use Comptroller Form 50-858 *Water District Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet for Low Tax Rate and Developing Districts* or Comptroller Form 50-860 *Developed Water District Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet*.

The Comptroller's office provides this worksheet to assist taxing units in determining tax rates. The information provided in this worksheet is offered as technical assistance and not legal advice. Taxing units should consult legal counsel for interpretations of law regarding tax rate preparation and adoption.

SECTION 1: No-New-Revenue Tax Rate

The NNR tax rate enables the public to evaluate the relationship between taxes for the prior year and for the current year based on a tax rate that would produce the same amount of taxes (no new taxes) if applied to the same properties that are taxed in both years. When appraisal values increase, the NNR tax rate should decrease.

The NNR tax rate for a county is the sum of the NNR tax rates calculated for each type of tax the county levies.

While uncommon, it is possible for a taxing unit to provide an exemption for only maintenance and operations taxes. In this case, the taxing unit will need to calculate the NNR tax rate separately for the maintenance and operations tax and the debt tax, then add the two components together.

Line	No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
1.	Prior year total taxable value. Enter the amount of the prior year taxable value on the prior year tax roll today. Include any adjustments since last year's certification; exclude Tax Code Section 25.25(d) one-fourth and one-third over-appraisal corrections from these adjustments. Exclude any property value subject to an appeal under Chapter 42 as of July 25 (will add undisputed value in Line 6). This total includes the taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings (will deduct in Line 2) and the captured value for tax increment financing (adjustment is made by deducting TIF taxes, as reflected in Line 17). ¹	\$ 1,192,266,864
2.	Prior year tax ceilings. Counties, cities and junior college districts. Enter the prior year total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings. These include the homesteads of homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. Other taxing units enter 0. If your taxing unit adopted the tax ceiling provision last year or a prior year for homeowners age 65 or older or disabled, use this step. ²	\$ 0
3.	Preliminary prior year adjusted taxable value. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1.	\$ 1,192,266,864
4.	Prior year total adopted tax rate.	\$ 0.77000 /\$100
5.	Prior year taxable value lost because court appeals of ARB decisions reduced the prior year's appraised value. A. Original prior year ARB values: \$ 0 B. Prior year values resulting from final court decisions: -\$ 0 C. Prior year value loss. Subtract B from A. ³	\$ 0
6.	Prior year taxable value subject to an appeal under Chapter 42, as of July 25. A. Prior year ARB certified value: \$ 4,725,580 B. Prior year disputed value: -\$ 4,124,410 C. Prior year undisputed value. Subtract B from A. ⁴	\$ 601,170
7.	Prior year Chapter 42 related adjusted values. Add Line 5C and Line 6C.	\$ 601,170

¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(14)

² Tex. Tax Code §26.012(14)

³ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13)

⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13)

Line	No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
8.	Prior year taxable value, adjusted for actual and potential court-ordered adjustments. Add Line 3 and Line 7.	\$ 1,192,868,034
9.	Prior year taxable value of property in territory the taxing unit deannexed after Jan. 1, 2024. Enter the prior year value of property in deannexed territory. ⁵	\$ 0
10.	Prior year taxable value lost because property first qualified for an exemption in the current year. If the taxing unit increased an original exemption, use the difference between the original exempted amount and the increased exempted amount. Do not include value lost due to freeport, goods-in-transit, temporary disaster exemptions. Note that lowering the amount or percentage of an existing exemption in the current year does not create a new exemption or reduce taxable value. A. Absolute exemptions. Use prior year market value: \$ 1,255,500 B. Partial exemptions. Current year exemption amount or current year percentage exemption times prior year value: + \$ 3,215,606 C. Value loss. Add A and B. ⁶	\$ 4,471,106
11.	Prior year taxable value lost because property first qualified for agricultural appraisal (1-d or 1-d-1), timber appraisal, recreational/scenic appraisal or public access airport special appraisal in the current year. Use only properties that qualified for the first time in the current year; do not use properties that qualified in the prior year. A. Prior year market value: \$ 121,940 B. Current year productivity or special appraised value: - \$ 1,590 C. Value loss. Subtract B from A. ⁷	\$ 120,350
12.	Total adjustments for lost value. Add Lines 9, 10C and 11C.	\$ 4,591,456
13.	Prior year captured value of property in a TIF. Enter the total value of the prior year captured appraised value of property taxable by a taxing unit in a tax increment financing zone for which the prior year taxes were deposited into the tax increment fund. ⁸ If the taxing unit has no captured appraised value in Line 18D, enter 0.	\$ 0
14.	Prior year total value. Subtract Line 12 and Line 13 from Line 8.	\$ 1,188,276,578
15.	Adjusted prior year total levy. Multiply Line 4 by Line 14 and divide by \$100.	\$ 9,149,729
16.	Taxes refunded for years preceding the prior tax year. Enter the amount of taxes refunded by the taxing unit for tax years preceding the prior tax year. Types of refunds include court decisions, Tax Code Section 25.25(b) and (c) corrections and Tax Code Section 31.11 payment errors. Do not include refunds for the prior tax year. This line applies only to tax years preceding the prior tax year. ⁹	\$ 31,042
17.	Adjusted prior year levy with refunds and TIF adjustment. Add Lines 15 and 16. ¹⁰	\$ 9,180,771
18.	Total current year taxable value on the current year certified appraisal roll today. This value includes only certified values or certified estimate of values and includes the total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings (will deduct in Line 20). These homesteads include homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. ¹¹ A. Certified values: \$ 1,046,597,537 B. Counties: Include railroad rolling stock values certified by the Comptroller's office: + \$ C. Pollution control and energy storage system exemption: Deduct the value of property exempted for the current tax year for the first time as pollution control or energy storage system property: - \$ 0 D. Tax increment financing: Deduct the current year captured appraised value of property taxable by a taxing unit in a tax increment financing zone for which the current year taxes will be deposited into the tax increment fund. Do not include any new property value that will be included in Line 24 below. ¹² - \$ 0 E. Total current year value. Add A and B, then subtract C and D.	\$ 1,046,597,537

⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(15)⁶ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(15)⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(15)⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.03(d)⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13)¹⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13)¹¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012, 26.04(c-2)¹² Tex. Tax Code §26.03(c)

Line	No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
19.	Total value of properties under protest or not included on certified appraisal roll. ¹³	
	A. Current year taxable value of properties under protest. The chief appraiser certifies a list of properties still under ARB protest. The list shows the appraisal district's value and the taxpayer's claimed value, if any, or an estimate of the value if the taxpayer wins. For each of the properties under protest, use the lowest of these values. Enter the total value under protest. ¹⁴ \$ <u>241,531,233</u>	
	B. Current year value of properties not under protest or included on certified appraisal roll. The chief appraiser gives taxing units a list of those taxable properties that the chief appraiser knows about but are not included in the appraisal roll certification. These properties also are not on the list of properties that are still under protest. On this list of properties, the chief appraiser includes the market value, appraised value and exemptions for the preceding year and a reasonable estimate of the market value, appraised value and exemptions for the current year. Use the lower market, appraised or taxable value (as appropriate). Enter the total value of property not on the certified roll. ¹⁵ + \$ <u>0</u>	
	C. Total value under protest or not certified. Add A and B.	\$ <u>241,531,233</u>
20.	Current year tax ceilings. Counties, cities and junior colleges enter current year total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings. These include the homesteads of homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. Other taxing units enter 0. If your taxing unit adopted the tax ceiling provision in the prior year or a previous year for homeowners age 65 or older or disabled, use this step. ¹⁶	\$ <u>0</u>
21.	Anticipated contested value. Affected taxing units enter the contested taxable value for all property that is subject to anticipated substantial litigation. ¹⁷ An affected taxing unit is wholly or partly located in a county that has a population of less than 500,000 and is located on the Gulf of Mexico. ¹⁸ If completing this section, the taxing unit must include supporting documentation in Section 9. ¹⁹ Taxing units that are not affected, enter 0.	\$ <u>0</u>
22.	Current year total taxable value. Add Lines 18E and 19C, then subtract Lines 20 and 21. ²⁰	\$ <u>1,288,128,770</u>
23.	Total current year taxable value of properties in territory annexed after Jan. 1, of the prior year. Include both real and personal property. Enter the current year value of property in territory annexed. ²¹	\$ <u>0</u>
24.	Total current year taxable value of new improvements and new personal property located in new improvements. New means the item was not on the appraisal roll in the prior year. An improvement is a building, structure, fixture or fence erected on or affixed to land. New additions to existing improvements may be included if the appraised value can be determined. New personal property in a new improvement must have been brought into the taxing unit after Jan. 1, of the prior year and be located in a new improvement. New improvements do include property on which a tax abatement agreement has expired for the current year. ²²	\$ <u>7,078,620</u>
25.	Total adjustments to the current year taxable value. Add Lines 23 and 24.	\$ <u>7,078,620</u>
26.	Adjusted current year taxable value. Subtract Line 25 from Line 22.	\$ <u>1,281,050,150</u>
27.	Current year NNR tax rate. Divide Line 17 by Line 26 and multiply by \$100. ²³	\$ <u>0.71665</u> /\$100
28.	COUNTIES ONLY. Add together the NNR tax rates for each type of tax the county levies. The total is the current year county NNR tax rate. ²⁴	\$ _____ /\$100

SECTION 2: Voter Approval Tax Rate

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that a taxing unit may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate. The voter-approval tax rate is split into two separate rates:

- Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Tax Rate:** The M&O portion is the tax rate that is needed to raise the same amount of taxes that the taxing unit levied in the prior year plus the applicable percentage allowed by law. This rate accounts for such things as salaries, utilities and day-to-day operations.
- Debt Rate:** The debt rate includes the debt service necessary to pay the taxing unit's debt payments in the coming year. This rate accounts for principal and interest on bonds and other debt secured by property tax revenue.

The voter-approval tax rate for a county is the sum of the voter-approval tax rates calculated for each type of tax the county levies. In most cases the voter-approval tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate, but occasionally decreases in a taxing unit's debt service will cause the NNR tax rate to be higher than the voter-approval tax rate.

¹³ Tex. Tax Code §26.01(c) and (d)

¹⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.01(c)

¹⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.01(d)

¹⁶ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(6)(B)

¹⁷ Tex. Tax Code §526.012(6)(C) and 26.012(1-b)

¹⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(1-a)

¹⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(d-3)

²⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(6)

²¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(17)

²² Tex. Tax Code §26.012(17)

²³ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(c)

²⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(d)

Line	Voter Approval Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
29.	Prior year M&O tax rate. Enter the prior year M&O tax rate.	\$ 0.60480 /\$100
30.	Prior year taxable value, adjusted for actual and potential court-ordered adjustments. Enter the amount in Line 8 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,192,868,034
31.	Total prior year M&O levy. Multiply Line 29 by Line 30 and divide by \$100.	\$ 7,214,465
32.	Adjusted prior year levy for calculating NNR M&O rate. A. M&O taxes refunded for years preceding the prior tax year. Enter the amount of M&O taxes refunded in the preceding year for taxes before that year. Types of refunds include court decisions, Tax Code Section 25.25(b) and (c) corrections and Tax Code Section 31.11 payment errors. Do not include refunds for tax year 2024. This line applies only to tax years preceding the prior tax year. + \$ 24,394 B. Prior year taxes in TIF. Enter the amount of taxes paid into the tax increment fund for a reinvestment zone as agreed by the taxing unit. If the taxing unit has no current year captured appraised value in Line 18D, enter 0. - \$ 0 C. Prior year transferred function. If discontinuing all of a department, function or activity and transferring it to another taxing unit by written contract, enter the amount spent by the taxing unit discontinuing the function in the 12 months preceding the month of this calculation. If the taxing unit did not operate this function for this 12-month period, use the amount spent in the last full fiscal year in which the taxing unit operated the function. The taxing unit discontinuing the function will subtract this amount in D below. The taxing unit receiving the function will add this amount in D below. Other taxing units enter 0. +/- \$ 0 D. Prior year M&O levy adjustments. Subtract B from A. For taxing unit with C, subtract if discontinuing function and add if receiving function. \$ 24,394 E. Add Line 31 to 32D.	\$ 7,238,859
33.	Adjusted current year taxable value. Enter the amount in Line 26 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,281,050,150
34.	Current year NNR M&O rate (unadjusted). Divide Line 32E by Line 33 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.56507 /\$100
35.	Rate adjustment for state criminal justice mandate. ²⁶ A. Current year state criminal justice mandate. Enter the amount spent by a county in the previous 12 months providing for the maintenance and operation cost of keeping inmates in county-paid facilities after they have been sentenced. Do not include any state reimbursement received by the county for the same purpose. \$ 0 B. Prior year state criminal justice mandate. Enter the amount spent by a county in the 12 months prior to the previous 12 months providing for the maintenance and operation cost of keeping inmates in county-paid facilities after they have been sentenced. Do not include any state reimbursement received by the county for the same purpose. Enter zero if this is the first time the mandate applies. - \$ 0 C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 33 and multiply by \$100. \$ 0.00000 /\$100 D. Enter the rate calculated in C. If not applicable, enter 0.	\$ 0.00000 /\$100
36.	Rate adjustment for indigent health care expenditures. ²⁷ A. Current year indigent health care expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a taxing unit providing for the maintenance and operation cost of providing indigent health care for the period beginning on July 1, of the prior tax year and ending on June 30, of the current tax year, less any state assistance received for the same purpose. \$ 0 B. Prior year indigent health care expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a taxing unit providing for the maintenance and operation cost of providing indigent health care for the period beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024, less any state assistance received for the same purpose. - \$ 0 C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 33 and multiply by \$100. \$ 0.00000 /\$100 D. Enter the rate calculated in C. If not applicable, enter 0.	\$ 0.00000 /\$100

²⁶ [Reserved for expansion]²⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.044²⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.0441

Line	Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
37.	Rate adjustment for county indigent defense compensation. ²⁸ A. Current year indigent defense compensation expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a county to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals and fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure for the period beginning on July 1, of the prior tax year and ending on June 30, of the current tax year, less any state grants received by the county for the same purpose. \$ <u>0</u> B. Prior year indigent defense compensation expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a county to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals and fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure for the period beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024, less any state grants received by the county for the same purpose. \$ <u>0</u> C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 33 and multiply by \$100. \$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100 D. Multiply B by 0.05 and divide by Line 33 and multiply by \$100. \$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100 E. Enter the lesser of C and D. If not applicable, enter 0.	\$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100
38.	Rate adjustment for county hospital expenditures. ²⁹ A. Current year eligible county hospital expenditures. Enter the amount paid by the county or municipality to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital for the period beginning on July 1, of the prior tax year and ending on June 30, of the current tax year. \$ <u>0</u> B. Prior year eligible county hospital expenditures. Enter the amount paid by the county or municipality to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital for the period beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024. \$ <u>0</u> C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 33 and multiply by \$100. \$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100 D. Multiply B by 0.08 and divide by Line 33 and multiply by \$100. \$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100 E. Enter the lesser of C and D, if applicable. If not applicable, enter 0.	\$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100
39.	Rate adjustment for defunding municipality. This adjustment only applies to a municipality that is considered to be a defunding municipality for the current tax year under Chapter 109, Local Government Code. Chapter 109, Local Government Code only applies to municipalities with a population of more than 250,000 and includes a written determination by the Office of the Governor. See Tax Code Section 26.0444 for more information. A. Amount appropriated for public safety in the prior year. Enter the amount of money appropriated for public safety in the budget adopted by the municipality for the preceding fiscal year. \$ <u>0</u> B. Expenditures for public safety in the prior year. Enter the amount of money spent by the municipality for public safety during the preceding fiscal year. \$ <u>0</u> C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 33 and multiply by \$100. \$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100 D. Enter the rate calculated in C. If not applicable, enter 0.	\$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100
40.	Adjusted current year NNR M&O rate. Add Lines 34, 35D, 36D, 37E, and 38E. Subtract Line 39D.	\$ <u>0.56507</u> /\$100
41.	Adjustment for prior year sales tax specifically to reduce property taxes. Cities, counties and hospital districts that collected and spent additional sales tax on M&O expenses in the prior year should complete this line. These entities will deduct the sales tax gain rate for the current year in Section 3. Other taxing units, enter zero. A. Enter the amount of additional sales tax collected and spent on M&O expenses in the prior year, if any. Counties must exclude any amount that was spent for economic development grants from the amount of sales tax spent. \$ <u>2,190,072</u> B. Divide Line 41A by Line 33 and multiply by \$100. \$ <u>0.17095</u> /\$100 C. Add Line 41B to Line 40.	\$ <u>0.73602</u> /\$100
42.	Current year voter-approval M&O rate. Enter the rate as calculated by the appropriate scenario below. Special Taxing Unit. If the taxing unit qualifies as a special taxing unit, multiply Line 41C by 1.08. - or - Other Taxing Unit. If the taxing unit does not qualify as a special taxing unit, multiply Line 41C by 1.035.	\$ <u>0.76178</u> /\$100

²⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.0442.²⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.0443.

Line	Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
D42.	Disaster Line 42 (D42): Current year voter-approval M&O rate for taxing unit affected by disaster declaration. If the taxing unit is located in an area declared a disaster area and at least one person is granted an exemption under Tax Code Section 11.35 for property located in the taxing unit, the governing body may direct the person calculating the voter-approval tax rate to calculate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit. The taxing unit shall continue to calculate the voter-approval tax rate in this manner until the earlier of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the first year in which total taxable value on the certified appraisal roll exceeds the total taxable value of the tax year in which the disaster occurred; or 2) the third tax year after the tax year in which the disaster occurred. If the taxing unit qualifies under this scenario, multiply Line 41C by 1.08. ³⁰ If the taxing unit does not qualify, do not complete Disaster Line 42 (Line D42).	\$ 0.00000 /\$100
43.	Total current year debt to be paid with property taxes and additional sales tax revenue. Debt means the interest and principal that will be paid on debts that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) are paid by property taxes; (2) are secured by property taxes; (3) are scheduled for payment over a period longer than one year; and (4) are not classified in the taxing unit's budget as M&O expenses. A. Debt also includes contractual payments to other taxing units that have incurred debts on behalf of this taxing unit, if those debts meet the four conditions above. Include only amounts that will be paid from property tax revenue. Do not include appraisal district budget payments. If the governing body of a taxing unit authorized or agreed to authorize a bond, warrant, certificate of obligation, or other evidence of indebtedness on or after Sept. 1, 2021, verify if it meets the amended definition of debt before including it here. ³¹ Enter debt amount \$ 2,015,317 B. Subtract unencumbered fund amount used to reduce total debt. - \$ 0 C. Subtract certified amount spent from sales tax to reduce debt (enter zero if none) - \$ 0 D. Subtract amount paid from other resources - \$ 0 E. Adjusted debt. Subtract B, C and D from A.	\$ 2,015,317
44.	Certified prior year excess debt collections. Enter the amount certified by the collector. ³²	\$ 0
45.	Adjusted current year debt. Subtract Line 44 from Line 43E.	\$ 2,015,317
46.	Current year anticipated collection rate. A. Enter the current year anticipated collection rate certified by the collector. ³³ 100.00 % B. Enter the prior year actual collection rate 97.93 % C. Enter the 2023 actual collection rate 97.34 % D. Enter the 2022 actual collection rate 101.19 % E. If the anticipated collection rate in A is lower than actual collection rates in B, C and D, enter the lowest collection rate from B, C and D. If the anticipated rate in A is higher than at least one of the rates in the prior three years, enter the rate from A. Note that the rate can be greater than 100%. ³⁴	100.00 %
47.	Current year debt adjusted for collections. Divide Line 45 by Line 46E.	\$ 2,015,317
48.	Current year total taxable value. Enter the amount on Line 22 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,288,128,770
49.	Current year debt rate. Divide Line 47 by Line 48 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.15645 /\$100
50.	Current year voter-approval M&O rate plus current year debt rate. Add Lines 42 and 49.	\$ 0.91823 /\$100
D50.	Disaster Line 50 (D50): Current year voter-approval tax rate for taxing unit affected by disaster declaration. Complete this line if the taxing unit calculated the voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit on Line D42. Add Line D42 and 49.	\$ 0.00000 /\$100

³⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(a)³¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(7)³² Tex. Tax Code §26.012(10) and 26.04(b)³³ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(b)³⁴ Tex. Tax Code §526.04(h), (h-1) and (h-2)

Line	Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
51.	COUNTIES ONLY. Add together the voter-approval tax rates for each type of tax the county levies. The total is the current year county voter-approval tax rate.	\$ 0.00000 /\$100

SECTION 3: NNR Tax Rate and Voter Approval Tax Rate Adjustments for Additional Sales Tax to Reduce Property Taxes

Cities, counties and hospital districts may levy a sales tax specifically to reduce property taxes. Local voters by election must approve imposing or abolishing the additional sales tax. If approved, the taxing unit must reduce its NNR and voter-approval tax rates to offset the expected sales tax revenue.

This section should only be completed by a county, city or hospital district that is required to adjust its NNR tax rate and/or voter-approval tax rate because it adopted the additional sales tax.

Line	Additional Sales and Use Tax Worksheet	Amount/Rate
52.	Taxable Sales. For taxing units that adopted the sales tax in November of the prior tax year or May of the current tax year, enter the Comptroller's estimate of taxable sales for the previous four quarters. ³⁵ Estimates of taxable sales may be obtained through the Comptroller's Allocation Historical Summary webpage. Taxing units that adopted the sales tax before November of the prior year, enter 0.	\$ 0
53.	Estimated sales tax revenue. Counties exclude any amount that is or will be spent for economic development grants from the amount of estimated sales tax revenue. ³⁶ Taxing units that adopted the sales tax in November of the prior tax year or in May of the current tax year. Multiply the amount on Line 52 by the sales tax rate (.01, .005 or .0025, as applicable) and multiply the result by .95. ³⁷ - or - Taxing units that adopted the sales tax before November of the prior year. Enter the sales tax revenue for the previous four quarters. Do not multiply by .95.	\$ 2,157,806
54.	Current year total taxable value. Enter the amount from Line 22 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,288,128,770
55.	Sales tax adjustment rate. Divide Line 53 by Line 54 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.16751 /\$100
56.	Current year NNR tax rate, unadjusted for sales tax. ³⁸ Enter the rate from Line 27 or 28, as applicable, on the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 0.71665 /\$100
57.	Current year NNR tax rate, adjusted for sales tax. Taxing units that adopted the sales tax in November the prior tax year or in May of the current tax year. Subtract Line 55 from Line 56. Skip to Line 58 if you adopted the additional sales tax before November of the prior tax year.	\$ 0.71665 /\$100
58.	Current year voter-approval tax rate, unadjusted for sales tax. ³⁹ Enter the rate from Line 50, Line D50 (disaster) or Line 51 (counties) as applicable, of the <i>Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 0.91823 /\$100
59.	Current year voter-approval tax rate, adjusted for sales tax. Subtract Line 55 from Line 58.	\$ 0.75072 /\$100

SECTION 4: Voter Approval Tax Rate Adjustment for Pollution Control

A taxing unit may raise its rate for M&O funds used to pay for a facility, device or method for the control of air, water or land pollution. This includes any land, structure, building, installation, excavation, machinery, equipment or device that is used, constructed, acquired or installed wholly or partly to meet or exceed pollution control requirements. The taxing unit's expenses are those necessary to meet the requirements of a permit issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The taxing unit must provide the tax assessor with a copy of the TCEQ letter of determination that states the portion of the cost of the installation for pollution control.

This section should only be completed by a taxing unit that uses M&O funds to pay for a facility, device or method for the control of air, water or land pollution.

Line	Voter-Approval Rate Adjustment for Pollution Control Requirements Worksheet	Amount/Rate
60.	Certified expenses from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Enter the amount certified in the determination letter from TCEQ. ⁴⁰ The taxing unit shall provide its tax assessor-collector with a copy of the letter. ⁴¹	\$ 0
61.	Current year total taxable value. Enter the amount from Line 22 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,288,128,770
62.	Additional rate for pollution control. Divide Line 60 by Line 61 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.00000 /\$100

³⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.041(d)

³⁶ Tex. Tax Code §26.041(f)

³⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.041(d)

³⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(c)

³⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(c)

⁴⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.045(d)

⁴¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.045(f)

Line	Voter Approval Rate Adjustment for Pollution Control Requirements Worksheet	Amount/Rate
63.	Current year voter-approval tax rate, adjusted for pollution control. Add Line 62 to one of the following lines (as applicable): Line 50, Line D50 (disaster), Line 51 (counties) or Line 59 (taxing units with the additional sales tax).	\$ 0.75072 /\$100

SECTION 5: Voter Approval Tax Rate Adjustment for Unused Increment Rate

The unused increment rate is the rate equal to the sum of the prior 3 years Foregone Revenue Amounts divided by the current taxable value.⁴² The Foregone Revenue Amount for each year is equal to that year's adopted tax rate subtracted from that year's voter-approval tax rate adjusted to remove the unused increment rate multiplied by that year's current total value.⁴³

The difference between the adopted tax rate and adjusted voter-approval tax rate is considered zero in the following scenarios:

- a tax year in which a taxing unit affected by a disaster declaration calculates the tax rate under Tax Code Section 26.042;⁴⁴
- a tax year in which the municipality is a defunding municipality, as defined by Tax Code Section 26.0501(a);⁴⁵ or
- after Jan. 1, 2022, a tax year in which the comptroller determines that the county implemented a budget reduction or reallocation described by Local Government Code Section 120.002(a) without the required voter approval.⁴⁶

This section should only be completed by a taxing unit that does not meet the definition of a special taxing unit.⁴⁷

Line	Unused Increment Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
64.	Year 3 Foregone Revenue Amount. Subtract the 2024 unused increment rate and 2024 actual tax rate from the 2024 voter-approval tax rate. Multiply the result by the 2024 current total value A. Voter-approval tax rate (Line 68) B. Unused increment rate (Line 67) C. Subtract B from A D. Adopted Tax Rate E. Subtract D from C F. 2024 Total Taxable Value (Line 60) G. Multiply E by F and divide the results by \$100. If the number is less than zero, enter zero.....	 \$ 0.79793 /\$100 \$ 0.02814 /\$100 \$ 0.76979 /\$100 \$ 0.77000 /\$100 \$ -0.00021 /\$100 \$ 1,176,951,016 \$ 0
65.	Year 2 Foregone Revenue Amount. Subtract the 2023 unused increment rate and 2023 actual tax rate from the 2023 voter-approval tax rate. Multiply the result by the 2023 current total value A. Voter-approval tax rate (Line 67) B. Unused increment rate (Line 66) C. Subtract B from A D. Adopted Tax Rate E. Subtract D from C F. 2023 Total Taxable Value (Line 60) G. Multiply E by F and divide the results by \$100. If the number is less than zero, enter zero.....	 \$ 0.76311 /\$100 \$ 0.00000 /\$100 \$ 0.76311 /\$100 \$ 0.76000 /\$100 \$ 0.00311 /\$100 \$ 1,175,807,894 \$ 36,567
66.	Year 1 Foregone Revenue Amount. Subtract the 2022 unused increment rate and 2022 actual tax rate from the 2022 voter-approval tax rate. Multiply the result by the 2022 current total value A. Voter-approval tax rate (Line 67) B. Unused increment rate (Line 66) C. Subtract B from A D. Adopted Tax Rate E. Subtract D from C F. 2022 Total Taxable Value (Line 60) G. Multiply E by F and divide the results by \$100. If the number is less than zero, enter zero.....	 \$ 0.84485 /\$100 \$ 0.00000 /\$100 \$ 0.84485 /\$100 \$ 0.82500 /\$100 \$ 0.01985 /\$100 \$ 1,014,835,601 \$ 201,444
67.	Total Foregone Revenue Amount. Add Lines 64G, 65G and 66G	\$ 238,011 /\$100
68.	2025 Unused Increment Rate. Divide Line 67 by Line 22 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Rate Worksheet</i> . Multiply the result by 100	\$ 0.01847 /\$100
69.	Total 2025 voter-approval tax rate, including the unused increment rate. Add Line 68 to one of the following lines (as applicable): Line 50, Line 51 (counties), Line 59 (taxing units with additional sales tax) or Line 63 (taxing units with pollution)	\$ 0.76919 /\$100

⁴² Tex. Tax Code §26.013(b)

⁴³ Tex. Tax Code §526.013(a)(1-a), (1-b), and (2)

⁴⁴ Tex. Tax Code §526.04(c)(2)(A) and 26.042(a)

⁴⁵ Tex. Tax Code §526.0501(a) and (c)

⁴⁶ Tex. Local Gov't Code §120.007(d)

⁴⁷ Tex. Local Gov't Code §26.04(c)(2)(B)

SECTION 6: De Minimis Rate

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for a taxing unit.⁴⁸ This section should only be completed by a taxing unit that is a municipality of less than 30,000 or a taxing unit that does not meet the definition of a special taxing unit.⁴⁹

Line	De Minimis Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
70.	Adjusted current year NNR M&O tax rate. Enter the rate from Line 40 of the <i>Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 0.56507 /\$100
71.	Current year total taxable value. Enter the amount on Line 22 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,288,128,770
72.	Rate necessary to impose \$500,000 in taxes. Divide \$500,000 by Line 71 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.03881 /\$100
73.	Current year debt rate. Enter the rate from Line 49 of the <i>Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 0.15645 /\$100
74.	De minimis rate. Add Lines 70, 72 and 73.	\$ 0.76033 /\$100

SECTION 7: Voter Approval Tax Rate Adjustment for Emergency Revenue Rate

In the tax year after the end of the disaster calculation time period detailed in Tax Code Section 26.042(a), a taxing unit that calculated its voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit due to a disaster must calculate its emergency revenue rate and reduce its voter-approval tax rate for that year.⁵⁰

Similarly, if a taxing unit adopted a tax rate that exceeded its voter-approval tax rate, calculated normally, without holding an election to respond to a disaster, as allowed by Tax Code Section 26.042(d), in the prior year, it must also reduce its voter-approval tax rate for the current tax year.⁵¹

This section will apply to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit that:

- directed the designated officer or employee to calculate the voter-approval tax rate of the taxing unit in the manner provided for a special taxing unit in the prior year; and
- the current year is the first tax year in which the total taxable value of property taxable by the taxing unit as shown on the appraisal roll for the taxing unit submitted by the assessor for the taxing unit to the governing body exceeds the total taxable value of property taxable by the taxing unit on January 1 of the tax year in which the disaster occurred or the disaster occurred four years ago. This section will apply to a taxing unit in a disaster area that adopted a tax rate greater than its voter-approval tax rate without holding an election in the prior year.

Note: This section does not apply if a taxing unit is continuing to calculate its voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit because it is still within the disaster calculation time period detailed in Tax Code Section 26.042(a) because it has not met the conditions in Tax Code Section 26.042(a)(1) or (2).

Line	Emergency Revenue Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
75.	2024 adopted tax rate. Enter the rate in Line 4 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 0.77000 /\$100
76.	Adjusted 2024 voter-approval tax rate. Use the taxing unit's Tax Rate Calculation Worksheets from the prior year(s) to complete this line. ⁵² If a disaster occurred in 2024 and the taxing unit calculated its 2024 voter-approval tax rate using a multiplier of 1.08 on Disaster Line 41 (D41) of the 2024 worksheet due to a disaster, complete the applicable sections or lines of <i>Form 50-856-a, Adjusted Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Taxing Units in Disaster Area Calculation Worksheet</i> . - or - If a disaster occurred prior to 2024 for which the taxing unit continued to calculate its voter-approval tax rate using a multiplier of 1.08 on Disaster Line 41 (D41) in 2024, complete form 50-856-a, <i>Adjusted Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Taxing Units in Disaster Area Calculation Worksheet</i> to recalculate the voter-approval tax rate the taxing unit would have calculated in 2024 if it had generated revenue based on an adopted tax rate using a multiplier of 1.035 in the years following the disaster. ⁵³ Enter the final adjusted 2024 voter-approval tax rate from the worksheet. - or - If the taxing unit adopted a tax rate above the 2024 voter-approval tax rate without calculating a disaster tax rate or holding an election due to a disaster, no recalculation is necessary. Enter the voter-approval tax rate from the prior year's worksheet.	\$ 0.00000 /\$100
77.	Increase in 2024 tax rate due to disaster. Subtract Line 76 from Line 75.	\$ 0.00000 /\$100
78.	Adjusted 2024 taxable value. Enter the amount in Line 14 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,188,276,578
79.	Emergency revenue. Multiply Line 77 by Line 78 and divide by \$100.	\$ 0
80.	Adjusted 2024 taxable value. Enter the amount in Line 26 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,281,050,150
81.	Emergency revenue rate. Divide Line 79 by Line 80 and multiply by \$100. ⁵⁴	\$ 0.00000 /\$100

⁴⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(8-a)

⁴⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.063(a)(1)

⁵⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(b)

⁵¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(f)

⁵² Tex. Tax Code §26.042(c)

⁵³ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(b)

Line	Emergency Revenue Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
82.	Current year voter-approval tax rate, adjusted for emergency revenue. Subtract Line 81 from one of the following lines (as applicable): Line 50, Line D50 (disaster), Line 51 (counties), Line 59 (taxing units with the additional sales tax), Line 63 (taxing units with pollution control) or Line 69 (taxing units with the unused increment rate).	\$ <u>0.76919</u> /\$100

SECTION 8: Total Tax Rate

Indicate the applicable total tax rates as calculated above.

No-new-revenue tax rate. \$ 0.71665 /\$100

As applicable, enter the current year NNR tax rate from: Line 27, Line 28 (counties), or Line 57 (adjusted for sales tax).

Indicate the line number used: 27

Voter-approval tax rate. \$ 0.76919 /\$100

As applicable, enter the current year voter-approval tax rate from: Line 50, Line D50 (disaster), Line 51 (counties), Line 59 (adjusted for sales tax), Line 63 (adjusted for pollution control), Line 69 (adjusted for unused increment), or Line 82 (adjusted for emergency revenue).

Indicate the line number used: 69

De minimis rate. \$ 0.76033 /\$100

If applicable, enter the current year de minimis rate from Line 74.

SECTION 9: Addendum

An affected taxing unit that enters an amount described by Tax Code Section 26.012(6)(C) in line 21 must include the following as an addendum:

1. Documentation that supports the exclusion of value under Tax Code Section 26.012(6)(C); and
2. Each statement submitted to the designated officer or employee by the property owner or entity as required by Tax Code Section 41.48(c)(2) for that tax year.

Insert hyperlinks to supporting documentation:

SECTION 10: Taxing Unit Representative Name and Signature

Enter the name of the person preparing the tax rate as authorized by the governing body of the taxing unit. By signing below, you certify that you are the designated officer or employee of the taxing unit and have accurately calculated the tax rates using values that are the same as the values shown in the taxing unit's certified appraisal roll or certified estimate of taxable value, in accordance with requirements in the Tax Code.⁵⁴

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Maria Victoria Valadez

Printed Name of Taxing Unit Representative

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here** ➤_____
Taxing Unit Representative_____
Date⁵⁴ Tex. Tax Code §§26.04(c-2) and (d-2)

AGENDA ITEM #5

**City of Kingsville
Engineering Dept.**

TO: Mayor and City Commissioners

CC: Charlie Sosa, Interim City Manager

FROM: Rutilio P. Mora Jr, P.E., City Engineer

DATE: August 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Approving Construction Contract to Grace Paving and Construction Inc. for the General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Contract No. 22-085-009-D237 Project 14 – E. Santa Gertrudis Ave. Storm Water Improvements

Summary:

Bid 25-17 Project 14 was awarded on July 28, 2025, we are requesting the construction contract to be awarded in the amount of \$1,118,161.96.

Background:

We received approval to award the eighth GLO CDBG-MIT Hurricane Harvey State Mitigation Competition Round 1 grant. Project 14 – E. Santa Gertrudis Ave. Storm Water Improvements is a critical component of the city's flood management infrastructure upgrades. This project includes the installation of 2,965 linear feet of reinforced concrete culvert, 14 inlets, 5,343 SY of asphalt and related appurtenances to improve stormwater drainage and reduce future flood risks. The project will be completed within 150 consecutive calendar days after giving the Notice to Proceed.

This project was advertised in the local newspaper on June 12th and 19th and city's website. Sealed bids for Bid No. 25-17 (Project 14) were received prior to the deadline of July 8, 2025, at 2:00pm and read out loud, from five bidders:

1. D&J Utility Services LLC, Aransas Pass, TX 78335
2. RS Parker Construction LLC, Corpus Christi, TX 78408
3. White Star Services LLC, Corpus Christi, TX 78415
4. D&M Underground Corp., Corpus Christi, TX 78418
5. Grace Paving and Construction Inc., Corpus Christi, TX 78405

The base bids range from \$1,110,141.86 to \$1,800,510.00. Alternate No. 1 bids range from \$8,020.10 to \$21,423.00. The total bids range from \$1,118,161.96 to \$1,809,623.84. After review, staff recommends awarding the project to the lowest bidder, Grace Paving and



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Construction Inc., for the total base bid amount of \$1,118,161.96. Also, the bid is 38% below the engineer's estimate which is considered reasonable.

Financial Impact:

Project 14 will be funded by the General Land Office Hurricane Harvey Mitigation Grant (Fund 122) in the amount of \$1,118,161.96.

Recommendation:

Staff recommendations.

1. Approving Construction Contract between City and Grace Paving and Construction in the amount \$1,118,161.96.
2. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to sign the Construction Contract.

Attachments:

- Construction Contract



RESOLUTION #2025-_____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH GRACE PAVING AND CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE GLO CDBG-MIT CONTRACT 22-085-009-D237 PROJECT 14: E. SANTA GERTRUDIS AVE. STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Kingsville (City) intends to make some sanitary sewer improvements through a General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) -Mitigation (MIT) program via Contract No. 22-085-009-D237 Project 14: E. Santa Gertrudis Ave. Storm Water Improvements Project and went out for bids via BID #25-17 which was advertised on June 12th & 19th, 2025;

WHEREAS, five bids were received by the July 8, 2025 deadline for BID #25-17 and after reviewing the bid submittals staff and the outside engineer (ICE) recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder, which was Grace Paving and Construction Inc., from Corpus Christi, Texas (vendor);

WHEREAS, the City awarded BID#25-17 to Vendor at a Commission meeting on July 28, 2025 for a total amount of \$1,118,161.96;

WHEREAS, the City and Vendor worked to prepare a contract for GLO CDBG-MIT Contract No. 22-085-009-D237 Project 14: E. Santa Gertrudis Ave. Storm Water Improvements Project and the parties both agreed to the terms of the proposed contract for a total amount of \$1,118,161.96 with a contract time of 150 calendar days;

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Kingsville, Texas:

I.

THAT the City Commission approves and the Interim City Manager is authorized and directed as an act of the City of Kingsville, Texas to execute the Construction Contract for General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) -Mitigation (MIT) program via Contract No. 22--085-009-D237 Project 14: E. Santa Gertrudis Ave. Storm Water Improvements Project between the City of Kingsville, Texas and Grace Paving and Construction, Inc. as per staff recommendation and in accordance with Exhibit A hereto attached and made a part hereof.

II.

THAT all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

III.

THAT this Resolution shall be and become effective on and after adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a majority vote of the City Commission on the
11th day of August, 2025.

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT made this the 11th day of August, 2025, by and between Grace Paving and Construction Inc. (a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas) hereinafter called the "Contractor", and City of Kingsville hereinafter called the "City"

WITNESSETH, that the Contractor and the City for the considerations stated herein mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Statement of Work. The Contractor shall furnish all supervision, technical personnel, labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and services, including utility and transportation services, and perform and complete all work required for the construction of the Improvements embraced in the Project; namely, GLO SW PROJECT 14 (EAST SANTA GERTRUDIS STREET) STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS (GLO CDBG-MIT CONTRACT NO. 22-085-009-D237) for the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) project, all in strict accordance with the contract documents including all addenda thereto, numbered N/A, dated N/A and N/A, all as prepared by International Consulting Engineers (ICE) acting and in these contract documents preparation, referred to as the "Engineer".

ARTICLE 2. The Contract Price. The City will pay the Contractor for the performance of the Contract in current funds, for the total quantities of work performed at the *unit prices* stipulated in the Bid for the several respective items of work completed subject to additions and deductions as provided in the Toatal Bid \$1,118,161.96 hereof.

ARTICLE 3. The Contract. The executed contract documents shall consist of the following components:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--|
| a. This Agreement (pgs. 1-3) | f. General Conditions, Part I |
| b. Addenda | g. Special Conditions |
| c. Invitation for Bids | h. Technical Specifications |
| d. Instructions to Bidders | i. Drawings (<i>as listed in the Schedule of Drawings</i>) |
| e. Signed Copy of Bid | j. [Add any applicable documents] |

ARTICLE 4. Performance. Work, in accordance with the Contract dated August 11th, 2025, shall commence on or before September 8th, 2025, and Contractor shall complete the WORK within 150 consecutive calendar days thereafter. The date of completion of all WORK is therefore February 4th, 2026.

This Agreement, together with other documents enumerated in this ARTICLE 3, which said other documents are as fully a part of the Contract as if hereto attached or herein repeated, forms the Contract between the parties hereto. In the event that any provision in any component part of this Contract conflicts with any provision of any other component part, the provision of the component part first enumerated in this ARTICLE 3 shall govern, except as otherwise specifically stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in triplicate original copies on the day and year first above written.

FOR CONTRACTOR

(The Contractor)
Grace Paving and Construction Inc.
4237 Baldwin Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78405-3324

By Eddie Ortiz
Title Owner

FOR CITY

(City)
City Of Kingsville
400 W King Ave
P.O. Box 1458
Kingsville, TX 78364

By Charlie Sosa
Title Interim City Manager

FOR CONTRACTOR

Corporate Certifications

I, _____, certify that I am the _____ of the corporation named as Contractor herein; that Eddie Ortiz who signed this Agreement on behalf of the Contractor, was then _____ of said corporation; that said Agreement was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body, and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

Corporate
Seal

(Corporate Secretary)
_____(date)

AGENDA ITEM #6

**City of Kingsville
Purchasing Dept.**

TO: Mayor and City Commissioners

CC: Charlie Sosa, Interim City Manager

FROM: Charlie Sosa Purchasing Manager

DATE: August 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Award and Enter into a Contract with Victory Building Team for the City of Kingsville Fire Station #3.

Summary:

Bid 25-15 the City of Kingsville Fire Station #3. – Bids were open on May 29, 2025, we are requesting award and approve contract to Victory Building Team in the amount of \$8,250,000.00 as per BRW Architects recommendation.

Background:

This project was advertised in the local newspaper on May 8, 2025, and May 15, 2025, and on the city's website. Sealed bids for Bid No. 25-15 were received prior to the deadline of May 29, 2025, at 2:00pm and read out loud, from ten bidders:

1. Victory Building Team
2. Lauger Companies
3. Tegrity Contractors
4. MSF Hospitality
5. Weaver & Jacobs Constructors
6. Summit Building and Design
7. South Texas Building Partners
8. Catamount Constructors
9. 7B Building & Development
10. Arning Companies

The base bids range from \$8,250,000.00 to \$10,311,065.00. After review, BRW Architects recommends awarding the project to the lowest bidder, Victory Building Team, for the base bid amount of \$8,250,000.00. BRW Architect has reviewed and determined Victory Building Team to be the best value for the construction of the Kingsville Fire Station #3. (See attached recommendation letter, bid evaluation and bid tubulation.)



**City of Kingsville
Purchasing Dept.**

Financial Impact:

The project will be paid from Fund 153-5-2200-71300 Building CO Series 2024 Fire Fund.

Recommendation:

Staff recommendation:

1. Award and Enter into a Contract with Victory Building Team in amount of \$8,250,000.00 as per BRW Architects recommendation.



BRWARCHITECTS

175 CENTURY SQUARE DRIVE
SUITE 350
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS 77840
979-694-1791
BRWARCH.COM

June 16, 2025

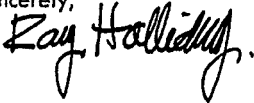
Mr. Charlie Sosa
Purchasing Manager
City of Kingsville
400 W. King Ave.,
Kingsville, TX 78363

BID EVALUATION – CITY OF KINGSVILLE FIRE STATION #3

Mr. Sosa:

After careful review of the bids and accompanying proposals from the ten prospective bidders, Brown Reynolds Watford Architects, Inc. has found Victory Building Team to be the best value for the construction of Kingsville Fire Station #3.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Holliday". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ray Holliday, AIA, ASLA
Brown Reynolds Watford Architects, Inc.

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KINGSVILLE FIRE STATION NO. 3

BID EVALUATION

06.16.2025

RANKING	COMPANY	POINTS AWARDED
1	Victory Building Team	96.05
2	Lauger Companies	89.55
3	Tegrity Contractors	83.13
4	MSF Hospitality	81.77
5	Weaver & Jacobs Constructors	80.98
6	Summit Building & Design	79.70
7	South Texas Building Partners	76.31
8	Catamount Constructors	69.46
9	7B Building & Development	62.93
10	Arning Companies	51.04

VICTORY BUILDING TEAM			MSP HOSPITALITY			7B			SOUTH TEXAS BUILDING PARTNERS			TEGRITY CONTRACTORS			LAUGER COMPANIES		
Points Available	Points Awarded	Notes	Points Available	Points Awarded	Notes	Points Available	Points Awarded	Notes	Points Available	Points Awarded	Notes	Points Available	Points Awarded	Notes	Points Available	Points Awarded	Notes
A. Contractor's Proposal Form	50	\$8,250,000.00	48.83	\$8,444,000.00	\$8,591,110.00	47.93	\$8,591,110.00	\$9,065,722.00	45.06	\$9,065,722.00	\$9,069,777.00	44.15	\$9,215,000.00				
B. Relevant Experience & Qualifications																	
1.1 Organization	2	2.00	1.00	only been in business for two years	did not list if they have been listed as any other company names; did not properly list address; no local experience	1.00		2.00	2.00			2.00		has technically been a business since 1944			
1.2 Claims and Subs	2	2.00	1.50	currently have two arbitration proceedings that are against subs who defaulted on their contracts		2.00		2.00	2.00			1.50		arbitration against subs			
1.3 Financial Status	2	2.00	0.50	doesn't list a total bonding capacity; D&B score is moderate to high risk	\$35M per project and \$50M aggregate; just didn't list D&B score; no statement from banker	1.00		1.50	1.50			2.00		bonding capacity is a little lower than others			can take jobs up to \$15M; doesn't have down and Bradstreet financial ratings
6.1 Primary Insurance	2	2.00	1.75	just provided name not telephone number	included but their coverages is a little lower than we ask; did not list insurance company	1.00		2.00	2.00			2.00		just provided name			
6.2 & 6.3 EMR & RIR Rates	1	1.00	0.50	no EMR & RIR rates because business has only existed for two years	did not include EMR and RIR rates	0.00		0.50	EMR-83 & RIR-1.98			1.00		EMR-88 and RIR-0			
7.1 Quality Assurance Program	1	0.75	1.00	very in-depth	did not include quality assurance program	0.00		0.75				1.00					
C. Experience and Qualifications of Key Personnel																	
2.1 Organization Chart	2	2.00	2.00	organization chart included		0.00		2.00	2.00			2.00		included			
2.2 Experience	8	6.00	3.00	no similar projects in function but a few in similar size; super has very limited experience	listed under section 5 incorrectly; all big box stores; no years of experience listed	1.00		5.00	5.00			4.00		the Super and PM don't have a ton of experience;			PM just started at Lauger, but PM has worked with the more experienced PM before;
8.1 Current Workload	5	5.00	2.50	they have four projects, two with larger const. budgets	very available	5.00		5.00	5.00			5.00		has more civic work than most; still have a few larger budget projects but they wrap up in the fall			Should be available; Our project would be one of the larger ones
D. Past Performance and References																	
3.1 Similar Project Experience	5	4.00	2.00	only hotel experience, but with similar construction costs	experience is limited to box stores and car washes	2.00		3.00	3.00			2.50		fire station experience is limited to BRW repairs or remodels;			a few restaurants and city projects
3.2 References	5	4.30	4.20	looks really good but multiple negative comments to keep an eye on subs	no real references	0.00		4.50	4.50			3.85		overall good feedback except the last guy's makes me nervous			follow up looks like it could be better
4.1 Proposed Schedule	1	3.00	3.00	they think they can get it done in 11 months	17 month construction schedule instead of 12	2.00		1.00	1.00			2.50		they are proposing 15 months instead of 12			1 Jul-26
4.2 Similar Schedules	2	2.00	1.00	Gave valid explanations for projects that went over schedule	not included	0.00		2.00	2.00			1.75		had a few projects behind schedule with limited explanations			confirm with Justin if Victoria's is correct
E. Subcontractor Support and Experience																	
5.1 Schedule of Proposal	7	7.00	7.00	doesn't probably list sub's experience but rather their experience with them	not included	0.00		0.00	0.00			7.00					
5.2 Qualifications and Experience of Subcontractors	3	3.00	2.00	included experience	not included	0.00		0.00	0.00			1.00		does not include specific experience of subs			
Total	100	96.05	81.77			62.83		76.31	83.13			89.55					

ARMING COMPANIES		SUMMIT BUILDING & DESIGN		WEAVER & JACOBS CONSTRUCTORS		CATAMOUNT	
Points Awarded	Notes	Points Awarded	Notes	Points Awarded	Notes	Points Awarded	Notes
43.79	\$9,275,172.00	30.40	\$9,998,992.00	38.68	\$10,117,500.00	37.51	\$10,311,065.00
0.00	did not include much of the information we asked: state of corporation,	2	Years of business contradictions though	2		2	I appreciate that they answered each individual point directly from the RFP
2.00		2		2		0.5	they are engaged in several lawsuits, most of which are them going after a sub, but a few are client related
0.25	only has a \$20M bonding capacity	1.75	bonding capacity \$35M, letter was from 2022 from banker; doesn't have D&B letter	2		2	
0.00		2	just provided name	2		2	
0.00		0.75	EMR=77 (2022)	1		0.75	EMR=1.6; really good safety program
0.00		0.5	listed under "project understanding"	1		1	
0.00	not included	2	included	1		2	
0.00	not included	7	project estimator has a few civic projects; PM has some too but all with smaller scopes; Super only has 10 years of experience,	6	PM just joined Weaver and Jacobs in 2024; doesn't include their experience;	7	team had some fire station experience but a lot of experience in construction
5.00	nothing similar; two walmart projects; very available	5	only two current projects; only one larger project but most wrapping up this summer	3	have a good deal of work that we might be competing with	5	should be available
0.00	no completed projects listed	5	several fire stations but also mostly pre-engineered building; a decent amount municipal projects	5	fire station experience with BRW	2	box stores and gas stations
0.00	couldn't find any of their references	4.3	some negative feedback from the fire chief	4.8	nothing but great things	4.7	really great feedback overall
0.00	not included	0	not included	3	5-Aug-26	3	3-Jul-26
0.00	not included	0	not included	1.5	Only provided schedule for one project	0	not included
0	did not include subcontractor information	7		7		0	not included
0.00	did not include subcontractor information	1	does not include specific experience of subs	1	does not include specific experience of subs	0	not included
51.04		79.70		80.98		68.46	

RESOLUTION #2025-_____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR KJM COMMERCIAL INC. VICTORY BUILDING TEAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF KINGSVILLE FIRE STATION #3; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Kingsville (City) intends to construct a new fire station at the intersection of South 6th Street and General Cavazos Blvd. to improve response times to the south side of town and I69E as well as to better serve the community;

WHEREAS, the City went out for certificates of obligation in 2024 to finance the design and construction of Fire Station #3 and went out for bids for the construction of the station via BID #25-15 which was advertised in the newspaper May 8th & 15th, 2025;

WHEREAS, ten bids were received by the May 29, 2025 deadline that were responsive to BID #25-15 and after reviewing the bid submittals staff and the consultant recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder, which was KJM Commercial Inc. Victory Building Team from Corpus Christi, Texas (Vendor);

WHEREAS, the City awarded BID#25-15 to Vendor at a Commission meeting on July 14, 2025 for a total amount of \$8,250,000.00;

WHEREAS, the City and Vendor worked to prepare a construction contract that is recommended for approval by the City Commission for Kingsville Fire Station #3 for a total amount of \$8,250,000.00 with a contract time of 335 calendar days;

WHEREAS, staff is recommending the City Commission approve the construction contract with Vendor as presented for a total amount of \$8,250,000.00 and 335 calendar days;

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Kingsville, Texas:

I.

THAT the City Commission approves and the Interim City Manager is authorized and directed as an act of the City of Kingsville, Texas to execute the Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor KJM Commercial Inc. Victory Building Team for Construction of Kingsville Fire Station #3 as per staff recommendation and in accordance with Exhibit A hereto attached and made a part hereof.

II.

THAT all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

III.

THAT this Resolution shall be and become effective on and after adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a majority vote of the City Commission on the
11th day of August, 2025.

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney

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Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor where the basis of payment is a Stipulated Sum

AGREEMENT made as of the «August» day of «11» in the year «2025»
(In words, indicate day, month and year.)

BETWEEN the Owner:

(Name, legal status, address and other information)

«City of Kingsville» «»
«400 W. King Ave.»
«Kingsville, TX 78363»
« »

and the Contractor:

(Name, legal status, address and other information)

«KJM Commercial Inc. Victory Building Team» «»
«402 S. Chaparral St. Ste. A»
«Corpus Christi, TX 78401»
« »

for the following Project:

(Name, location and detailed description)

«Kingsville Fire Station #3»
«2606 S 6th Street»
«Kingsville, TX 78363»

The Architect:

(Name, legal status, address and other information)

Brown Reynolds Watford Architects, Inc. (BRW)
Century Square – Building B
175 Century Square Drive, Suite 350
College Station, TX 77840

The Owner and Contractor agree as follows.

TABLE OF ARTICLES

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EXHIBIT A INSURANCE AND BONDS

ARTICLE 1 THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Contract Documents consist of this Agreement, Conditions of the Contract (General, Supplementary, and other Conditions), Drawings, Specifications, Addenda issued prior to execution of this Agreement, other documents listed in this Agreement, and Modifications issued after execution of this Agreement, all of which form the Contract, and are as fully a part of the Contract as if attached to this Agreement or repeated herein. The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. An enumeration of the Contract Documents, other than a Modification, appears in Article 9.

ARTICLE 2 THE WORK OF THIS CONTRACT

The Contractor shall fully execute the Work described in the Contract Documents, except as specifically indicated in the Contract Documents to be the responsibility of others.

ARTICLE 3 DATE OF COMMENCEMENT AND SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

§ 3.1 The date of commencement of the Work shall be:

(Check one of the following boxes.)

☐ The date of this Agreement.

☐ A date set forth in a notice to proceed issued by the Owner.

☒ Established as follows:

(August 18, 2025)

« »

If a date of commencement of the Work is not selected, then the date of commencement shall be the date of this Agreement.

§ 3.2 The Contract Time shall be measured from the date of commencement of the Work.

§ 3.3 Substantial Completion

§ 3.3.1 Subject to adjustments of the Contract Time as provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall achieve Substantial Completion of the entire Work:

(Check one of the following boxes and complete the necessary information.)

[☒] Not later than «Three Hundred Thirty Five» («335») calendar days from the date of commencement of the Work.

[☐] By the following date: «»

§ 3.3.2 Subject to adjustments of the Contract Time as provided in the Contract Documents, if portions of the Work are to be completed prior to Substantial Completion of the entire Work, the Contractor shall achieve Substantial Completion of such portions by the following dates:

Portion of Work	Substantial Completion Date
N/A	

§ 3.3.3 If the Contractor fails to achieve Substantial Completion as provided in this Section 3.3, liquidated damages, if any, shall be assessed as set forth in Section 4.5.

ARTICLE 4 CONTRACT SUM

§ 4.1 The Owner shall pay the Contractor the Contract Sum in current funds for the Contractor's performance of the Contract. The Contract Sum shall be «Eight million two hundred fifty thousand dollars» (\$ «\$8,250,000 »), subject to additions and deductions as provided in the Contract Documents.

§ 4.2 Alternates

§ 4.2.1 Alternates, if any, included in the Contract Sum:

Item	Price

§ 4.2.2 Subject to the conditions noted below, the following alternates may be accepted by the Owner following execution of this Agreement. Upon acceptance, the Owner shall issue a Modification to this Agreement.
(Insert below each alternate and the conditions that must be met for the Owner to accept the alternate.)

Item	Price	Conditions for Acceptance
None		

§ 4.3 Allowances, if any, included in the Contract Sum:
(Identify each allowance.)

Item	Price
Allowance 1: Owner Contingency	\$325,000

§ 4.4 Unit prices, if any:
(Identify the item and state the unit price and quantity limitations, if any, to which the unit price will be applicable.)

Item	Units and Limitations	Price per Unit (\$0.00)
None		

§ 4.5 Liquidated damages, if any:
(Insert terms and conditions for liquidated damages, if any.)

« \$500.00 per Calendar Day »

§ 4.6 Other:
(Insert provisions for bonus or other incentives, if any, that might result in a change to the Contract Sum.)

«N/A »

ARTICLE 5 PAYMENTS

§ 5.1 Progress Payments

§ 5.1.1 Based upon Applications for Payment submitted to the Architect by the Contractor and Certificates for Payment issued by the Architect, the Owner shall make progress payments on account of the Contract Sum to the Contractor as provided below and elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

§ 5.1.2 The period covered by each Application for Payment shall be one calendar month ending on the last day of the month, or as follows:

«N/A»

§ 5.1.3 Provided that an Application for Payment is received by the Architect not later than the «10» day of a month, the Owner shall make payment of the amount certified to the Contractor not later than the «30» day of the «same» month. If an Application for Payment is received by the Architect after the application date fixed above, payment of the amount certified shall be made by the Owner not later than «thirty» («30») days after the Architect receives the Application for Payment.

(Federal, state or local laws may require payment within a certain period of time.)

§ 5.1.4 Each Application for Payment shall be based on the most recent schedule of values submitted by the Contractor in accordance with the Contract Documents. The schedule of values shall allocate the entire Contract Sum among the various portions of the Work. The schedule of values shall be prepared in such form, and supported by such data to substantiate its accuracy, as the Architect may require. This schedule of values shall be used as a basis for reviewing the Contractor's Applications for Payment.

§ 5.1.5 Applications for Payment shall show the percentage of completion of each portion of the Work as of the end of the period covered by the Application for Payment.

§ 5.1.6 In accordance with AIA Document A201™-2017, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, and subject to other provisions of the Contract Documents, the amount of each progress payment shall be computed as follows:

§ 5.1.6.1 The amount of each progress payment shall first include:

- .1 That portion of the Contract Sum properly allocable to completed Work;
- .2 That portion of the Contract Sum properly allocable to materials and equipment delivered and suitably stored at the site for subsequent incorporation in the completed construction, or, if approved in advance by the Owner, suitably stored off the site at a location agreed upon in writing; and
- .3 That portion of Construction Change Directives that the Architect determines, in the Architect's professional judgment, to be reasonably justified.

§ 5.1.6.2 The amount of each progress payment shall then be reduced by:

- .1 The aggregate of any amounts previously paid by the Owner;
- .2 The amount, if any, for Work that remains uncorrected and for which the Architect has previously withheld a Certificate for Payment as provided in Article 9 of AIA Document A201-2017;
- .3 Any amount for which the Contractor does not intend to pay a Subcontractor or material supplier, unless the Work has been performed by others the Contractor intends to pay;
- .4 For Work performed or defects discovered since the last payment application, any amount for which the Architect may withhold payment, or nullify a Certificate of Payment in whole or in part, as provided in Article 9 of AIA Document A201-2017; and
- .5 Retainage withheld pursuant to Section 5.1.7.

§ 5.1.7 Retainage

§ 5.1.7.1 For each progress payment made prior to Substantial Completion of the Work, the Owner may withhold the following amount, as retainage, from the payment otherwise due:

(Insert a percentage or amount to be withheld as retainage from each Application for Payment. The amount of retainage may be limited by governing law.)

« Five Percent (5%) »

§ 5.1.7.1.1 The following items are not subject to retainage:
(Insert any items not subject to the withholding of retainage, such as general conditions, insurance, etc.)

« N/A »

§ 5.1.7.2 Reduction or limitation of retainage, if any, shall be as follows:
(If the retainage established in Section 5.1.7.1 is to be modified prior to Substantial Completion of the entire Work, including modifications for Substantial Completion of portions of the Work as provided in Section 3.3.2, insert provisions for such modifications.)

« N/A »

§ 5.1.7.3 Except as set forth in this Section 5.1.7.3, upon Substantial Completion of the Work, the Contractor may submit an Application for Payment that includes the retainage withheld from prior Applications for Payment pursuant to this Section 5.1.7. The Application for Payment submitted at Substantial Completion shall not include retainage as follows:
(Insert any other conditions for release of retainage upon Substantial Completion.)

« N/A »

§ 5.1.8 If final completion of the Work is materially delayed through no fault of the Contractor, the Owner shall pay the Contractor any additional amounts in accordance with Article 9 of AIA Document A201–2017.

§ 5.1.9 Except with the Owner's prior approval, the Contractor shall not make advance payments to suppliers for materials or equipment which have not been delivered and stored at the site.

§ 5.2 Final Payment

§ 5.2.1 Final payment, constituting the entire unpaid balance of the Contract Sum, shall be made by the Owner to the Contractor when

- .1 the Contractor has fully performed the Contract except for the Contractor's responsibility to correct Work as provided in Article 12 of AIA Document A201–2017, and to satisfy other requirements, if any, which extend beyond final payment; and
- .2 a final Certificate for Payment has been issued by the Architect.

§ 5.2.2 The Owner's final payment to the Contractor shall be made no later than 30 days after the issuance of the Architect's final Certificate for Payment, or as follows:

« »

§ 5.3 Interest

Payments due and unpaid under the Contract shall bear interest from the date payment is due at the rate stated below, or in the absence thereof, at the legal rate prevailing from time to time at the place where the Project is located.

(Insert rate of interest agreed upon, if any.)

« 1 » % « per » month starting on the tenth day past the due date»

ARTICLE 6 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

§ 6.1 Initial Decision Maker

The Architect will serve as the Initial Decision Maker pursuant to Article 15 of AIA Document A201–2017, unless the parties appoint below another individual, not a party to this Agreement, to serve as the Initial Decision Maker.

(If the parties mutually agree, insert the name, address and other contact information of the Initial Decision Maker, if other than the Architect.)

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« »

« »

« »

§ 6.2 Binding Dispute Resolution

For any Claim subject to, but not resolved by, mediation pursuant to Article 15 of AIA Document A201–2017, the method of binding dispute resolution shall be as follows:

(Check the appropriate box.)

☐

☒

Litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction, Kleberg County, Kingsville, TX.

☐



If the Owner and Contractor do not select a method of binding dispute resolution, or do not subsequently agree in writing to a binding dispute resolution method other than litigation, Claims will be resolved by litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 7 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

§ 7.1 The Contract may be terminated by the Owner or the Contractor as provided in Article 14 of AIA Document A201–2017.

§ 7.1.1 If the Contract is terminated for the Owner's convenience in accordance with Article 14 of AIA Document A201–2017, then the Owner shall pay the Contractor a termination fee as follows:

(Insert the amount of, or method for determining, the fee, if any, payable to the Contractor following a termination for the Owner's convenience.)

« the amount owed for work performed up to the date of termination »

§ 7.2 The Work may be suspended by the Owner as provided in Article 14 of AIA Document A201–2017.

ARTICLE 8 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 8.1 Where reference is made in this Agreement to a provision of AIA Document A201–2017 or another Contract Document, the reference refers to that provision as amended or supplemented by other provisions of the Contract Documents.

§ 8.2 The Owner's representative:

(Name, address, email address, and other information)

« Charlie Sosa »

« City of Kingsville – Purchasing Manager »

« 400 W. King Ave. »

« Kingsville, TX 78363 »

« »

« »

§ 8.3 The Contractor's representative:

(Name, address, email address, and other information)

« Chris Hamilton »

« KJM Commercial Inc. Victory Building Team »

« 402 S. Chaparral St. Ste. A »

« Corpus Christi, TX 78401 »

« »

« »

§ 8.4 Neither the Owner's nor the Contractor's representative shall be changed without ten days' prior notice to the other party.

§ 8.5 Insurance and Bonds

§ 8.5.1 The Owner and the Contractor shall purchase and maintain insurance as set forth in AIA Document A101™-2017, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor where the basis of payment is a Stipulated Sum, Exhibit A, Insurance and Bonds, and elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

§ 8.5.2 The Contractor shall provide bonds as set forth in AIA Document A101™-2017 Exhibit A, and elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

§ 8.6 Notice in electronic format, pursuant to Article 1 of AIA Document A201-2017, may be given in accordance with AIA Document E203™-2013, Building Information Modeling and Digital Data Exhibit, if completed, or as otherwise set forth below:

(If other than in accordance with AIA Document E203-2013, insert requirements for delivering notice in electronic format such as name, title, and email address of the recipient and whether and how the system will be required to generate a read receipt for the transmission.)

«N/A»

§ 8.7 Other provisions:

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ARTICLE 9 ENUMERATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

§ 9.1 This Agreement is comprised of the following documents:

- .1 AIA Document A101™-2017, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor
- .2 AIA Document A101™-2017, Exhibit A, Insurance and Bonds
- .3 AIA Document A201™-2017, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction
- .4 AIA Document E203™-2013, Building Information Modeling and Digital Data Exhibit, dated as indicated below:

(Insert the date of the E203-2013 incorporated into this Agreement.)

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Portions of Addenda relating to bidding or proposal requirements are not part of the Contract Documents unless the bidding or proposal requirements are also enumerated in this Article 9.

.8 Other Exhibits:

(Check all boxes that apply and include appropriate information identifying the exhibit where required.)

☐ AIA Document E204™-2017, Sustainable Projects Exhibit, dated as indicated below:
(Insert the date of the E204-2017 incorporated into this Agreement.)

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☐ The Sustainability Plan:

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☒ Supplementary and other Conditions of the Contract:

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.9 Other documents, if any, listed below:

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This Agreement entered into as of the day and year first written above.

OWNER (Signature)

CONTRACTOR (Signature)

« Charlie Sosa »

« Interim City Manager »
City of Kingsville, TX

(Printed name and title)

« Chris Hamilton »

« Owner/Representative »
KJM Commerical Inc. Victory Building Team

(Printed name and title)

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General Conditions of the Contract for Construction

for the following PROJECT:

(Name and location or address)

Kingsville, TX 78640
2612 S. 7th Street
Kingsville, TX 78640

THE OWNER:

(Name, legal status and address)

City of Kingsville
400 W. King Ave.
Kingsville, TX 78663

THE ARCHITECT:

(Name, legal status and address)

Brown Reynolds Watford Architects, Inc. (BRW)
Century Square - Building B
175 Century Square Drive, Suite 350
College Station, TX 77840

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ARTICLE 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1.1 Basic Definitions

§ 1.1.1 The Contract Documents

The Contract Documents are enumerated in the Agreement between the Owner and Contractor (hereinafter the Agreement) and consist of the Agreement, Conditions of the Contract (General, Supplementary and other Conditions), Drawings, Specifications, Addenda issued prior to execution of the Contract, other documents listed in the Agreement, and Modifications issued after execution of the Contract. A Modification is (1) a written amendment to the Contract signed by both parties, (2) a Change Order, (3) a Construction Change Directive, or (4) a written order for a minor change in the Work issued by the Architect. Unless specifically enumerated in the Agreement, the Contract Documents do not include the advertisement or invitation to bid, Instructions to Bidders, sample forms, other information furnished by the Owner in anticipation of receiving bids or proposals, the Contractor's bid or proposal, or portions of Addenda relating to bidding or proposal requirements.

§ 1.1.2 The Contract

The Contract Documents form the Contract for Construction. The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. The Contract may be amended or modified only by a Modification. The Contract Documents shall not be construed to create a contractual relationship of any kind (1) between the Contractor and the Architect or the Architect's consultants, (2) between the Owner and a Subcontractor or a Sub-subcontractor, (3) between the Owner and the Architect or the Architect's consultants, or (4) between any persons or entities other than the Owner and the Contractor. The Architect shall, however, be entitled to performance and enforcement of obligations under the Contract intended to facilitate performance of the Architect's duties.

§ 1.1.3 The Work

The term "Work" means the construction and services required by the Contract Documents, whether completed or partially completed, and includes all other labor, materials, equipment, and services provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor's obligations. The Work may constitute the whole or a part of the Project.

§ 1.1.4 The Project

The Project is the total construction of which the Work performed under the Contract Documents may be the whole or a part and which may include construction by the Owner and by Separate Contractors.

§ 1.1.5 The Drawings

The Drawings are the graphic and pictorial portions of the Contract Documents showing the design, location and dimensions of the Work, generally including plans, elevations, sections, details, schedules, and diagrams.

§ 1.1.6 The Specifications

The Specifications are that portion of the Contract Documents consisting of the written requirements for materials, equipment, systems, standards and workmanship for the Work, and performance of related services.

§ 1.1.7 Instruments of Service

Instruments of Service are representations, in any medium of expression now known or later developed, of the tangible and intangible creative work performed by the Architect and the Architect's consultants under their respective professional services agreements. Instruments of Service may include, without limitation, studies, surveys, models, sketches, drawings, specifications, and other similar materials.

§ 1.1.8 Initial Decision Maker

The Initial Decision Maker is the person identified in the Agreement to render initial decisions on Claims in accordance with Section 15.2. The Initial Decision Maker shall not show partiality to the Owner or Contractor and shall not be liable for results of interpretations or decisions rendered in good faith.

§ 1.2 Correlation and Intent of the Contract Documents

§ 1.2.1 The intent of the Contract Documents is to include all items necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Work by the Contractor. The Contract Documents are complementary, and what is required by one shall be as binding as if required by all; performance by the Contractor shall be required only to the extent consistent with the Contract Documents and reasonably inferable from them as being necessary to produce the indicated results.

§ 1.2.1.1 The invalidity of any provision of the Contract Documents shall not invalidate the Contract or its remaining provisions. If it is determined that any provision of the Contract Documents violates any law, or is otherwise invalid or unenforceable, then that provision shall be revised to the extent necessary to make that provision legal and enforceable. In such case the Contract Documents shall be construed, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to give effect to the parties' intentions and purposes in executing the Contract.

§ 1.2.2 Organization of the Specifications into divisions, sections and articles, and arrangement of Drawings shall not control the Contractor in dividing the Work among Subcontractors or in establishing the extent of Work to be performed by any trade.

§ 1.2.3 Unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, words that have well-known technical or construction industry meanings are used in the Contract Documents in accordance with such recognized meanings.

§ 1.3 Capitalization

Terms capitalized in these General Conditions include those that are (1) specifically defined, (2) the titles of numbered articles, or (3) the titles of other documents published by the American Institute of Architects.

§ 1.4 Interpretation

In the interest of brevity the Contract Documents frequently omit modifying words such as "all" and "any" and articles such as "the" and "an," but the fact that a modifier or an article is absent from one statement and appears in another is not intended to affect the interpretation of either statement.

§ 1.5 Ownership and Use of Drawings, Specifications, and Other Instruments of Service

§ 1.5.1 The Architect and the Architect's consultants shall be deemed the authors and owners of their respective Instruments of Service, including the Drawings and Specifications, and retain all common law, statutory, and other reserved rights in their Instruments of Service, including copyrights. The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and suppliers shall not own or claim a copyright in the Instruments of Service. Submittal or distribution to meet official regulatory requirements or for other purposes in connection with the Project is not to be construed as publication in derogation of the Architect's or Architect's consultants' reserved rights.

§ 1.5.2 The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and suppliers are authorized to use and reproduce the Instruments of Service provided to them, subject to any protocols established pursuant to Sections 1.7 and 1.8, solely and exclusively for execution of the Work. All copies made under this authorization shall bear the copyright notice, if any, shown on the Instruments of Service. The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and suppliers may not use the Instruments of Service on other projects or for additions to the Project outside the scope of the Work without the specific written consent of the Owner, Architect, and the Architect's consultants.

§ 1.6 Notice

§ 1.6.1 Except as otherwise provided in Section 1.6.2, where the Contract Documents require one party to notify or give notice to the other party, such notice shall be provided in writing to the designated representative of the party to whom the notice is addressed and shall be deemed to have been duly served if delivered in person, by mail, by courier, or by electronic transmission if a method for electronic transmission is set forth in the Agreement.

§ 1.6.2 Notice of Claims as provided in Section 15.1.3 shall be provided in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly served only if delivered to the designated representative of the party to whom the notice is addressed by certified or registered mail, or by courier providing proof of delivery.

§ 1.7 Digital Data Use and Transmission

The parties shall agree upon protocols governing the transmission and use of Instruments of Service or any other information or documentation in digital form. The parties will use AIA Document E203™–2013, Building Information Modeling and Digital Data Exhibit, to establish the protocols for the development, use, transmission, and exchange of digital data.

§ 1.8 Building Information Models Use and Reliance

Any use of, or reliance on, all or a portion of a building information model without agreement to protocols governing the use of, and reliance on, the information contained in the model and without having those protocols set

forth in AIA Document E203™–2013, Building Information Modeling and Digital Data Exhibit, and the requisite AIA Document G202™–2013, Project Building Information Modeling Protocol Form, shall be at the using or relying party's sole risk and without liability to the other party and its contractors or consultants, the authors of, or contributors to, the building information model, and each of their agents and employees.

ARTICLE 2 OWNER

§ 2.1 General

§ 2.1.1 The Owner is the person or entity identified as such in the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number. The Owner shall designate in writing a representative who shall have express authority to bind the Owner with respect to all matters requiring the Owner's approval or authorization. Except as otherwise provided in Section 4.2.1, the Architect does not have such authority. The term "Owner" means the Owner or the Owner's authorized representative.

§ 2.1.2 The Owner shall furnish to the Contractor, within fifteen days after receipt of a written request, information necessary and relevant for the Contractor to evaluate, give notice of, or enforce mechanic's lien rights. Such information shall include a correct statement of the record legal title to the property on which the Project is located, usually referred to as the site, and the Owner's interest therein.

§ 2.2 Evidence of the Owner's Financial Arrangements

§ 2.2.1 Prior to commencement of the Work and upon written request by the Contractor, the Owner shall furnish to the Contractor reasonable evidence that the Owner has made financial arrangements to fulfill the Owner's obligations under the Contract. The Contractor shall have no obligation to commence the Work until the Owner provides such evidence. If commencement of the Work is delayed under this Section 2.2.1, the Contract Time shall be extended appropriately.

§ 2.2.2 Following commencement of the Work and upon written request by the Contractor, the Owner shall furnish to the Contractor reasonable evidence that the Owner has made financial arrangements to fulfill the Owner's obligations under the Contract only if (1) the Owner fails to make payments to the Contractor as the Contract Documents require; (2) the Contractor identifies in writing a reasonable concern regarding the Owner's ability to make payment when due; or (3) a change in the Work materially changes the Contract Sum. If the Owner fails to provide such evidence, as required, within fourteen days of the Contractor's request, the Contractor may immediately stop the Work and, in that event, shall notify the Owner that the Work has stopped. However, if the request is made because a change in the Work materially changes the Contract Sum under (3) above, the Contractor may immediately stop only that portion of the Work affected by the change until reasonable evidence is provided. If the Work is stopped under this Section 2.2.2, the Contract Time shall be extended appropriately and the Contract Sum shall be increased by the amount of the Contractor's reasonable costs of shutdown, delay and start-up, plus interest as provided in the Contract Documents.

§ 2.2.3 After the Owner furnishes evidence of financial arrangements under this Section 2.2, the Owner shall not materially vary such financial arrangements without prior notice to the Contractor.

§ 2.2.4 Where the Owner has designated information furnished under this Section 2.2 as "confidential," the Contractor shall keep the information confidential and shall not disclose it to any other person. However, the Contractor may disclose "confidential" information, after seven (7) days' notice to the Owner, where disclosure is required by law, including a subpoena or other form of compulsory legal process issued by a court or governmental entity, or by court or arbitrator(s) order. The Contractor may also disclose "confidential" information to its employees, consultants, sureties, Subcontractors and their employees, Sub-subcontractors, and others who need to know the content of such information solely and exclusively for the Project and who agree to maintain the confidentiality of such information.

§ 2.3 Information and Services Required of the Owner

§ 2.3.1 Except for permits and fees that are the responsibility of the Contractor under the Contract Documents, including those required under Section 3.7.1, the Owner shall secure and pay for necessary approvals, easements, assessments and charges required for construction, use or occupancy of permanent structures or for permanent changes in existing facilities.

§ 2.3.2 The Owner shall retain an architect lawfully licensed to practice architecture, or an entity lawfully practicing architecture, in the jurisdiction where the Project is located. That person or entity is identified as the Architect in the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number.

§ 2.3.3 If the employment of the Architect terminates, the Owner shall employ a successor to whom the Contractor has no reasonable objection and whose status under the Contract Documents shall be that of the Architect.

§ 2.3.4 The Owner shall furnish surveys describing physical characteristics, legal limitations and utility locations for the site of the Project, and a legal description of the site. The Contractor shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy of information furnished by the Owner but shall exercise proper precautions relating to the safe performance of the Work.

§ 2.3.5 The Owner shall furnish information or services required of the Owner by the Contract Documents with reasonable promptness. The Owner shall also furnish any other information or services under the Owner's control and relevant to the Contractor's performance of the Work with reasonable promptness after receiving the Contractor's written request for such information or services.

§ 2.3.6 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Owner shall furnish to the Contractor one copy of the Contract Documents for purposes of making reproductions pursuant to Section 1.5.2.

§ 2.4 Owner's Right to Stop the Work

If the Contractor fails to correct Work that is not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents as required by Section 12.2 or repeatedly fails to carry out Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, the Owner may issue a written order to the Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, the right of the Owner to stop the Work shall not give rise to a duty on the part of the Owner to exercise this right for the benefit of the Contractor or any other person or entity, except to the extent required by Section 6.1.3.

§ 2.5 Owner's Right to Carry Out the Work

If the Contractor defaults or neglects to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents and fails within a ten-day period after receipt of notice from the Owner to commence and continue correction of such default or neglect with diligence and promptness, the Owner may, without prejudice to other remedies the Owner may have, correct such default or neglect. Such action by the Owner and amounts charged to the Contractor are both subject to prior approval of the Architect and the Architect may, pursuant to Section 9.5.1, withhold or nullify a Certificate for Payment in whole or in part, to the extent reasonably necessary to reimburse the Owner for the reasonable cost of correcting such deficiencies, including Owner's expenses and compensation for the Architect's additional services made necessary by such default, neglect, or failure. If current and future payments are not sufficient to cover such amounts, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Owner. If the Contractor disagrees with the actions of the Owner or the Architect, or the amounts claimed as costs to the Owner, the Contractor may file a Claim pursuant to Article 15.

ARTICLE 3 CONTRACTOR

§ 3.1 General

§ 3.1.1 The Contractor is the person or entity identified as such in the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number. The Contractor shall be lawfully licensed, if required in the jurisdiction where the Project is located. The Contractor shall designate in writing a representative who shall have express authority to bind the Contractor with respect to all matters under this Contract. The term "Contractor" means the Contractor or the Contractor's authorized representative.

§ 3.1.2 The Contractor shall perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

§ 3.1.3 The Contractor shall not be relieved of its obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents either by activities or duties of the Architect in the Architect's administration of the Contract, or by tests, inspections or approvals required or performed by persons or entities other than the Contractor.

§ 3.2 Review of Contract Documents and Field Conditions by Contractor

§ 3.2.1 Execution of the Contract by the Contractor is a representation that the Contractor has visited the site, become generally familiar with local conditions under which the Work is to be performed, and correlated personal observations with requirements of the Contract Documents.

§ 3.2.2 Because the Contract Documents are complementary, the Contractor shall, before starting each portion of the Work, carefully study and compare the various Contract Documents relative to that portion of the Work, as well as the information furnished by the Owner pursuant to Section 2.3.4, shall take field measurements of any existing conditions related to that portion of the Work, and shall observe any conditions at the site affecting it. These obligations are for the purpose of facilitating coordination and construction by the Contractor and are not for the purpose of discovering errors, omissions, or inconsistencies in the Contract Documents; however, the Contractor shall promptly report to the Architect any errors, inconsistencies or omissions discovered by or made known to the Contractor as a request for information in such form as the Architect may require. It is recognized that the Contractor's review is made in the Contractor's capacity as a contractor and not as a licensed design professional, unless otherwise specifically provided in the Contract Documents.

§ 3.2.3 The Contractor is not required to ascertain that the Contract Documents are in accordance with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of public authorities, but the Contractor shall promptly report to the Architect any nonconformity discovered by or made known to the Contractor as a request for information in such form as the Architect may require.

§ 3.2.4 If the Contractor believes that additional cost or time is involved because of clarifications or instructions the Architect issues in response to the Contractor's notices or requests for information pursuant to Sections 3.2.2 or 3.2.3, the Contractor shall submit Claims as provided in Article 15. If the Contractor fails to perform the obligations of Sections 3.2.2 or 3.2.3, the Contractor shall pay such costs and damages to the Owner, subject to Section 15.1.7, as would have been avoided if the Contractor had performed such obligations. If the Contractor performs those obligations, the Contractor shall not be liable to the Owner or Architect for damages resulting from errors, inconsistencies or omissions in the Contract Documents, for differences between field measurements or conditions and the Contract Documents, or for nonconformities of the Contract Documents to applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities.

§ 3.3 Supervision and Construction Procedures

§ 3.3.1 The Contractor shall supervise and direct the Work, using the Contractor's best skill and attention. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for, and have control over, construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures, and for coordinating all portions of the Work under the Contract. If the Contract Documents give specific instructions concerning construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, the Contractor shall evaluate the jobsite safety thereof and shall be solely responsible for the jobsite safety of such means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures. If the Contractor determines that such means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures may not be safe, the Contractor shall give timely notice to the Owner and Architect, and shall propose alternative means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures. The Architect shall evaluate the proposed alternative solely for conformance with the design intent for the completed construction. Unless the Architect objects to the Contractor's proposed alternative, the Contractor shall perform the Work using its alternative means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures.

§ 3.3.2 The Contractor shall be responsible to the Owner for acts and omissions of the Contractor's employees, Subcontractors and their agents and employees, and other persons or entities performing portions of the Work for, or on behalf of, the Contractor or any of its Subcontractors.

§ 3.3.3 The Contractor shall be responsible for inspection of portions of Work already performed to determine that such portions are in proper condition to receive subsequent Work.

§ 3.4 Labor and Materials

§ 3.4.1 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall provide and pay for labor, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery, water, heat, utilities, transportation, and other facilities and services necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work, whether temporary or permanent and whether or not incorporated or to be incorporated in the Work.

§ 3.4.2 Except in the case of minor changes in the Work approved by the Architect in accordance with Section 3.12.8 or ordered by the Architect in accordance with Section 7.4, the Contractor may make substitutions only with the consent of the Owner, after evaluation by the Architect and in accordance with a Change Order or Construction Change Directive.

§ 3.4.3 The Contractor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among the Contractor's employees and other persons carrying out the Work. The Contractor shall not permit employment of unfit persons or persons not properly skilled in tasks assigned to them.

§ 3.5 Warranty

§ 3.5.1 The Contractor warrants to the Owner and Architect that materials and equipment furnished under the Contract will be of good quality and new unless the Contract Documents require or permit otherwise. The Contractor further warrants that the Work will conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents and will be free from defects, except for those inherent in the quality of the Work the Contract Documents require or permit. Work, materials, or equipment not conforming to these requirements may be considered defective. The Contractor's warranty excludes remedy for damage or defect caused by abuse, alterations to the Work not executed by the Contractor, improper or insufficient maintenance, improper operation, or normal wear and tear and normal usage. If required by the Architect, the Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment.

§ 3.5.2 All material, equipment, or other special warranties required by the Contract Documents shall be issued in the name of the Owner, or shall be transferable to the Owner, and shall commence in accordance with Section 9.8.4.

§ 3.6 Taxes

The Contractor shall pay sales, consumer, use and similar taxes for the Work provided by the Contractor that are legally enacted when bids are received or negotiations concluded, whether or not yet effective or merely scheduled to go into effect.

§ 3.7 Permits, Fees, Notices and Compliance with Laws

§ 3.7.1 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall secure and pay for the building permit as well as for other permits, fees, licenses, and inspections by government agencies necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work that are customarily secured after execution of the Contract and legally required at the time bids are received or negotiations concluded.

§ 3.7.2 The Contractor shall comply with and give notices required by applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities applicable to performance of the Work.

§ 3.7.3 If the Contractor performs Work knowing it to be contrary to applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of public authorities, the Contractor shall assume appropriate responsibility for such Work and shall bear the costs attributable to correction.

§ 3.7.4 Concealed or Unknown Conditions

If the Contractor encounters conditions at the site that are (1) subsurface or otherwise concealed physical conditions that differ materially from those indicated in the Contract Documents or (2) unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature that differ materially from those ordinarily found to exist and generally recognized as inherent in construction activities of the character provided for in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall promptly provide notice to the Owner and the Architect before conditions are disturbed and in no event later than 14 days after first observance of the conditions. The Architect will promptly investigate such conditions and, if the Architect determines that they differ materially and cause an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of any part of the Work, will recommend that an equitable adjustment be made in the Contract Sum or Contract Time, or both. If the Architect determines that the conditions at the site are not materially different from those indicated in the Contract Documents and that no change in the terms of the Contract is justified, the Architect shall promptly notify the Owner and Contractor, stating the reasons. If either party disputes the Architect's determination or recommendation, that party may submit a Claim as provided in Article 15.

§ 3.7.5 If, in the course of the Work, the Contractor encounters human remains or recognizes the existence of burial markers, archaeological sites or wetlands not indicated in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall immediately

suspend any operations that would affect them and shall notify the Owner and Architect. Upon receipt of such notice, the Owner shall promptly take any action necessary to obtain governmental authorization required to resume the operations. The Contractor shall continue to suspend such operations until otherwise instructed by the Owner but shall continue with all other operations that do not affect those remains or features. Requests for adjustments in the Contract Sum and Contract Time arising from the existence of such remains or features may be made as provided in Article 15.

§ 3.8 Allowances

§ 3.8.1 The Contractor shall include in the Contract Sum all allowances stated in the Contract Documents. Items covered by allowances shall be supplied for such amounts and by such persons or entities as the Owner may direct, but the Contractor shall not be required to employ persons or entities to whom the Contractor has reasonable objection.

§ 3.8.2 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents,

- .1 allowances shall cover the cost to the Contractor of materials and equipment delivered at the site and all required taxes, less applicable trade discounts;
- .2 Contractor's costs for unloading and handling at the site, labor, installation costs, overhead, profit, and other expenses contemplated for stated allowance amounts shall be included in the Contract Sum but not in the allowances; and
- .3 whenever costs are more than or less than allowances, the Contract Sum shall be adjusted accordingly by Change Order. The amount of the Change Order shall reflect (1) the difference between actual costs and the allowances under Section 3.8.2.1 and (2) changes in Contractor's costs under Section 3.8.2.2.

§ 3.8.3 Materials and equipment under an allowance shall be selected by the Owner with reasonable promptness.

§ 3.9 Superintendent

§ 3.9.1 The Contractor shall employ a competent superintendent and necessary assistants who shall be in attendance at the Project site during performance of the Work. The superintendent shall represent the Contractor, and communications given to the superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the Contractor.

§ 3.9.2 The Contractor, as soon as practicable after award of the Contract, shall notify the Owner and Architect of the name and qualifications of a proposed superintendent. Within 14 days of receipt of the information, the Architect may notify the Contractor, stating whether the Owner or the Architect (1) has reasonable objection to the proposed superintendent or (2) requires additional time for review. Failure of the Architect to provide notice within the 14-day period shall constitute notice of no reasonable objection.

§ 3.9.3 The Contractor shall not employ a proposed superintendent to whom the Owner or Architect has made reasonable and timely objection. The Contractor shall not change the superintendent without the Owner's consent, which shall not unreasonably be withheld or delayed.

§ 3.10 Contractor's Construction and Submittal Schedules

§ 3.10.1 The Contractor, promptly after being awarded the Contract, shall submit for the Owner's and Architect's information a Contractor's construction schedule for the Work. The schedule shall contain detail appropriate for the Project, including (1) the date of commencement of the Work, interim schedule milestone dates, and the date of Substantial Completion; (2) an apportionment of the Work by construction activity; and (3) the time required for completion of each portion of the Work. The schedule shall provide for the orderly progression of the Work to completion and shall not exceed time limits current under the Contract Documents. The schedule shall be revised at appropriate intervals as required by the conditions of the Work and Project.

§ 3.10.2 The Contractor, promptly after being awarded the Contract and thereafter as necessary to maintain a current submittal schedule, shall submit a submittal schedule for the Architect's approval. The Architect's approval shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld. The submittal schedule shall (1) be coordinated with the Contractor's construction schedule, and (2) allow the Architect reasonable time to review submittals. If the Contractor fails to submit a submittal schedule, or fails to provide submittals in accordance with the approved submittal schedule, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any increase in Contract Sum or extension of Contract Time based on the time required for review of submittals.

§ 3.10.3 The Contractor shall perform the Work in general accordance with the most recent schedules submitted to the Owner and Architect.

§ 3.11 Documents and Samples at the Site

The Contractor shall make available, at the Project site, the Contract Documents, including Change Orders, Construction Change Directives, and other Modifications, in good order and marked currently to indicate field changes and selections made during construction, and the approved Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, and similar required submittals. These shall be in electronic form or paper copy, available to the Architect and Owner, and delivered to the Architect for submittal to the Owner upon completion of the Work as a record of the Work as constructed.

§ 3.12 Shop Drawings, Product Data and Samples

§ 3.12.1 Shop Drawings are drawings, diagrams, schedules, and other data specially prepared for the Work by the Contractor or a Subcontractor, Sub-subcontractor, manufacturer, supplier, or distributor to illustrate some portion of the Work.

§ 3.12.2 Product Data are illustrations, standard schedules, performance charts, instructions, brochures, diagrams, and other information furnished by the Contractor to illustrate materials or equipment for some portion of the Work.

§ 3.12.3 Samples are physical examples that illustrate materials, equipment, or workmanship, and establish standards by which the Work will be judged.

§ 3.12.4 Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, and similar submittals are not Contract Documents. Their purpose is to demonstrate how the Contractor proposes to conform to the information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents for those portions of the Work for which the Contract Documents require submittals. Review by the Architect is subject to the limitations of Section 4.2.7. Informational submittals upon which the Architect is not expected to take responsive action may be so identified in the Contract Documents. Submittals that are not required by the Contract Documents may be returned by the Architect without action.

§ 3.12.5 The Contractor shall review for compliance with the Contract Documents, approve, and submit to the Architect, Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, and similar submittals required by the Contract Documents, in accordance with the submittal schedule approved by the Architect or, in the absence of an approved submittal schedule, with reasonable promptness and in such sequence as to cause no delay in the Work or in the activities of the Owner or of Separate Contractors.

§ 3.12.6 By submitting Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, and similar submittals, the Contractor represents to the Owner and Architect that the Contractor has (1) reviewed and approved them, (2) determined and verified materials, field measurements and field construction criteria related thereto, or will do so, and (3) checked and coordinated the information contained within such submittals with the requirements of the Work and of the Contract Documents.

§ 3.12.7 The Contractor shall perform no portion of the Work for which the Contract Documents require submittal and review of Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, or similar submittals, until the respective submittal has been approved by the Architect.

§ 3.12.8 The Work shall be in accordance with approved submittals except that the Contractor shall not be relieved of responsibility for deviations from the requirements of the Contract Documents by the Architect's approval of Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, or similar submittals, unless the Contractor has specifically notified the Architect of such deviation at the time of submittal and (1) the Architect has given written approval to the specific deviation as a minor change in the Work, or (2) a Change Order or Construction Change Directive has been issued authorizing the deviation. The Contractor shall not be relieved of responsibility for errors or omissions in Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, or similar submittals, by the Architect's approval thereof.

§ 3.12.9 The Contractor shall direct specific attention, in writing or on resubmitted Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, or similar submittals, to revisions other than those requested by the Architect on previous submittals. In the absence of such notice, the Architect's approval of a resubmission shall not apply to such revisions.

§ 3.12.10 The Contractor shall not be required to provide professional services that constitute the practice of architecture or engineering unless such services are specifically required by the Contract Documents for a portion of the Work or unless the Contractor needs to provide such services in order to carry out the Contractor's responsibilities for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures. The Contractor shall not be required to provide professional services in violation of applicable law.

§ 3.12.10.1 If professional design services or certifications by a design professional related to systems, materials, or equipment are specifically required of the Contractor by the Contract Documents, the Owner and the Architect will specify all performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy. The Contractor shall be entitled to rely upon the adequacy and accuracy of the performance and design criteria provided in the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall cause such services or certifications to be provided by an appropriately licensed design professional, whose signature and seal shall appear on all drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications, Shop Drawings, and other submittals prepared by such professional. Shop Drawings, and other submittals related to the Work, designed or certified by such professional, if prepared by others, shall bear such professional's written approval when submitted to the Architect. The Owner and the Architect shall be entitled to rely upon the adequacy and accuracy of the services, certifications, and approvals performed or provided by such design professionals, provided the Owner and Architect have specified to the Contractor the performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy. Pursuant to this Section 3.12.10, the Architect will review and approve or take other appropriate action on submittals only for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents.

§ 3.12.10.2 If the Contract Documents require the Contractor's design professional to certify that the Work has been performed in accordance with the design criteria, the Contractor shall furnish such certifications to the Architect at the time and in the form specified by the Architect.

§ 3.13 Use of Site

The Contractor shall confine operations at the site to areas permitted by applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, lawful orders of public authorities, and the Contract Documents and shall not unreasonably encumber the site with materials or equipment.

§ 3.14 Cutting and Patching

§ 3.14.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for cutting, fitting, or patching required to complete the Work or to make its parts fit together properly. All areas requiring cutting, fitting, or patching shall be restored to the condition existing prior to the cutting, fitting, or patching, unless otherwise required by the Contract Documents.

§ 3.14.2 The Contractor shall not damage or endanger a portion of the Work or fully or partially completed construction of the Owner or Separate Contractors by cutting, patching, or otherwise altering such construction, or by excavation. The Contractor shall not cut or otherwise alter construction by the Owner or a Separate Contractor except with written consent of the Owner and of the Separate Contractor. Consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Contractor shall not unreasonably withhold, from the Owner or a Separate Contractor, its consent to cutting or otherwise altering the Work.

§ 3.15 Cleaning Up

§ 3.15.1 The Contractor shall keep the premises and surrounding area free from accumulation of waste materials and rubbish caused by operations under the Contract. At completion of the Work, the Contractor shall remove waste materials, rubbish, the Contractor's tools, construction equipment, machinery, and surplus materials from and about the Project.

§ 3.15.2 If the Contractor fails to clean up as provided in the Contract Documents, the Owner may do so and the Owner shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Contractor.

§ 3.16 Access to Work

The Contractor shall provide the Owner and Architect with access to the Work in preparation and progress wherever located.

§ 3.17 Royalties, Patents and Copyrights

The Contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees. The Contractor shall defend suits or claims for infringement of copyrights and patent rights and shall hold the Owner and Architect harmless from loss on account thereof, but shall not be responsible for defense or loss when a particular design, process, or product of a particular manufacturer or manufacturers is required by the Contract Documents, or where the copyright violations are contained in Drawings, Specifications, or other documents prepared by the Owner or Architect. However, if an infringement of a copyright or patent is discovered by, or made known to, the Contractor, the Contractor shall be responsible for the loss unless the information is promptly furnished to the Architect.

§ 3.18 Indemnification

§ 3.18.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner, Architect, Architect's consultants, and agents and employees of any of them from and against claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the Work, provided that such claim, damage, loss, or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself), but only to the extent caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss, or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or reduce other rights or obligations of indemnity that would otherwise exist as to a party or person described in this Section 3.18.

§ 3.18.2 In claims against any person or entity indemnified under this Section 3.18 by an employee of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, the indemnification obligation under Section 3.18.1 shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or a Subcontractor under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.

ARTICLE 4 ARCHITECT

§ 4.1 General

§ 4.1.1 The Architect is the person or entity retained by the Owner pursuant to Section 2.3.2 and identified as such in the Agreement.

§ 4.1.2 Duties, responsibilities, and limitations of authority of the Architect as set forth in the Contract Documents shall not be restricted, modified, or extended without written consent of the Owner, Contractor, and Architect. Consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

§ 4.2 Administration of the Contract

§ 4.2.1 The Architect will provide administration of the Contract as described in the Contract Documents and will be an Owner's representative during construction until the date the Architect issues the final Certificate for Payment. The Architect will have authority to act on behalf of the Owner only to the extent provided in the Contract Documents.

§ 4.2.2 The Architect will visit the site at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction, or as otherwise agreed with the Owner, to become generally familiar with the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, and to determine in general if the Work observed is being performed in a manner indicating that the Work, when fully completed, will be in accordance with the Contract Documents. However, the Architect will not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work. The Architect will not have control over, charge of, or responsibility for the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or for the safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, since these are solely the Contractor's rights and responsibilities under the Contract Documents.

§ 4.2.3 On the basis of the site visits, the Architect will keep the Owner reasonably informed about the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, and promptly report to the Owner (1) known deviations from the Contract Documents, (2) known deviations from the most recent construction schedule submitted by the Contractor, and (3) defects and deficiencies observed in the Work. The Architect will not be responsible for the Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Architect will not

have control over or charge of, and will not be responsible for acts or omissions of, the Contractor, Subcontractors, or their agents or employees, or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work.

§ 4.2.4 Communications

The Owner and Contractor shall include the Architect in all communications that relate to or affect the Architect's services or professional responsibilities. The Owner shall promptly notify the Architect of the substance of any direct communications between the Owner and the Contractor otherwise relating to the Project. Communications by and with the Architect's consultants shall be through the Architect. Communications by and with Subcontractors and suppliers shall be through the Contractor. Communications by and with Separate Contractors shall be through the Owner. The Contract Documents may specify other communication protocols.

§ 4.2.5 Based on the Architect's evaluations of the Contractor's Applications for Payment, the Architect will review and certify the amounts due the Contractor and will issue Certificates for Payment in such amounts.

§ 4.2.6 The Architect has authority to reject Work that does not conform to the Contract Documents. Whenever the Architect considers it necessary or advisable, the Architect will have authority to require inspection or testing of the Work in accordance with Sections 13.4.2 and 13.4.3, whether or not the Work is fabricated, installed or completed. However, neither this authority of the Architect nor a decision made in good faith either to exercise or not to exercise such authority shall give rise to a duty or responsibility of the Architect to the Contractor, Subcontractors, suppliers, their agents or employees, or other persons or entities performing portions of the Work.

§ 4.2.7 The Architect will review and approve, or take other appropriate action upon, the Contractor's submittals such as Shop Drawings, Product Data, and Samples, but only for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents. The Architect's action will be taken in accordance with the submittal schedule approved by the Architect or, in the absence of an approved submittal schedule, with reasonable promptness while allowing sufficient time in the Architect's professional judgment to permit adequate review. Review of such submittals is not conducted for the purpose of determining the accuracy and completeness of other details such as dimensions and quantities, or for substantiating instructions for installation or performance of equipment or systems, all of which remain the responsibility of the Contractor as required by the Contract Documents. The Architect's review of the Contractor's submittals shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligations under Sections 3.3, 3.5, and 3.12. The Architect's review shall not constitute approval of safety precautions or of any construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures. The Architect's approval of a specific item shall not indicate approval of an assembly of which the item is a component.

§ 4.2.8 The Architect will prepare Change Orders and Construction Change Directives, and may order minor changes in the Work as provided in Section 7.4. The Architect will investigate and make determinations and recommendations regarding concealed and unknown conditions as provided in Section 3.7.4.

§ 4.2.9 The Architect will conduct inspections to determine the date or dates of Substantial Completion and the date of final completion; issue Certificates of Substantial Completion pursuant to Section 9.8; receive and forward to the Owner, for the Owner's review and records, written warranties and related documents required by the Contract and assembled by the Contractor pursuant to Section 9.10; and issue a final Certificate for Payment pursuant to Section 9.10.

§ 4.2.10 If the Owner and Architect agree, the Architect will provide one or more Project representatives to assist in carrying out the Architect's responsibilities at the site. The Owner shall notify the Contractor of any change in the duties, responsibilities and limitations of authority of the Project representatives.

§ 4.2.11 The Architect will interpret and decide matters concerning performance under, and requirements of, the Contract Documents on written request of either the Owner or Contractor. The Architect's response to such requests will be made in writing within any time limits agreed upon or otherwise with reasonable promptness.

§ 4.2.12 Interpretations and decisions of the Architect will be consistent with the intent of, and reasonably inferable from, the Contract Documents and will be in writing or in the form of drawings. When making such interpretations and decisions, the Architect will endeavor to secure faithful performance by both Owner and Contractor, will not show partiality to either, and will not be liable for results of interpretations or decisions rendered in good faith.

§ 4.2.13 The Architect's decisions on matters relating to aesthetic effect will be final if consistent with the intent expressed in the Contract Documents.

§ 4.2.14 The Architect will review and respond to requests for information about the Contract Documents. The Architect's response to such requests will be made in writing within any time limits agreed upon or otherwise with reasonable promptness. If appropriate, the Architect will prepare and issue supplemental Drawings and Specifications in response to the requests for information.

ARTICLE 5 SUBCONTRACTORS

§ 5.1 Definitions

§ 5.1.1 A Subcontractor is a person or entity who has a direct contract with the Contractor to perform a portion of the Work at the site. The term "Subcontractor" is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and means a Subcontractor or an authorized representative of the Subcontractor. The term "Subcontractor" does not include a Separate Contractor or the subcontractors of a Separate Contractor.

§ 5.1.2 A Sub-subcontractor is a person or entity who has a direct or indirect contract with a Subcontractor to perform a portion of the Work at the site. The term "Sub-subcontractor" is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and means a Sub-subcontractor or an authorized representative of the Sub-subcontractor.

§ 5.2 Award of Subcontracts and Other Contracts for Portions of the Work

§ 5.2.1 Unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, the Contractor, as soon as practicable after award of the Contract, shall notify the Owner and Architect of the persons or entities proposed for each principal portion of the Work, including those who are to furnish materials or equipment fabricated to a special design. Within 14 days of receipt of the information, the Architect may notify the Contractor whether the Owner or the Architect (1) has reasonable objection to any such proposed person or entity or (2) requires additional time for review. Failure of the Architect to provide notice within the 14-day period shall constitute notice of no reasonable objection.

§ 5.2.2 The Contractor shall not contract with a proposed person or entity to whom the Owner or Architect has made reasonable and timely objection. The Contractor shall not be required to contract with anyone to whom the Contractor has made reasonable objection.

§ 5.2.3 If the Owner or Architect has reasonable objection to a person or entity proposed by the Contractor, the Contractor shall propose another to whom the Owner or Architect has no reasonable objection. If the proposed but rejected Subcontractor was reasonably capable of performing the Work, the Contract Sum and Contract Time shall be increased or decreased by the difference, if any, occasioned by such change, and an appropriate Change Order shall be issued before commencement of the substitute Subcontractor's Work. However, no increase in the Contract Sum or Contract Time shall be allowed for such change unless the Contractor has acted promptly and responsively in submitting names as required.

§ 5.2.4 The Contractor shall not substitute a Subcontractor, person, or entity for one previously selected if the Owner or Architect makes reasonable objection to such substitution.

§ 5.3 Subcontractual Relations

By appropriate written agreement, the Contractor shall require each Subcontractor, to the extent of the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor, to be bound to the Contractor by terms of the Contract Documents, and to assume toward the Contractor all the obligations and responsibilities, including the responsibility for safety of the Subcontractor's Work that the Contractor, by these Contract Documents, assumes toward the Owner and Architect. Each subcontract agreement shall preserve and protect the rights of the Owner and Architect under the Contract Documents with respect to the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor so that subcontracting thereof will not prejudice such rights, and shall allow to the Subcontractor, unless specifically provided otherwise in the subcontract agreement, the benefit of all rights, remedies, and redress against the Contractor that the Contractor, by the Contract Documents, has against the Owner. Where appropriate, the Contractor shall require each Subcontractor to enter into similar agreements with Sub-subcontractors. The Contractor shall make available to each proposed Subcontractor, prior to the execution of the subcontract agreement, copies of the Contract Documents to which the Subcontractor will be bound, and, upon written request of the Subcontractor, identify to the Subcontractor terms and conditions of the proposed subcontract agreement that may be at variance with the Contract Documents. Subcontractors will

similarly make copies of applicable portions of such documents available to their respective proposed Sub-subcontractors.

§ 5.4 Contingent Assignment of Subcontracts

§ 5.4.1 Each subcontract agreement for a portion of the Work is assigned by the Contractor to the Owner, provided that

- .1 assignment is effective only after termination of the Contract by the Owner for cause pursuant to Section 14.2 and only for those subcontract agreements that the Owner accepts by notifying the Subcontractor and Contractor; and
- .2 assignment is subject to the prior rights of the surety, if any, obligated under bond relating to the Contract.

When the Owner accepts the assignment of a subcontract agreement, the Owner assumes the Contractor's rights and obligations under the subcontract.

§ 5.4.2 Upon such assignment, if the Work has been suspended for more than 30 days, the Subcontractor's compensation shall be equitably adjusted for increases in cost resulting from the suspension.

§ 5.4.3 Upon assignment to the Owner under this Section 5.4, the Owner may further assign the subcontract to a successor contractor or other entity. If the Owner assigns the subcontract to a successor contractor or other entity, the Owner shall nevertheless remain legally responsible for all of the successor contractor's obligations under the subcontract.

ARTICLE 6 CONSTRUCTION BY OWNER OR BY SEPARATE CONTRACTORS

§ 6.1 Owner's Right to Perform Construction and to Award Separate Contracts

§ 6.1.1 The term "Separate Contractor(s)" shall mean other contractors retained by the Owner under separate agreements. The Owner reserves the right to perform construction or operations related to the Project with the Owner's own forces, and with Separate Contractors retained under Conditions of the Contract substantially similar to those of this Contract, including those provisions of the Conditions of the Contract related to insurance and waiver of subrogation.

§ 6.1.2 When separate contracts are awarded for different portions of the Project or other construction or operations on the site, the term "Contractor" in the Contract Documents in each case shall mean the Contractor who executes each separate Owner-Contractor Agreement.

§ 6.1.3 The Owner shall provide for coordination of the activities of the Owner's own forces and of each Separate Contractor with the Work of the Contractor, who shall cooperate with them. The Contractor shall participate with any Separate Contractors and the Owner in reviewing their construction schedules. The Contractor shall make any revisions to its construction schedule deemed necessary after a joint review and mutual agreement. The construction schedules shall then constitute the schedules to be used by the Contractor, Separate Contractors, and the Owner until subsequently revised.

§ 6.1.4 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, when the Owner performs construction or operations related to the Project with the Owner's own forces or with Separate Contractors, the Owner or its Separate Contractors shall have the same obligations and rights that the Contractor has under the Conditions of the Contract, including, without excluding others, those stated in Article 3, this Article 6, and Articles 10, 11, and 12.

§ 6.2 Mutual Responsibility

§ 6.2.1 The Contractor shall afford the Owner and Separate Contractors reasonable opportunity for introduction and storage of their materials and equipment and performance of their activities, and shall connect and coordinate the Contractor's construction and operations with theirs as required by the Contract Documents.

§ 6.2.2 If part of the Contractor's Work depends for proper execution or results upon construction or operations by the Owner or a Separate Contractor, the Contractor shall, prior to proceeding with that portion of the Work, promptly notify the Architect of apparent discrepancies or defects in the construction or operations by the Owner or Separate Contractor that would render it unsuitable for proper execution and results of the Contractor's Work. Failure of the Contractor to notify the Architect of apparent discrepancies or defects prior to proceeding with the

Work shall constitute an acknowledgment that the Owner's or Separate Contractor's completed or partially completed construction is fit and proper to receive the Contractor's Work. The Contractor shall not be responsible for discrepancies or defects in the construction or operations by the Owner or Separate Contractor that are not apparent.

§ 6.2.3 The Contractor shall reimburse the Owner for costs the Owner incurs that are payable to a Separate Contractor because of the Contractor's delays, improperly timed activities or defective construction. The Owner shall be responsible to the Contractor for costs the Contractor incurs because of a Separate Contractor's delays, improperly timed activities, damage to the Work or defective construction.

§ 6.2.4 The Contractor shall promptly remedy damage that the Contractor wrongfully causes to completed or partially completed construction or to property of the Owner or Separate Contractor as provided in Section 10.2.5.

§ 6.2.5 The Owner and each Separate Contractor shall have the same responsibilities for cutting and patching as are described for the Contractor in Section 3.14.

§ 6.3 Owner's Right to Clean Up

If a dispute arises among the Contractor, Separate Contractors, and the Owner as to the responsibility under their respective contracts for maintaining the premises and surrounding area free from waste materials and rubbish, the Owner may clean up and the Architect will allocate the cost among those responsible.

ARTICLE 7 CHANGES IN THE WORK

§ 7.1 General

§ 7.1.1 Changes in the Work may be accomplished after execution of the Contract, and without invalidating the Contract, by Change Order, Construction Change Directive or order for a minor change in the Work, subject to the limitations stated in this Article 7 and elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

§ 7.1.2 A Change Order shall be based upon agreement among the Owner, Contractor, and Architect. A Construction Change Directive requires agreement by the Owner and Architect and may or may not be agreed to by the Contractor. An order for a minor change in the Work may be issued by the Architect alone.

§ 7.1.3 Changes in the Work shall be performed under applicable provisions of the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall proceed promptly with changes in the Work, unless otherwise provided in the Change Order, Construction Change Directive, or order for a minor change in the Work.

§ 7.2 Change Orders

§ 7.2.1 A Change Order is a written instrument prepared by the Architect and signed by the Owner, Contractor, and Architect stating their agreement upon all of the following:

- .1 The change in the Work;
- .2 The amount of the adjustment, if any, in the Contract Sum; and
- .3 The extent of the adjustment, if any, in the Contract Time.

§ 7.3 Construction Change Directives

§ 7.3.1 A Construction Change Directive is a written order prepared by the Architect and signed by the Owner and Architect, directing a change in the Work prior to agreement on adjustment, if any, in the Contract Sum or Contract Time, or both. The Owner may by Construction Change Directive, without invalidating the Contract, order changes in the Work within the general scope of the Contract consisting of additions, deletions, or other revisions, the Contract Sum and Contract Time being adjusted accordingly.

§ 7.3.2 A Construction Change Directive shall be used in the absence of total agreement on the terms of a Change Order.

§ 7.3.3 If the Construction Change Directive provides for an adjustment to the Contract Sum, the adjustment shall be based on one of the following methods:

- .1 Mutual acceptance of a lump sum properly itemized and supported by sufficient substantiating data to permit evaluation;
- .2 Unit prices stated in the Contract Documents or subsequently agreed upon;

- .3 Cost to be determined in a manner agreed upon by the parties and a mutually acceptable fixed or percentage fee; or
- .4 As provided in Section 7.3.4.

§ 7.3.4 If the Contractor does not respond promptly or disagrees with the method for adjustment in the Contract Sum, the Architect shall determine the adjustment on the basis of reasonable expenditures and savings of those performing the Work attributable to the change, including, in case of an increase in the Contract Sum, an amount for overhead and profit as set forth in the Agreement, or if no such amount is set forth in the Agreement, a reasonable amount. In such case, and also under Section 7.3.3.3, the Contractor shall keep and present, in such form as the Architect may prescribe, an itemized accounting together with appropriate supporting data. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, costs for the purposes of this Section 7.3.4 shall be limited to the following:

- .1 Costs of labor, including applicable payroll taxes, fringe benefits required by agreement or custom, workers' compensation insurance, and other employee costs approved by the Architect;
- .2 Costs of materials, supplies, and equipment, including cost of transportation, whether incorporated or consumed;
- .3 Rental costs of machinery and equipment, exclusive of hand tools, whether rented from the Contractor or others;
- .4 Costs of premiums for all bonds and insurance, permit fees, and sales, use, or similar taxes, directly related to the change; and
- .5 Costs of supervision and field office personnel directly attributable to the change.

§ 7.3.5 If the Contractor disagrees with the adjustment in the Contract Time, the Contractor may make a Claim in accordance with applicable provisions of Article 15.

§ 7.3.6 Upon receipt of a Construction Change Directive, the Contractor shall promptly proceed with the change in the Work involved and advise the Architect of the Contractor's agreement or disagreement with the method, if any, provided in the Construction Change Directive for determining the proposed adjustment in the Contract Sum or Contract Time.

§ 7.3.7 A Construction Change Directive signed by the Contractor indicates the Contractor's agreement therewith, including adjustment in Contract Sum and Contract Time or the method for determining them. Such agreement shall be effective immediately and shall be recorded as a Change Order.

§ 7.3.8 The amount of credit to be allowed by the Contractor to the Owner for a deletion or change that results in a net decrease in the Contract Sum shall be actual net cost as confirmed by the Architect. When both additions and credits covering related Work or substitutions are involved in a change, the allowance for overhead and profit shall be figured on the basis of net increase, if any, with respect to that change.

§ 7.3.9 Pending final determination of the total cost of a Construction Change Directive to the Owner, the Contractor may request payment for Work completed under the Construction Change Directive in Applications for Payment. The Architect will make an interim determination for purposes of monthly certification for payment for those costs and certify for payment the amount that the Architect determines, in the Architect's professional judgment, to be reasonably justified. The Architect's interim determination of cost shall adjust the Contract Sum on the same basis as a Change Order, subject to the right of either party to disagree and assert a Claim in accordance with Article 15.

§ 7.3.10 When the Owner and Contractor agree with a determination made by the Architect concerning the adjustments in the Contract Sum and Contract Time, or otherwise reach agreement upon the adjustments, such agreement shall be effective immediately and the Architect will prepare a Change Order. Change Orders may be issued for all or any part of a Construction Change Directive.

§ 7.4 Minor Changes in the Work

The Architect may order minor changes in the Work that are consistent with the intent of the Contract Documents and do not involve an adjustment in the Contract Sum or an extension of the Contract Time. The Architect's order for minor changes shall be in writing. If the Contractor believes that the proposed minor change in the Work will affect the Contract Sum or Contract Time, the Contractor shall notify the Architect and shall not proceed to implement the change in the Work. If the Contractor performs the Work set forth in the Architect's order for a minor

change without prior notice to the Architect that such change will affect the Contract Sum or Contract Time, the Contractor waives any adjustment to the Contract Sum or extension of the Contract Time.

ARTICLE 8 TIME

§ 8.1 Definitions

§ 8.1.1 Unless otherwise provided, Contract Time is the period of time, including authorized adjustments, allotted in the Contract Documents for Substantial Completion of the Work.

§ 8.1.2 The date of commencement of the Work is the date established in the Agreement.

§ 8.1.3 The date of Substantial Completion is the date certified by the Architect in accordance with Section 9.8.

§ 8.1.4 The term “day” as used in the Contract Documents shall mean calendar day unless otherwise specifically defined.

§ 8.2 Progress and Completion

§ 8.2.1 Time limits stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Contract. By executing the Agreement, the Contractor confirms that the Contract Time is a reasonable period for performing the Work.

§ 8.2.2 The Contractor shall not knowingly, except by agreement or instruction of the Owner in writing, commence the Work prior to the effective date of insurance required to be furnished by the Contractor and Owner.

§ 8.2.3 The Contractor shall proceed expeditiously with adequate forces and shall achieve Substantial Completion within the Contract Time.

§ 8.3 Delays and Extensions of Time

§ 8.3.1 If the Contractor is delayed at any time in the commencement or progress of the Work by (1) an act or neglect of the Owner or Architect, of an employee of either, or of a Separate Contractor; (2) by changes ordered in the Work; (3) by labor disputes, fire, unusual delay in deliveries, unavoidable casualties, adverse weather conditions documented in accordance with Section 15.1.6.2, or other causes beyond the Contractor’s control; (4) by delay authorized by the Owner pending mediation and binding dispute resolution; or (5) by other causes that the Contractor asserts, and the Architect determines, justify delay, then the Contract Time shall be extended for such reasonable time as the Architect may determine.

§ 8.3.2 Claims relating to time shall be made in accordance with applicable provisions of Article 15.

§ 8.3.3 This Section 8.3 does not preclude recovery of damages for delay by either party under other provisions of the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 9 PAYMENTS AND COMPLETION

§ 9.1 Contract Sum

§ 9.1.1 The Contract Sum is stated in the Agreement and, including authorized adjustments, is the total amount payable by the Owner to the Contractor for performance of the Work under the Contract Documents.

§ 9.1.2 If unit prices are stated in the Contract Documents or subsequently agreed upon, and if quantities originally contemplated are materially changed so that application of such unit prices to the actual quantities causes substantial inequity to the Owner or Contractor, the applicable unit prices shall be equitably adjusted.

§ 9.2 Schedule of Values

Where the Contract is based on a stipulated sum or Guaranteed Maximum Price, the Contractor shall submit a schedule of values to the Architect before the first Application for Payment, allocating the entire Contract Sum to the various portions of the Work. The schedule of values shall be prepared in the form, and supported by the data to substantiate its accuracy, required by the Architect. This schedule, unless objected to by the Architect, shall be used as a basis for reviewing the Contractor’s Applications for Payment. Any changes to the schedule of values shall be submitted to the Architect and supported by such data to substantiate its accuracy as the Architect may require, and unless objected to by the Architect, shall be used as a basis for reviewing the Contractor’s subsequent Applications for Payment.

§ 9.3 Applications for Payment

§ 9.3.1 At least ten days before the date established for each progress payment, the Contractor shall submit to the Architect an itemized Application for Payment prepared in accordance with the schedule of values, if required under Section 9.2, for completed portions of the Work. The application shall be notarized, if required, and supported by all data substantiating the Contractor's right to payment that the Owner or Architect require, such as copies of requisitions, and releases and waivers of liens from Subcontractors and suppliers, and shall reflect retainage if provided for in the Contract Documents.

§ 9.3.1.1 As provided in Section 7.3.9, such applications may include requests for payment on account of changes in the Work that have been properly authorized by Construction Change Directives, or by interim determinations of the Architect, but not yet included in Change Orders.

§ 9.3.1.2 Applications for Payment shall not include requests for payment for portions of the Work for which the Contractor does not intend to pay a Subcontractor or supplier, unless such Work has been performed by others whom the Contractor intends to pay.

§ 9.3.2 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, payments shall be made on account of materials and equipment delivered and suitably stored at the site for subsequent incorporation in the Work. If approved in advance by the Owner, payment may similarly be made for materials and equipment suitably stored off the site at a location agreed upon in writing. Payment for materials and equipment stored on or off the site shall be conditioned upon compliance by the Contractor with procedures satisfactory to the Owner to establish the Owner's title to such materials and equipment or otherwise protect the Owner's interest, and shall include the costs of applicable insurance, storage, and transportation to the site, for such materials and equipment stored off the site.

§ 9.3.3 The Contractor warrants that title to all Work covered by an Application for Payment will pass to the Owner no later than the time of payment. The Contractor further warrants that upon submittal of an Application for Payment all Work for which Certificates for Payment have been previously issued and payments received from the Owner shall, to the best of the Contractor's knowledge, information, and belief, be free and clear of liens, claims, security interests, or encumbrances, in favor of the Contractor, Subcontractors, suppliers, or other persons or entities that provided labor, materials, and equipment relating to the Work.

§ 9.4 Certificates for Payment

§ 9.4.1 The Architect will, within seven days after receipt of the Contractor's Application for Payment, either (1) issue to the Owner a Certificate for Payment in the full amount of the Application for Payment, with a copy to the Contractor; or (2) issue to the Owner a Certificate for Payment for such amount as the Architect determines is properly due, and notify the Contractor and Owner of the Architect's reasons for withholding certification in part as provided in Section 9.5.1; or (3) withhold certification of the entire Application for Payment, and notify the Contractor and Owner of the Architect's reason for withholding certification in whole as provided in Section 9.5.1.

§ 9.4.2 The issuance of a Certificate for Payment will constitute a representation by the Architect to the Owner, based on the Architect's evaluation of the Work and the data in the Application for Payment, that, to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information, and belief, the Work has progressed to the point indicated, the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, and that the Contractor is entitled to payment in the amount certified. The foregoing representations are subject to an evaluation of the Work for conformance with the Contract Documents upon Substantial Completion, to results of subsequent tests and inspections, to correction of minor deviations from the Contract Documents prior to completion, and to specific qualifications expressed by the Architect. However, the issuance of a Certificate for Payment will not be a representation that the Architect has (1) made exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work; (2) reviewed construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures; (3) reviewed copies of requisitions received from Subcontractors and suppliers and other data requested by the Owner to substantiate the Contractor's right to payment; or (4) made examination to ascertain how or for what purpose the Contractor has used money previously paid on account of the Contract Sum.

§ 9.5 Decisions to Withhold Certification

§ 9.5.1 The Architect may withhold a Certificate for Payment in whole or in part, to the extent reasonably necessary to protect the Owner, if in the Architect's opinion the representations to the Owner required by Section 9.4.2 cannot

be made. If the Architect is unable to certify payment in the amount of the Application, the Architect will notify the Contractor and Owner as provided in Section 9.4.1. If the Contractor and Architect cannot agree on a revised amount, the Architect will promptly issue a Certificate for Payment for the amount for which the Architect is able to make such representations to the Owner. The Architect may also withhold a Certificate for Payment or, because of subsequently discovered evidence, may nullify the whole or a part of a Certificate for Payment previously issued, to such extent as may be necessary in the Architect's opinion to protect the Owner from loss for which the Contractor is responsible, including loss resulting from acts and omissions described in Section 3.3.2, because of

- .1 defective Work not remedied;
- .2 third party claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of such claims, unless security acceptable to the Owner is provided by the Contractor;
- .3 failure of the Contractor to make payments properly to Subcontractors or suppliers for labor, materials or equipment;
- .4 reasonable evidence that the Work cannot be completed for the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum;
- .5 damage to the Owner or a Separate Contractor;
- .6 reasonable evidence that the Work will not be completed within the Contract Time, and that the unpaid balance would not be adequate to cover actual or liquidated damages for the anticipated delay; or
- .7 repeated failure to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

§ 9.5.2 When either party disputes the Architect's decision regarding a Certificate for Payment under Section 9.5.1, in whole or in part, that party may submit a Claim in accordance with Article 15.

§ 9.5.3 When the reasons for withholding certification are removed, certification will be made for amounts previously withheld.

§ 9.5.4 If the Architect withholds certification for payment under Section 9.5.1.3, the Owner may, at its sole option, issue joint checks to the Contractor and to any Subcontractor or supplier to whom the Contractor failed to make payment for Work properly performed or material or equipment suitably delivered. If the Owner makes payments by joint check, the Owner shall notify the Architect and the Contractor shall reflect such payment on its next Application for Payment.

§ 9.6 Progress Payments

§ 9.6.1 After the Architect has issued a Certificate for Payment, the Owner shall make payment in the manner and within the time provided in the Contract Documents, and shall so notify the Architect.

§ 9.6.2 The Contractor shall pay each Subcontractor, no later than seven days after receipt of payment from the Owner, the amount to which the Subcontractor is entitled, reflecting percentages actually retained from payments to the Contractor on account of the Subcontractor's portion of the Work. The Contractor shall, by appropriate agreement with each Subcontractor, require each Subcontractor to make payments to Sub-subcontractors in a similar manner.

§ 9.6.3 The Architect will, on request, furnish to a Subcontractor, if practicable, information regarding percentages of completion or amounts applied for by the Contractor and action taken thereon by the Architect and Owner on account of portions of the Work done by such Subcontractor.

§ 9.6.4 The Owner has the right to request written evidence from the Contractor that the Contractor has properly paid Subcontractors and suppliers amounts paid by the Owner to the Contractor for subcontracted Work. If the Contractor fails to furnish such evidence within seven days, the Owner shall have the right to contact Subcontractors and suppliers to ascertain whether they have been properly paid. Neither the Owner nor Architect shall have an obligation to pay, or to see to the payment of money to, a Subcontractor or supplier, except as may otherwise be required by law.

§ 9.6.5 The Contractor's payments to suppliers shall be treated in a manner similar to that provided in Sections 9.6.2, 9.6.3 and 9.6.4.

§ 9.6.6 A Certificate for Payment, a progress payment, or partial or entire use or occupancy of the Project by the Owner shall not constitute acceptance of Work not in accordance with the Contract Documents.

§ 9.6.7 Unless the Contractor provides the Owner with a payment bond in the full penal sum of the Contract Sum, payments received by the Contractor for Work properly performed by Subcontractors or provided by suppliers shall be held by the Contractor for those Subcontractors or suppliers who performed Work or furnished materials, or both, under contract with the Contractor for which payment was made by the Owner. Nothing contained herein shall require money to be placed in a separate account and not commingled with money of the Contractor, create any fiduciary liability or tort liability on the part of the Contractor for breach of trust, or entitle any person or entity to an award of punitive damages against the Contractor for breach of the requirements of this provision.

§ 9.6.8 Provided the Owner has fulfilled its payment obligations under the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall defend and indemnify the Owner from all loss, liability, damage or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees and litigation expenses, arising out of any lien claim or other claim for payment by any Subcontractor or supplier of any tier. Upon receipt of notice of a lien claim or other claim for payment, the Owner shall notify the Contractor. If approved by the applicable court, when required, the Contractor may substitute a surety bond for the property against which the lien or other claim for payment has been asserted.

§ 9.7 Failure of Payment

If the Architect does not issue a Certificate for Payment, through no fault of the Contractor, within seven days after receipt of the Contractor's Application for Payment, or if the Owner does not pay the Contractor within seven days after the date established in the Contract Documents, the amount certified by the Architect or awarded by binding dispute resolution, then the Contractor may, upon seven additional days' notice to the Owner and Architect, stop the Work until payment of the amount owing has been received. The Contract Time shall be extended appropriately and the Contract Sum shall be increased by the amount of the Contractor's reasonable costs of shutdown, delay and start-up, plus interest as provided for in the Contract Documents.

§ 9.8 Substantial Completion

§ 9.8.1 Substantial Completion is the stage in the progress of the Work when the Work or designated portion thereof is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so that the Owner can occupy or utilize the Work for its intended use.

§ 9.8.2 When the Contractor considers that the Work, or a portion thereof which the Owner agrees to accept separately, is substantially complete, the Contractor shall prepare and submit to the Architect a comprehensive list of items to be completed or corrected prior to final payment. Failure to include an item on such list does not alter the responsibility of the Contractor to complete all Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

§ 9.8.3 Upon receipt of the Contractor's list, the Architect will make an inspection to determine whether the Work or designated portion thereof is substantially complete. If the Architect's inspection discloses any item, whether or not included on the Contractor's list, which is not sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so that the Owner can occupy or utilize the Work or designated portion thereof for its intended use, the Contractor shall, before issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion, complete or correct such item upon notification by the Architect. In such case, the Contractor shall then submit a request for another inspection by the Architect to determine Substantial Completion.

§ 9.8.4 When the Work or designated portion thereof is substantially complete, the Architect will prepare a Certificate of Substantial Completion that shall establish the date of Substantial Completion; establish responsibilities of the Owner and Contractor for security, maintenance, heat, utilities, damage to the Work and insurance; and fix the time within which the Contractor shall finish all items on the list accompanying the Certificate. Warranties required by the Contract Documents shall commence on the date of Substantial Completion of the Work or designated portion thereof unless otherwise provided in the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

§ 9.8.5 The Certificate of Substantial Completion shall be submitted to the Owner and Contractor for their written acceptance of responsibilities assigned to them in the Certificate. Upon such acceptance, and consent of surety if any, the Owner shall make payment of retainage applying to the Work or designated portion thereof. Such payment shall be adjusted for Work that is incomplete or not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

§ 9.9 Partial Occupancy or Use

§ 9.9.1 The Owner may occupy or use any completed or partially completed portion of the Work at any stage when such portion is designated by separate agreement with the Contractor, provided such occupancy or use is consented to by the insurer and authorized by public authorities having jurisdiction over the Project. Such partial occupancy or use may commence whether or not the portion is substantially complete, provided the Owner and Contractor have accepted in writing the responsibilities assigned to each of them for payments, retainage, if any, security, maintenance, heat, utilities, damage to the Work and insurance, and have agreed in writing concerning the period for correction of the Work and commencement of warranties required by the Contract Documents. When the Contractor considers a portion substantially complete, the Contractor shall prepare and submit a list to the Architect as provided under Section 9.8.2. Consent of the Contractor to partial occupancy or use shall not be unreasonably withheld. The stage of the progress of the Work shall be determined by written agreement between the Owner and Contractor or, if no agreement is reached, by decision of the Architect.

§ 9.9.2 Immediately prior to such partial occupancy or use, the Owner, Contractor, and Architect shall jointly inspect the area to be occupied or portion of the Work to be used in order to determine and record the condition of the Work.

§ 9.9.3 Unless otherwise agreed upon, partial occupancy or use of a portion or portions of the Work shall not constitute acceptance of Work not complying with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

§ 9.10 Final Completion and Final Payment

§ 9.10.1 Upon receipt of the Contractor's notice that the Work is ready for final inspection and acceptance and upon receipt of a final Application for Payment, the Architect will promptly make such inspection. When the Architect finds the Work acceptable under the Contract Documents and the Contract fully performed, the Architect will promptly issue a final Certificate for Payment stating that to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information and belief, and on the basis of the Architect's on-site visits and inspections, the Work has been completed in accordance with the Contract Documents and that the entire balance found to be due the Contractor and noted in the final Certificate is due and payable. The Architect's final Certificate for Payment will constitute a further representation that conditions listed in Section 9.10.2 as precedent to the Contractor's being entitled to final payment have been fulfilled.

§ 9.10.2 Neither final payment nor any remaining retained percentage shall become due until the Contractor submits to the Architect (1) an affidavit that payrolls, bills for materials and equipment, and other indebtedness connected with the Work for which the Owner or the Owner's property might be responsible or encumbered (less amounts withheld by Owner) have been paid or otherwise satisfied, (2) a certificate evidencing that insurance required by the Contract Documents to remain in force after final payment is currently in effect, (3) a written statement that the Contractor knows of no reason that the insurance will not be renewable to cover the period required by the Contract Documents, (4) consent of surety, if any, to final payment, (5) documentation of any special warranties, such as manufacturers' warranties or specific Subcontractor warranties, and (6) if required by the Owner, other data establishing payment or satisfaction of obligations, such as receipts and releases and waivers of liens, claims, security interests, or encumbrances arising out of the Contract, to the extent and in such form as may be designated by the Owner. If a Subcontractor refuses to furnish a release or waiver required by the Owner, the Contractor may furnish a bond satisfactory to the Owner to indemnify the Owner against such lien, claim, security interest, or encumbrance. If a lien, claim, security interest, or encumbrance remains unsatisfied after payments are made, the Contractor shall refund to the Owner all money that the Owner may be compelled to pay in discharging the lien, claim, security interest, or encumbrance, including all costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

§ 9.10.3 If, after Substantial Completion of the Work, final completion thereof is materially delayed through no fault of the Contractor or by issuance of Change Orders affecting final completion, and the Architect so confirms, the Owner shall, upon application by the Contractor and certification by the Architect, and without terminating the Contract, make payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed, corrected, and accepted. If the remaining balance for Work not fully completed or corrected is less than retainage stipulated in the Contract Documents, and if bonds have been furnished, the written consent of the surety to payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted shall be submitted by the Contractor to the Architect prior to certification of such payment. Such payment shall be made under terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it shall not constitute a waiver of Claims.

§ 9.10.4 The making of final payment shall constitute a waiver of Claims by the Owner except those arising from

- .1 liens, Claims, security interests, or encumbrances arising out of the Contract and unsettled;
- .2 failure of the Work to comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents;
- .3 terms of special warranties required by the Contract Documents; or
- .4 audits performed by the Owner, if permitted by the Contract Documents, after final payment.

§ 9.10.5 Acceptance of final payment by the Contractor, a Subcontractor, or a supplier, shall constitute a waiver of claims by that payee except those previously made in writing and identified by that payee as unsettled at the time of final Application for Payment.

ARTICLE 10 PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

§ 10.1 Safety Precautions and Programs

The Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the performance of the Contract.

§ 10.2 Safety of Persons and Property

§ 10.2.1 The Contractor shall take reasonable precautions for safety of, and shall provide reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to

- .1 employees on the Work and other persons who may be affected thereby;
- .2 the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site, under care, custody, or control of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, or a Sub-subcontractor; and
- .3 other property at the site or adjacent thereto, such as trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, and utilities not designated for removal, relocation, or replacement in the course of construction.

§ 10.2.2 The Contractor shall comply with, and give notices required by applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities, bearing on safety of persons or property or their protection from damage, injury, or loss.

§ 10.2.3 The Contractor shall implement, erect, and maintain, as required by existing conditions and performance of the Contract, reasonable safeguards for safety and protection, including posting danger signs and other warnings against hazards; promulgating safety regulations; and notifying the owners and users of adjacent sites and utilities of the safeguards.

§ 10.2.4 When use or storage of explosives or other hazardous materials or equipment, or unusual methods are necessary for execution of the Work, the Contractor shall exercise utmost care and carry on such activities under supervision of properly qualified personnel.

§ 10.2.5 The Contractor shall promptly remedy damage and loss (other than damage or loss insured under property insurance required by the Contract Documents) to property referred to in Sections 10.2.1.2 and 10.2.1.3 caused in whole or in part by the Contractor, a Subcontractor, a Sub-subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts they may be liable and for which the Contractor is responsible under Sections 10.2.1.2 and 10.2.1.3. The Contractor may make a Claim for the cost to remedy the damage or loss to the extent such damage or loss is attributable to acts or omissions of the Owner or Architect or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, or by anyone for whose acts either of them may be liable, and not attributable to the fault or negligence of the Contractor. The foregoing obligations of the Contractor are in addition to the Contractor's obligations under Section 3.18.

§ 10.2.6 The Contractor shall designate a responsible member of the Contractor's organization at the site whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents. This person shall be the Contractor's superintendent unless otherwise designated by the Contractor in writing to the Owner and Architect.

§ 10.2.7 The Contractor shall not permit any part of the construction or site to be loaded so as to cause damage or create an unsafe condition.

§ 10.2.8 Injury or Damage to Person or Property

If either party suffers injury or damage to person or property because of an act or omission of the other party, or of others for whose acts such party is legally responsible, notice of the injury or damage, whether or not insured, shall be given to the other party within a reasonable time not exceeding 21 days after discovery. The notice shall provide sufficient detail to enable the other party to investigate the matter.

§ 10.3 Hazardous Materials and Substances

§ 10.3.1 The Contractor is responsible for compliance with any requirements included in the Contract Documents regarding hazardous materials or substances. If the Contractor encounters a hazardous material or substance not addressed in the Contract Documents and if reasonable precautions will be inadequate to prevent foreseeable bodily injury or death to persons resulting from a material or substance, including but not limited to asbestos or polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), encountered on the site by the Contractor, the Contractor shall, upon recognizing the condition, immediately stop Work in the affected area and notify the Owner and Architect of the condition.

§ 10.3.2 Upon receipt of the Contractor's notice, the Owner shall obtain the services of a licensed laboratory to verify the presence or absence of the material or substance reported by the Contractor and, in the event such material or substance is found to be present, to cause it to be rendered harmless. Unless otherwise required by the Contract Documents, the Owner shall furnish in writing to the Contractor and Architect the names and qualifications of persons or entities who are to perform tests verifying the presence or absence of the material or substance or who are to perform the task of removal or safe containment of the material or substance. The Contractor and the Architect will promptly reply to the Owner in writing stating whether or not either has reasonable objection to the persons or entities proposed by the Owner. If either the Contractor or Architect has an objection to a person or entity proposed by the Owner, the Owner shall propose another to whom the Contractor and the Architect have no reasonable objection. When the material or substance has been rendered harmless, Work in the affected area shall resume upon written agreement of the Owner and Contractor. By Change Order, the Contract Time shall be extended appropriately and the Contract Sum shall be increased by the amount of the Contractor's reasonable additional costs of shutdown, delay, and start-up.

§ 10.3.3 To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless the Contractor, Subcontractors, Architect, Architect's consultants, and agents and employees of any of them from and against claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the Work in the affected area if in fact the material or substance presents the risk of bodily injury or death as described in Section 10.3.1 and has not been rendered harmless, provided that such claim, damage, loss, or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself), except to the extent that such damage, loss, or expense is due to the fault or negligence of the party seeking indemnity.

§ 10.3.4 The Owner shall not be responsible under this Section 10.3 for hazardous materials or substances the Contractor brings to the site unless such materials or substances are required by the Contract Documents. The Owner shall be responsible for hazardous materials or substances required by the Contract Documents, except to the extent of the Contractor's fault or negligence in the use and handling of such materials or substances.

§ 10.3.5 The Contractor shall reimburse the Owner for the cost and expense the Owner incurs (1) for remediation of hazardous materials or substances the Contractor brings to the site and negligently handles, or (2) where the Contractor fails to perform its obligations under Section 10.3.1, except to the extent that the cost and expense are due to the Owner's fault or negligence.

§ 10.3.6 If, without negligence on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor is held liable by a government agency for the cost of remediation of a hazardous material or substance solely by reason of performing Work as required by the Contract Documents, the Owner shall reimburse the Contractor for all cost and expense thereby incurred.

§ 10.4 Emergencies

In an emergency affecting safety of persons or property, the Contractor shall act, at the Contractor's discretion, to prevent threatened damage, injury, or loss. Additional compensation or extension of time claimed by the Contractor on account of an emergency shall be determined as provided in Article 15 and Article 7.

ARTICLE 11 INSURANCE AND BONDS

§ 11.1 Contractor's Insurance and Bonds

§ 11.1.1 The Contractor shall purchase and maintain insurance of the types and limits of liability, containing the endorsements, and subject to the terms and conditions, as described in the Agreement or elsewhere in the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall purchase and maintain the required insurance from an insurance company or insurance companies lawfully authorized to issue insurance in the jurisdiction where the Project is located. The Owner, Architect, and Architect's consultants shall be named as additional insureds under the Contractor's commercial general liability policy or as otherwise described in the Contract Documents.

§ 11.1.2 The Contractor shall provide surety bonds of the types, for such penal sums, and subject to such terms and conditions as required by the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall purchase and maintain the required bonds from a company or companies lawfully authorized to issue surety bonds in the jurisdiction where the Project is located.

§ 11.1.3 Upon the request of any person or entity appearing to be a potential beneficiary of bonds covering payment of obligations arising under the Contract, the Contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of the bonds or shall authorize a copy to be furnished.

§ 11.1.4 Notice of Cancellation or Expiration of Contractor's Required Insurance. Within three (3) business days of the date the Contractor becomes aware of an impending or actual cancellation or expiration of any insurance required by the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall provide notice to the Owner of such impending or actual cancellation or expiration. Upon receipt of notice from the Contractor, the Owner shall, unless the lapse in coverage arises from an act or omission of the Owner, have the right to stop the Work until the lapse in coverage has been cured by the procurement of replacement coverage by the Contractor. The furnishing of notice by the Contractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any contractual obligation to provide any required coverage.

§ 11.2 Owner's Insurance

§ 11.2.1 The Owner shall purchase and maintain insurance of the types and limits of liability, containing the endorsements, and subject to the terms and conditions, as described in the Agreement or elsewhere in the Contract Documents. The Owner shall purchase and maintain the required insurance from an insurance company or insurance companies lawfully authorized to issue insurance in the jurisdiction where the Project is located.

§ 11.2.2 Failure to Purchase Required Property Insurance. If the Owner fails to purchase and maintain the required property insurance, with all of the coverages and in the amounts described in the Agreement or elsewhere in the Contract Documents, the Owner shall inform the Contractor in writing prior to commencement of the Work. Upon receipt of notice from the Owner, the Contractor may delay commencement of the Work and may obtain insurance that will protect the interests of the Contractor, Subcontractors, and Sub-Subcontractors in the Work. When the failure to provide coverage has been cured or resolved, the Contract Sum and Contract Time shall be equitably adjusted. In the event the Owner fails to procure coverage, the Owner waives all rights against the Contractor, Subcontractors, and Sub-subcontractors to the extent the loss to the Owner would have been covered by the insurance to have been procured by the Owner. The cost of the insurance shall be charged to the Owner by a Change Order. If the Owner does not provide written notice, and the Contractor is damaged by the failure or neglect of the Owner to purchase or maintain the required insurance, the Owner shall reimburse the Contractor for all reasonable costs and damages attributable thereto.

§ 11.2.3 Notice of Cancellation or Expiration of Owner's Required Property Insurance. Within three (3) business days of the date the Owner becomes aware of an impending or actual cancellation or expiration of any property insurance required by the Contract Documents, the Owner shall provide notice to the Contractor of such impending or actual cancellation or expiration. Unless the lapse in coverage arises from an act or omission of the Contractor: (1) the Contractor, upon receipt of notice from the Owner, shall have the right to stop the Work until the lapse in coverage has been cured by the procurement of replacement coverage by either the Owner or the Contractor; (2) the Contract Time and Contract Sum shall be equitably adjusted; and (3) the Owner waives all rights against the Contractor, Subcontractors, and Sub-subcontractors to the extent any loss to the Owner would have been covered by the insurance had it not expired or been cancelled. If the Contractor purchases replacement coverage, the cost of the insurance shall be charged to the Owner by an appropriate Change Order. The furnishing of notice by the Owner shall not relieve the Owner of any contractual obligation to provide required insurance.

§ 11.3 Waivers of Subrogation

§ 11.3.1 The Owner and Contractor waive all rights against (1) each other and any of their subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, agents, and employees, each of the other; (2) the Architect and Architect's consultants; and (3) Separate Contractors, if any, and any of their subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, agents, and employees, for damages caused by fire, or other causes of loss, to the extent those losses are covered by property insurance required by the Agreement or other property insurance applicable to the Project, except such rights as they have to proceeds of such insurance. The Owner or Contractor, as appropriate, shall require similar written waivers in favor of the individuals and entities identified above from the Architect, Architect's consultants, Separate Contractors, subcontractors, and sub-subcontractors. The policies of insurance purchased and maintained by each person or entity agreeing to waive claims pursuant to this section 11.3.1 shall not prohibit this waiver of subrogation. This waiver of subrogation shall be effective as to a person or entity (1) even though that person or entity would otherwise have a duty of indemnification, contractual or otherwise, (2) even though that person or entity did not pay the insurance premium directly or indirectly, or (3) whether or not the person or entity had an insurable interest in the damaged property.

§ 11.3.2 If during the Project construction period the Owner insures properties, real or personal or both, at or adjacent to the site by property insurance under policies separate from those insuring the Project, or if after final payment property insurance is to be provided on the completed Project through a policy or policies other than those insuring the Project during the construction period, to the extent permissible by such policies, the Owner waives all rights in accordance with the terms of Section 11.3.1 for damages caused by fire or other causes of loss covered by this separate property insurance.

§ 11.4 Loss of Use, Business Interruption, and Delay in Completion Insurance

The Owner, at the Owner's option, may purchase and maintain insurance that will protect the Owner against loss of use of the Owner's property, or the inability to conduct normal operations, due to fire or other causes of loss. The Owner waives all rights of action against the Contractor and Architect for loss of use of the Owner's property, due to fire or other hazards however caused.

§ 11.5 Adjustment and Settlement of Insured Loss

§ 11.5.1 A loss insured under the property insurance required by the Agreement shall be adjusted by the Owner as fiduciary and made payable to the Owner as fiduciary for the insureds, as their interests may appear, subject to requirements of any applicable mortgagee clause and of Section 11.5.2. The Owner shall pay the Architect and Contractor their just shares of insurance proceeds received by the Owner, and by appropriate agreements the Architect and Contractor shall make payments to their consultants and Subcontractors in similar manner.

§ 11.5.2 Prior to settlement of an insured loss, the Owner shall notify the Contractor of the terms of the proposed settlement as well as the proposed allocation of the insurance proceeds. The Contractor shall have 14 days from receipt of notice to object to the proposed settlement or allocation of the proceeds. If the Contractor does not object, the Owner shall settle the loss and the Contractor shall be bound by the settlement and allocation. Upon receipt, the Owner shall deposit the insurance proceeds in a separate account and make the appropriate distributions. Thereafter, if no other agreement is made or the Owner does not terminate the Contract for convenience, the Owner and Contractor shall execute a Change Order for reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed Work in the amount allocated for that purpose. If the Contractor timely objects to either the terms of the proposed settlement or the allocation of the proceeds, the Owner may proceed to settle the insured loss, and any dispute between the Owner and Contractor arising out of the settlement or allocation of the proceeds shall be resolved pursuant to Article 15. Pending resolution of any dispute, the Owner may issue a Construction Change Directive for the reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed Work.

ARTICLE 12 UNCOVERING AND CORRECTION OF WORK

§ 12.1 Uncovering of Work

§ 12.1.1 If a portion of the Work is covered contrary to the Architect's request or to requirements specifically expressed in the Contract Documents, it must, if requested in writing by the Architect, be uncovered for the Architect's examination and be replaced at the Contractor's expense without change in the Contract Time.

§ 12.1.2 If a portion of the Work has been covered that the Architect has not specifically requested to examine prior to its being covered, the Architect may request to see such Work and it shall be uncovered by the Contractor. If such Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment to

the Contract Sum and Contract Time as may be appropriate. If such Work is not in accordance with the Contract Documents, the costs of uncovering the Work, and the cost of correction, shall be at the Contractor's expense.

§ 12.2 Correction of Work

§ 12.2.1 Before Substantial Completion

The Contractor shall promptly correct Work rejected by the Architect or failing to conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents, discovered before Substantial Completion and whether or not fabricated, installed or completed. Costs of correcting such rejected Work, including additional testing and inspections, the cost of uncovering and replacement, and compensation for the Architect's services and expenses made necessary thereby, shall be at the Contractor's expense.

§ 12.2.2 After Substantial Completion

§ 12.2.2.1 In addition to the Contractor's obligations under Section 3.5, if, within one year after the date of Substantial Completion of the Work or designated portion thereof or after the date for commencement of warranties established under Section 9.9.1, or by terms of any applicable special warranty required by the Contract Documents, any of the Work is found to be not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall correct it promptly after receipt of notice from the Owner to do so, unless the Owner has previously given the Contractor a written acceptance of such condition. The Owner shall give such notice promptly after discovery of the condition. During the one-year period for correction of Work, if the Owner fails to notify the Contractor and give the Contractor an opportunity to make the correction, the Owner waives the rights to require correction by the Contractor and to make a claim for breach of warranty. If the Contractor fails to correct nonconforming Work within a reasonable time during that period after receipt of notice from the Owner or Architect, the Owner may correct it in accordance with Section 2.5.

§ 12.2.2.2 The one-year period for correction of Work shall be extended with respect to portions of Work first performed after Substantial Completion by the period of time between Substantial Completion and the actual completion of that portion of the Work.

§ 12.2.2.3 The one-year period for correction of Work shall not be extended by corrective Work performed by the Contractor pursuant to this Section 12.2.

§ 12.2.3 The Contractor shall remove from the site portions of the Work that are not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and are neither corrected by the Contractor nor accepted by the Owner.

§ 12.2.4 The Contractor shall bear the cost of correcting destroyed or damaged construction of the Owner or Separate Contractors, whether completed or partially completed, caused by the Contractor's correction or removal of Work that is not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

§ 12.2.5 Nothing contained in this Section 12.2 shall be construed to establish a period of limitation with respect to other obligations the Contractor has under the Contract Documents. Establishment of the one-year period for correction of Work as described in Section 12.2.2 relates only to the specific obligation of the Contractor to correct the Work, and has no relationship to the time within which the obligation to comply with the Contract Documents may be sought to be enforced, nor to the time within which proceedings may be commenced to establish the Contractor's liability with respect to the Contractor's obligations other than specifically to correct the Work.

§ 12.3 Acceptance of Nonconforming Work

If the Owner prefers to accept Work that is not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents, the Owner may do so instead of requiring its removal and correction, in which case the Contract Sum will be reduced as appropriate and equitable. Such adjustment shall be effected whether or not final payment has been made.

ARTICLE 13 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 13.1 Governing Law

The Contract shall be governed by the law of the place where the Project is located, excluding that jurisdiction's choice of law rules. If the parties have selected arbitration as the method of binding dispute resolution, the Federal Arbitration Act shall govern Section 15.4.

§ 13.2 Successors and Assigns

§ 13.2.1 The Owner and Contractor respectively bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives to covenants, agreements, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents. Except as provided in Section 13.2.2, neither party to the Contract shall assign the Contract as a whole without written consent of the other. If either party attempts to make an assignment without such consent, that party shall nevertheless remain legally responsible for all obligations under the Contract.

§ 13.2.2 The Owner may, without consent of the Contractor, assign the Contract to a lender providing construction financing for the Project, if the lender assumes the Owner's rights and obligations under the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall execute all consents reasonably required to facilitate the assignment.

§ 13.3 Rights and Remedies

§ 13.3.1 Duties and obligations imposed by the Contract Documents and rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of duties, obligations, rights, and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law.

§ 13.3.2 No action or failure to act by the Owner, Architect, or Contractor shall constitute a waiver of a right or duty afforded them under the Contract, nor shall such action or failure to act constitute approval of or acquiescence in a breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed upon in writing.

§ 13.4 Tests and Inspections

§ 13.4.1 Tests, inspections, and approvals of portions of the Work shall be made as required by the Contract Documents and by applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations or lawful orders of public authorities. Unless otherwise provided, the Contractor shall make arrangements for such tests, inspections, and approvals with an independent testing laboratory or entity acceptable to the Owner, or with the appropriate public authority, and shall bear all related costs of tests, inspections, and approvals. The Contractor shall give the Architect timely notice of when and where tests and inspections are to be made so that the Architect may be present for such procedures. The Owner shall bear costs of tests, inspections, or approvals that do not become requirements until after bids are received or negotiations concluded. The Owner shall directly arrange and pay for tests, inspections, or approvals where building codes or applicable laws or regulations so require.

§ 13.4.2 If the Architect, Owner, or public authorities having jurisdiction determine that portions of the Work require additional testing, inspection, or approval not included under Section 13.4.1, the Architect will, upon written authorization from the Owner, instruct the Contractor to make arrangements for such additional testing, inspection, or approval, by an entity acceptable to the Owner, and the Contractor shall give timely notice to the Architect of when and where tests and inspections are to be made so that the Architect may be present for such procedures. Such costs, except as provided in Section 13.4.3, shall be at the Owner's expense.

§ 13.4.3 If procedures for testing, inspection, or approval under Sections 13.4.1 and 13.4.2 reveal failure of the portions of the Work to comply with requirements established by the Contract Documents, all costs made necessary by such failure, including those of repeated procedures and compensation for the Architect's services and expenses, shall be at the Contractor's expense.

§ 13.4.4 Required certificates of testing, inspection, or approval shall, unless otherwise required by the Contract Documents, be secured by the Contractor and promptly delivered to the Architect.

§ 13.4.5 If the Architect is to observe tests, inspections, or approvals required by the Contract Documents, the Architect will do so promptly and, where practicable, at the normal place of testing.

§ 13.4.6 Tests or inspections conducted pursuant to the Contract Documents shall be made promptly to avoid unreasonable delay in the Work.

§ 13.5 Interest

Payments due and unpaid under the Contract Documents shall bear interest from the date payment is due at the rate the parties agree upon in writing or, in the absence thereof, at the legal rate prevailing from time to time at the place where the Project is located.

ARTICLE 14 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF THE CONTRACT

§ 14.1 Termination by the Contractor

§ 14.1.1 The Contractor may terminate the Contract if the Work is stopped for a period of 30 consecutive days through no act or fault of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, a Sub-subcontractor, their agents or employees, or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work, for any of the following reasons:

- .1 Issuance of an order of a court or other public authority having jurisdiction that requires all Work to be stopped;
- .2 An act of government, such as a declaration of national emergency, that requires all Work to be stopped;
- .3 Because the Architect has not issued a Certificate for Payment and has not notified the Contractor of the reason for withholding certification as provided in Section 9.4.1, or because the Owner has not made payment on a Certificate for Payment within the time stated in the Contract Documents; or
- .4 The Owner has failed to furnish to the Contractor reasonable evidence as required by Section 2.2.

§ 14.1.2 The Contractor may terminate the Contract if, through no act or fault of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, a Sub-subcontractor, their agents or employees, or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work, repeated suspensions, delays, or interruptions of the entire Work by the Owner as described in Section 14.3, constitute in the aggregate more than 100 percent of the total number of days scheduled for completion, or 120 days in any 365-day period, whichever is less.

§ 14.1.3 If one of the reasons described in Section 14.1.1 or 14.1.2 exists, the Contractor may, upon seven days' notice to the Owner and Architect, terminate the Contract and recover from the Owner payment for Work executed, as well as reasonable overhead and profit on Work not executed, and costs incurred by reason of such termination.

§ 14.1.4 If the Work is stopped for a period of 60 consecutive days through no act or fault of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, a Sub-subcontractor, or their agents or employees or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work because the Owner has repeatedly failed to fulfill the Owner's obligations under the Contract Documents with respect to matters important to the progress of the Work, the Contractor may, upon seven additional days' notice to the Owner and the Architect, terminate the Contract and recover from the Owner as provided in Section 14.1.3.

§ 14.2 Termination by the Owner for Cause

§ 14.2.1 The Owner may terminate the Contract if the Contractor

- .1 repeatedly refuses or fails to supply enough properly skilled workers or proper materials;
- .2 fails to make payment to Subcontractors or suppliers in accordance with the respective agreements between the Contractor and the Subcontractors or suppliers;
- .3 repeatedly disregards applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of a public authority; or
- .4 otherwise is guilty of substantial breach of a provision of the Contract Documents.

§ 14.2.2 When any of the reasons described in Section 14.2.1 exist, and upon certification by the Architect that sufficient cause exists to justify such action, the Owner may, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the Owner and after giving the Contractor and the Contractor's surety, if any, seven days' notice, terminate employment of the Contractor and may, subject to any prior rights of the surety:

- .1 Exclude the Contractor from the site and take possession of all materials, equipment, tools, and construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the Contractor;
- .2 Accept assignment of subcontracts pursuant to Section 5.4; and
- .3 Finish the Work by whatever reasonable method the Owner may deem expedient. Upon written request of the Contractor, the Owner shall furnish to the Contractor a detailed accounting of the costs incurred by the Owner in finishing the Work.

§ 14.2.3 When the Owner terminates the Contract for one of the reasons stated in Section 14.2.1, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive further payment until the Work is finished.

§ 14.2.4 If the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum exceeds costs of finishing the Work, including compensation for the Architect's services and expenses made necessary thereby, and other damages incurred by the Owner and not expressly waived, such excess shall be paid to the Contractor. If such costs and damages exceed the unpaid balance,

the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Owner. The amount to be paid to the Contractor or Owner, as the case may be, shall be certified by the Initial Decision Maker, upon application, and this obligation for payment shall survive termination of the Contract.

§ 14.3 Suspension by the Owner for Convenience

§ 14.3.1 The Owner may, without cause, order the Contractor in writing to suspend, delay or interrupt the Work, in whole or in part for such period of time as the Owner may determine.

§ 14.3.2 The Contract Sum and Contract Time shall be adjusted for increases in the cost and time caused by suspension, delay, or interruption under Section 14.3.1. Adjustment of the Contract Sum shall include profit. No adjustment shall be made to the extent

- .1 that performance is, was, or would have been, so suspended, delayed, or interrupted, by another cause for which the Contractor is responsible; or
- .2 that an equitable adjustment is made or denied under another provision of the Contract.

§ 14.4 Termination by the Owner for Convenience

§ 14.4.1 The Owner may, at any time, terminate the Contract for the Owner's convenience and without cause.

§ 14.4.2 Upon receipt of notice from the Owner of such termination for the Owner's convenience, the Contractor shall

- .1 cease operations as directed by the Owner in the notice;
- .2 take actions necessary, or that the Owner may direct, for the protection and preservation of the Work; and
- .3 except for Work directed to be performed prior to the effective date of termination stated in the notice, terminate all existing subcontracts and purchase orders and enter into no further subcontracts and purchase orders.

§ 14.4.3 In case of such termination for the Owner's convenience, the Owner shall pay the Contractor for Work properly executed; costs incurred by reason of the termination, including costs attributable to termination of Subcontracts; and the termination fee, if any, set forth in the Agreement.

ARTICLE 15 CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

§ 15.1 Claims

§ 15.1.1 Definition

A Claim is a demand or assertion by one of the parties seeking, as a matter of right, payment of money, a change in the Contract Time, or other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract. The term "Claim" also includes other disputes and matters in question between the Owner and Contractor arising out of or relating to the Contract. The responsibility to substantiate Claims shall rest with the party making the Claim. This Section 15.1.1 does not require the Owner to file a Claim in order to impose liquidated damages in accordance with the Contract Documents.

§ 15.1.2 Time Limits on Claims

The Owner and Contractor shall commence all Claims and causes of action against the other and arising out of or related to the Contract, whether in contract, tort, breach of warranty or otherwise, in accordance with the requirements of the binding dispute resolution method selected in the Agreement and within the period specified by applicable law, but in any case not more than 10 years after the date of Substantial Completion of the Work. The Owner and Contractor waive all Claims and causes of action not commenced in accordance with this Section 15.1.2.

§ 15.1.3 Notice of Claims

§ 15.1.3.1 Claims by either the Owner or Contractor, where the condition giving rise to the Claim is first discovered prior to expiration of the period for correction of the Work set forth in Section 12.2.2, shall be initiated by notice to the other party and to the Initial Decision Maker with a copy sent to the Architect, if the Architect is not serving as the Initial Decision Maker. Claims by either party under this Section 15.1.3.1 shall be initiated within 21 days after occurrence of the event giving rise to such Claim or within 21 days after the claimant first recognizes the condition giving rise to the Claim, whichever is later.

§ 15.1.3.2 Claims by either the Owner or Contractor, where the condition giving rise to the Claim is first discovered after expiration of the period for correction of the Work set forth in Section 12.2.2, shall be initiated by notice to the other party. In such event, no decision by the Initial Decision Maker is required.

§ 15.1.4 Continuing Contract Performance

§ 15.1.4.1 Pending final resolution of a Claim, except as otherwise agreed in writing or as provided in Section 9.7 and Article 14, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of the Contract and the Owner shall continue to make payments in accordance with the Contract Documents.

§ 15.1.4.2 The Contract Sum and Contract Time shall be adjusted in accordance with the Initial Decision Maker's decision, subject to the right of either party to proceed in accordance with this Article 15. The Architect will issue Certificates for Payment in accordance with the decision of the Initial Decision Maker.

§ 15.1.5 Claims for Additional Cost

If the Contractor wishes to make a Claim for an increase in the Contract Sum, notice as provided in Section 15.1.3 shall be given before proceeding to execute the portion of the Work that is the subject of the Claim. Prior notice is not required for Claims relating to an emergency endangering life or property arising under Section 10.4.

§ 15.1.6 Claims for Additional Time

§ 15.1.6.1 If the Contractor wishes to make a Claim for an increase in the Contract Time, notice as provided in Section 15.1.3 shall be given. The Contractor's Claim shall include an estimate of cost and of probable effect of delay on progress of the Work. In the case of a continuing delay, only one Claim is necessary.

§ 15.1.6.2 If adverse weather conditions are the basis for a Claim for additional time, such Claim shall be documented by data substantiating that weather conditions were abnormal for the period of time, could not have been reasonably anticipated, and had an adverse effect on the scheduled construction.

§ 15.1.7 Waiver of Claims for Consequential Damages

The Contractor and Owner waive Claims against each other for consequential damages arising out of or relating to this Contract. This mutual waiver includes

- .1 damages incurred by the Owner for rental expenses, for losses of use, income, profit, financing, business and reputation, and for loss of management or employee productivity or of the services of such persons; and
- .2 damages incurred by the Contractor for principal office expenses including the compensation of personnel stationed there, for losses of financing, business and reputation, and for loss of profit, except anticipated profit arising directly from the Work.

This mutual waiver is applicable, without limitation, to all consequential damages due to either party's termination in accordance with Article 14. Nothing contained in this Section 15.1.7 shall be deemed to preclude assessment of liquidated damages, when applicable, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

§ 15.2 Initial Decision

§ 15.2.1 Claims, excluding those where the condition giving rise to the Claim is first discovered after expiration of the period for correction of the Work set forth in Section 12.2.2 or arising under Sections 10.3, 10.4, and 11.5, shall be referred to the Initial Decision Maker for initial decision. The Architect will serve as the Initial Decision Maker, unless otherwise indicated in the Agreement. Except for those Claims excluded by this Section 15.2.1, an initial decision shall be required as a condition precedent to mediation of any Claim. If an initial decision has not been rendered within 30 days after the Claim has been referred to the Initial Decision Maker, the party asserting the Claim may demand mediation and binding dispute resolution without a decision having been rendered. Unless the Initial Decision Maker and all affected parties agree, the Initial Decision Maker will not decide disputes between the Contractor and persons or entities other than the Owner.

§ 15.2.2 The Initial Decision Maker will review Claims and within ten days of the receipt of a Claim take one or more of the following actions: (1) request additional supporting data from the claimant or a response with supporting data from the other party, (2) reject the Claim in whole or in part, (3) approve the Claim, (4) suggest a compromise, or (5) advise the parties that the Initial Decision Maker is unable to resolve the Claim if the Initial Decision Maker lacks sufficient information to evaluate the merits of the Claim or if the Initial Decision Maker concludes that, in the

Initial Decision Maker's sole discretion, it would be inappropriate for the Initial Decision Maker to resolve the Claim.

§ 15.2.3 In evaluating Claims, the Initial Decision Maker may, but shall not be obligated to, consult with or seek information from either party or from persons with special knowledge or expertise who may assist the Initial Decision Maker in rendering a decision. The Initial Decision Maker may request the Owner to authorize retention of such persons at the Owner's expense.

§ 15.2.4 If the Initial Decision Maker requests a party to provide a response to a Claim or to furnish additional supporting data, such party shall respond, within ten days after receipt of the request, and shall either (1) provide a response on the requested supporting data, (2) advise the Initial Decision Maker when the response or supporting data will be furnished, or (3) advise the Initial Decision Maker that no supporting data will be furnished. Upon receipt of the response or supporting data, if any, the Initial Decision Maker will either reject or approve the Claim in whole or in part.

§ 15.2.5 The Initial Decision Maker will render an initial decision approving or rejecting the Claim, or indicating that the Initial Decision Maker is unable to resolve the Claim. This initial decision shall (1) be in writing; (2) state the reasons therefor; and (3) notify the parties and the Architect, if the Architect is not serving as the Initial Decision Maker, of any change in the Contract Sum or Contract Time or both. The initial decision shall be final and binding on the parties but subject to mediation and, if the parties fail to resolve their dispute through mediation, to binding dispute resolution.

§ 15.2.6 Either party may file for mediation of an initial decision at any time, subject to the terms of Section 15.2.6.1.

§ 15.2.6.1 Either party may, within 30 days from the date of receipt of an initial decision, demand in writing that the other party file for mediation. If such a demand is made and the party receiving the demand fails to file for mediation within 30 days after receipt thereof, then both parties waive their rights to mediate or pursue binding dispute resolution proceedings with respect to the initial decision.

§ 15.2.7 In the event of a Claim against the Contractor, the Owner may, but is not obligated to, notify the surety, if any, of the nature and amount of the Claim. If the Claim relates to a possibility of a Contractor's default, the Owner may, but is not obligated to, notify the surety and request the surety's assistance in resolving the controversy.

§ 15.2.8 If a Claim relates to or is the subject of a mechanic's lien, the party asserting such Claim may proceed in accordance with applicable law to comply with the lien notice or filing deadlines.

§ 15.3 Mediation

§ 15.3.1 Claims, disputes, or other matters in controversy arising out of or related to the Contract, except those waived as provided for in Sections 9.10.4, 9.10.5, and 15.1.7, shall be subject to mediation as a condition precedent to binding dispute resolution.

§ 15.3.2 The parties shall endeavor to resolve their Claims by mediation which, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise, shall be administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Construction Industry Mediation Procedures in effect on the date of the Agreement. A request for mediation shall be made in writing, delivered to the other party to the Contract, and filed with the person or entity administering the mediation. The request may be made concurrently with the filing of binding dispute resolution proceedings but, in such event, mediation shall proceed in advance of binding dispute resolution proceedings, which shall be stayed pending mediation for a period of 60 days from the date of filing, unless stayed for a longer period by agreement of the parties or court order. If an arbitration is stayed pursuant to this Section 15.3.2, the parties may nonetheless proceed to the selection of the arbitrator(s) and agree upon a schedule for later proceedings.

§ 15.3.3 Either party may, within 30 days from the date that mediation has been concluded without resolution of the dispute or 60 days after mediation has been demanded without resolution of the dispute, demand in writing that the other party file for binding dispute resolution. If such a demand is made and the party receiving the demand fails to file for binding dispute resolution within 60 days after receipt thereof, then both parties waive their rights to binding dispute resolution proceedings with respect to the initial decision.

§ 15.3.4 The parties shall share the mediator's fee and any filing fees equally. The mediation shall be held in the place where the Project is located, unless another location is mutually agreed upon. Agreements reached in mediation shall be enforceable as settlement agreements in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

§ 15.4 Arbitration

§ 15.4.1 If the parties have selected arbitration as the method for binding dispute resolution in the Agreement, any Claim subject to, but not resolved by, mediation shall be subject to arbitration which, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise, shall be administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Construction Industry Arbitration Rules in effect on the date of the Agreement. The Arbitration shall be conducted in the place where the Project is located, unless another location is mutually agreed upon. A demand for arbitration shall be made in writing, delivered to the other party to the Contract, and filed with the person or entity administering the arbitration. The party filing a notice of demand for arbitration must assert in the demand all Claims then known to that party on which arbitration is permitted to be demanded.

§ 15.4.1.1 A demand for arbitration shall be made no earlier than concurrently with the filing of a request for mediation, but in no event shall it be made after the date when the institution of legal or equitable proceedings based on the Claim would be barred by the applicable statute of limitations. For statute of limitations purposes, receipt of a written demand for arbitration by the person or entity administering the arbitration shall constitute the institution of legal or equitable proceedings based on the Claim.

§ 15.4.2 The award rendered by the arbitrator or arbitrators shall be final, and judgment may be entered upon it in accordance with applicable law in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

§ 15.4.3 The foregoing agreement to arbitrate and other agreements to arbitrate with an additional person or entity duly consented to by parties to the Agreement, shall be specifically enforceable under applicable law in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

§ 15.4.4 Consolidation or Joinder

§ 15.4.4.1 Subject to the rules of the American Arbitration Association or other applicable arbitration rules, either party may consolidate an arbitration conducted under this Agreement with any other arbitration to which it is a party provided that (1) the arbitration agreement governing the other arbitration permits consolidation, (2) the arbitrations to be consolidated substantially involve common questions of law or fact, and (3) the arbitrations employ materially similar procedural rules and methods for selecting arbitrator(s).

§ 15.4.4.2 Subject to the rules of the American Arbitration Association or other applicable arbitration rules, either party may include by joinder persons or entities substantially involved in a common question of law or fact whose presence is required if complete relief is to be accorded in arbitration, provided that the party sought to be joined consents in writing to such joinder. Consent to arbitration involving an additional person or entity shall not constitute consent to arbitration of any claim, dispute or other matter in question not described in the written consent.

§ 15.4.4.3 The Owner and Contractor grant to any person or entity made a party to an arbitration conducted under this Section 15.4, whether by joinder or consolidation, the same rights of joinder and consolidation as those of the Owner and Contractor under this Agreement.

AGENDA ITEM #7

City of Kingsville Downtown

TO: Mayor and City Commissioners

CC: Charlie Sosa, Interim-City Manager

FROM: Alicia Tijerina, Downtown Manager/Special Events Coordinator

DATE: July 21, 2025

SUBJECT: Request for City Support for Event

Summary:

The City Commission has a tradition of granting support for certain community parades and events that are held each year downtown. A new event has been added this year to be held September 19th & 20th in conjunction with TAMUK's Family Weekend. It is requested that the City Commission waive the street closing fees and support costs for this event for this fiscal year.

Background:

For any event requiring temporary closure of one or more streets, City ordinances require a fee to be paid for the requisite street closure(s) and require that City be reimbursed any actual costs and expenses incurred by them in support of the event. Ordinances also allow the City Commission to waive these requirements. Event organizers are still required to comply with all City ordinances and state laws with regards to health and safety issues. And are still required to submit a request for a permit for the required street closure(s).

Financial Impact:

The total event costs to the City for September 19 & 20, 2025 event is \$2,370 of which \$300 are street closing fees.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that street closing fees be waived and the services provided by the City in support of this event be considered as in-kind sponsorship.

VIVA EL CENTRO EVENT REQUIRING STREET CLOSURE FOR FY '25

Viva El Centro, Sat., Sept. 19-20, 2025 (Friday, 5-9pm & Saturday, 10am-3pm)

EVENT COSTS TO THE CITY FY 2024 – 2025

COMMUNITY EVENT (1)

Viva El Centro, September 19th & 20th

Public Works

Barricades: Build-up & Tear-down \$30/hr (3men/4hrs) x 3 = \$1,080

Trash & Recycling: Delivery/Pickup/Dumping \$10 each x 3 containers x 3 = \$90

Street closing permit for large events = \$300

Police Department

Security: 2 officers for Friday, \$50/hr (2 officers/4hrs) x 2 = \$400

Security: 2 officers for Saturday \$50/hr (2 officers/5hrs) x 2 = \$500

Cost of \$1,170

TOTAL EVENT COSTS \$2,370

City of Kingsville

Vision Document: Viva El Centro

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Event Name

Viva El Centro

Vision Statement

To transform downtown Kingsville into a vibrant cultural and commercial hub by celebrating our community's heritage, arts, and small businesses through the annual Viva El Centro festival—fostering unity, economic growth, and a sense of pride in our historic district.

Purpose

Viva El Centro is designed to:

- Celebrate the unique cultural identity and diversity of Kingsville.
 - Promote downtown revitalization through increased foot traffic, business engagement, and community participation.
 - Encourage support for local merchants, artists, and food vendors.
 - Position Kingsville as a destination for family-friendly, culturally-rich experiences.
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Goals & Objectives

Short-Term Goals (Year 1–2):

- Successfully host the two-day event in September with robust attendance and vendor participation.
- Ensure safety, accessibility, and organization with clear incident and logistical planning.
- Partner with local schools, nonprofits, and cultural organizations.

- Track and report visitor data and economic impact.

Mid-Term Goals (Year 3–5):

- Grow vendor participation by 25% year over year.
- Attract regional media coverage and sponsorships.
- Add additional event features such as live murals, heritage tours, or folklórico performances.

Long-Term Vision (5+ Years):

- Establish Viva El Centro as a flagship annual event in South Texas.
- Support downtown’s economic development by increasing business visibility and fostering year-round tourism.
- Use data and community feedback to evolve the event to reflect changing demographics and interests.

Core Values

- **Community First:** Centering local talent, stories, and traditions.
- **Inclusivity:** Ensuring access and participation for all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.
- **Heritage Pride:** Honoring our past while embracing innovation and growth.
- **Partnership:** Collaborating with residents, businesses, civic groups, and sponsors.

Key Stakeholders

- The City of Kingsville
- Downtown Business Owners
- Local Artists and Artisans
- Community Organizations and Schools
- Public Safety and Emergency Services
- Sponsors

Strategic Approach

- **Planning & Logistics:** Structured through an annual Incident Action Plan (IAP) to coordinate departments and services.
- **Marketing & Promotion:** Leverage digital campaigns, press releases, and community networks.
- **Vendor Relations:** Streamlined application and placement system, prioritizing local businesses.
- **Performance & Entertainment:** Diverse stage schedule with traditional, modern, and youth-oriented acts.
- **Data-Driven Evaluation:** Post-event reporting with vendor feedback, visitor surveys, and economic tracking.

Evaluation Metrics

- Attendance numbers and event reach
- Number and diversity of vendors
- Business sales reports (voluntary)
- Social media engagement and press coverage
- Community and vendor satisfaction surveys

Next Steps

- Finalize 2025 Event Layout and IAP
 - Secure two major sponsors at \$5,000 each
 - Confirm vendor registrations by August 19
 - Launch promotional campaign on August 1
 - Host stakeholder debrief post-event to assess improvements for 2026
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AGENDA ITEM #8