

## AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT, effective as of the 1<sup>st</sup>, day of April, 2024, is by and between **COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY**, a body corporate and politic and a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Maryland within the boundaries of Caroline County, Maryland, (hereinafter referred to as the "Town"), **CAROLINE COUNTY SHERIFF DONALD L. BAKER, JR.**, a State constitutionally elected official (hereinafter referred to as "Sheriff"), and **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND**, a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of Maryland (hereinafter referred to as the "County").

**WHEREAS**, the Town desires to create an agreement with the Sheriff and County for the provision of law enforcement services by the Sheriff for the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff is willing to provide such services under the terms and conditions hereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is willing to provide such support services as specifically provided for herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Sheriff, pursuant to the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Provision of Contracted Law Enforcement and Public Safety Services, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A," and in consideration of the promises of the Town, does hereby agree to detail on an overtime-based assignment to the Town uniformed Sheriff's deputies on a predetermined schedule and as may be available. The contracted deputies will work thirty-five (35) hours per week, consisting of one (1) shift per working day or as otherwise directed or needed. After hours and on days off, the Sheriff's Office, through normal patrol operations, will handle calls for service on the same basis and under the same conditions, restrictions, and availability as provided in non-municipal areas of Caroline County. The Sheriff shall provide, to the best of his ability, personnel to meet this thirty-five (35) hour minimum through normal patrol operations; provided, however, that all obligations of the Sheriff under this paragraph (1) shall be subject to employee availability.
2. Services under this Agreement shall commence on April 1, 2024 and shall continue on an indefinite term until terminated in accordance herewith. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by any party with thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other parties. Because the County is a local government entity (and funds the Sheriff), it may not enter into multi-year agreements (agreements that require expenditures beyond the current fiscal year) without either doing so as the issuance of debt, with accompanying legislation or by including a non-appropriations clause in a contract or



7. Effective April 1, 2024, the Sheriff agrees to secure the offices of the Town's Police Department, located at 2 Central Avenue, Ridgely, Maryland, from unauthorized entry. The Sheriff also agrees to accept physical possession of all warrants, criminal summons, evidence, and property within the Town's Police Department, so as to preserve ongoing and open investigations and allow for the processing of such warrants that may exist. Further, the Sheriff agrees to assign staff to audit the Police Department's property and secure any firearms and/or ammunition as necessary.
8. This Agreement shall be governed and interpreted under the laws of the State of Maryland.
9. This Agreement represents the full and final agreement between the parties and may only be amended in writing signed by the parties.
10. Notices required hereunder shall be given in writing, by United States Postal Service, first-class postage prepaid, the parties at their then-current official addresses. Notwithstanding the foregoing actual notice received in any manner shall constitute notice.

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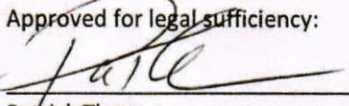
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands and seals and executed this Agreement.

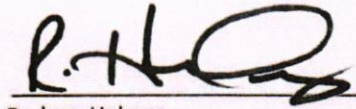
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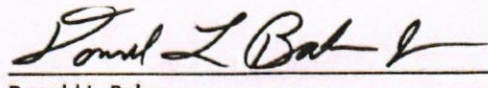
  
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David Crist  
Ridgely Director of Operations

  
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John Hurley  
President of the Commissioners of Ridgely

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Patrick Thomas  
Town Attorney for Ridgely

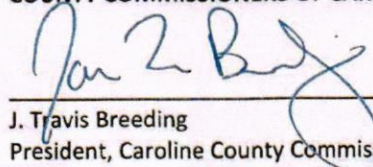
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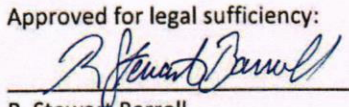
  
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Rodney Helmer  
Chief Deputy

  
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Donald L. Baker  
Sheriff of Caroline County

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, MD**

  
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Kathleen Freeman  
County Administrator

  
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J. Travis Breeding  
President, Caroline County Commissioners

Approved for legal sufficiency:  
  
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R. Stewart Barroll  
County Attorney for Caroline County