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11.03 Procedure for Termination. In the event of termination under Section 11.02.2 or 11.02.3 of the Agreement, the party desiring to terminate shall notify the other party in compliance with the notice provisions described in Section 14 of the Agreement regarding the decision to terminate and specify an effective date of termination that is at least thirty (30) days after that notice and, in the case of partial termination, the portion of the Agreement to be terminated.

11.04 Termination Without Cause. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time, in whole or in part, without cause, upon providing at least sixty (60) days written notice to the other party.

11.05 Rights Surviving Termination. City's right to bill and collect any fee that became due during the term of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

12.0 AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended only in a writing approved by each party's governing body and signed by an authorized representative of each party.

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13.01 Liability. Austin shall not be liable for any claims, damages or attorney's fees arising from negligence or unlawful acts of Volente or its agents arising from the performance of duties or responsibilities under this Agreement. Volente shall not be liable for any claims, damages or attorney's fees arising from acts of Austin or its employees conducted outside the scope of this Agreement.

13.02 Claims. If any claim or other action, including proceedings before an administrative agency, is made or brought by a person, firm, corporation or other entity against Austin or Volente relating to the performance of the obligations under this Agreement, the party receiving notice of the claim shall give written notice to the other party of the claim or other action within three (3) working days after being notified of it or the threat of it, such notice to include: the name and address of the person, firm, corporation or other entity that made or threatened to make a claim, or that instituted or threatened to institute any type of action or proceeding; the basis of the claim, action or proceeding; the court or administrative tribunal, if any, where the claim, action or proceeding was instituted; and the name or names of any person against whom this claim is being made or threatened. This written notice shall be given in the manner described in Section 14 of the Agreement. Except as otherwise directed, each party shall furnish the other with copies of all pertinent papers received by that party with respect to such claims or actions.

14.0 NOTICES

14.01 Written Notice. Unless otherwise specified, all notices to be given to either party under this Agreement shall be in writing, and may be delivered by courier or sent via electronic mail postage pre-paid by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested. Notice shall be deemed effective if sent to the parties and addresses designated below, upon receipt in case of hand delivery or electronic mail, and three (3) days after deposit in the U.S. Mail, in case of mailing.

14.02 Volente Address. The address of Volente for all purposes under this Agreement and all notices hereunder:

~~City Manager~~ Administrator

City Hall

Village of Volente

16201 Dodd Street

STE 100

Volente, Texas 78641

Email: city.administrator@volentetexas.gov

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City of Austin

Office of the City Manager

City Hall

301 West 2nd Street, Third Floor

Austin, Texas 78767

With copies to:

Adrienne Sturrup, Director (or successor)

Austin Public Health Department

7201 Levander Loop, Building E

Austin, Texas 78702

Email: Adrienne.Sturrup@austintexas.gov

Marcel Elizondo, Division Chief (or successor)

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P.O. Box 142529

Austin, Texas 78714

Email: Marcel.Elizondo@austintexas.gov

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15.0 LAW AND VENUE

This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Texas and all obligations under it are performable in Travis County, Texas. It is expressly understood that venue for any lawsuit or dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement will be in Travis County.

16.0 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

Austin and Volente shall observe and comply with the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Texas, and all applicable federal, state, City of Austin and Volente laws, rules, ordinances and regulations affecting the conduct and performance of all obligations undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.

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17.01 Rights and Remedies. If either party breaches this Agreement, the other party shall be entitled to any and all rights and remedies provided for by Texas law and any applicable Federal laws or regulations. All rights of Volente and Austin, respectively, under this Agreement are specifically reserved and any payment, act or omission shall not impair or prejudice any remedy or right under this Agreement. Any right or remedy in this Agreement shall not preclude the exercise of any other right or remedy under this Agreement or under any law, nor shall any action taken in the exercise of any right or remedy be deemed a waiver of any other rights or remedies.

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19.0 BINDING CONTRACT

Subject to Section 18.0, this Agreement shall be binding upon the successors, assigns, administrators, and legal representatives of the parties to this Agreement.

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If any portion of this Agreement is ruled invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of it shall be construed as if that portion were not included in the Agreement and shall remain valid and binding.

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Executed on this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

VILLAGE OF VOLENTE

By: 

Title: Mayor Pro Tem

CITY OF AUSTIN

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~~City Manager~~ Administrator
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Village of Volente
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STE 100
Volente, Texas 78641
Email: city.administrator@volentetexas.gov

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City of Austin
Office of the City Manager
City Hall
301 West 2nd Street, Third Floor
Austin, Texas 78767

With copies to:

Adrienne Sturup, Director (or successor)
Austin Public Health Department
7201 Levander Loop, Building E
Austin, Texas 78702
Email: Adrienne.Sturup@austintexas.gov

Marcel Elizondo, Division Chief (or successor)
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17.0 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND REMEDIES, NON-WAIVER; NO JOINT VENTURE

17.01 Rights and Remedies. If either party breaches this Agreement, the other party shall be entitled to any and all rights and remedies provided for by Texas law and any applicable Federal laws or regulations. All rights of Volente and Austin, respectively, under this Agreement are specifically reserved and any payment, act or omission shall not impair or prejudice any remedy or right under this Agreement. Any right or remedy in this Agreement shall not preclude the exercise of any other right or remedy under this Agreement or under any law, nor shall any action taken in the exercise of any right or remedy be deemed a waiver of any other rights or remedies.

17.02 Non-Waiver. One or more acts of forbearance by either party to enforce any provision of this Agreement or any payment, act or omission by either party shall not constitute or be construed as a modification of this Agreement or a waiver of any breach or default of the other party which then exists or may subsequently exist.

17.03 Immunity or Defense. It is expressly understood and agreed that, in the execution of this Agreement, neither Austin nor Volente waives nor shall be deemed to have waived, any immunity or defense that would otherwise be available to it against claims arising in the exercise of its governmental powers and functions.

17.04 No Joint Venture or Joint Enterprise/No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall not be construed to establish a joint venture or joint enterprise by the parties, nor shall this Agreement be construed to create or grant rights, contractual or otherwise, to any other person, or entity not a party to this Agreement.

18.0 ASSIGNABILITY

Neither party may assign any of the rights or duties created by this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other party. It is acknowledged by both parties that no officer, agent, employee or representative of either party has any authority to assign any part of this Agreement unless expressly granted that authority by the party's governing body.

19.0 BINDING CONTRACT

Subject to Section 18.0, this Agreement shall be binding upon the successors, assigns, administrators, and legal representatives of the parties to this Agreement.

20.0 SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this Agreement is ruled invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of it shall be construed as if that portion were not included in the Agreement and shall remain valid and binding.

21.0 MEDIATION

When mediation is acceptable to both parties in resolving a dispute arising under this Agreement, the parties agree to use the Dispute Resolution Center of Austin, Texas, for mediation as described in Section 154.023 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. Unless both parties are satisfied with the result of the mediation, the mediation will not constitute a final and binding resolution of the dispute. All communications within the scope of the mediation shall remain confidential as described in Section 154.073 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, unless both parties agree, in writing, to waive the confidentiality.

22.0 INTERPRETATIONAL GUIDELINES

22.01 Computation of Time. When any period of time is stated in this Agreement, the time shall be computed to exclude the first day and include the last day of the period. If the last day of any period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a day that either party has declared a holiday for its employees these days shall be omitted from the computation.

22.02 Headings. The headings at the beginning of the various provisions of this Agreement have been included only to make it easier to locate the subject matter covered by that section or subsection and are not to be used in construing this Agreement.

23.0 DESIGNATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Approval of this Agreement by Volente City Council constitutes Volente's designation of its authority to enforce Volente's ordinances regulating Food Enterprises, Swimming Pools and Spas, and Custodial Care establishments and to collect related fees, as provided in this Agreement, to qualified personnel of Austin Public Health as Code Enforcement Officers of Volente.

24.0 NON-APPROPRIATION.

The awarding or continuation of this Agreement is dependent upon the availability of funding and authorization by Austin City Council. Austin's performance obligations rely solely on funds appropriated and available for this Agreement. The absence of appropriated or other lawfully available funds shall render the Agreement null and void to the extent funds are not appropriated or available and any deliverables delivered but unpaid shall be returned to Volente. Austin shall provide Volente written notice of the failure of Austin to make an adequate appropriation for any fiscal year to perform under the Agreement, or the reduction of any appropriation to an amount insufficient to permit Austin to perform its obligations under the Agreement. In the event of non- or inadequate appropriation of funds, there will be no penalty or removal fees charged to Austin.

Executed on this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

VILLAGE OF VOLENTE

By: 

Title: Mayor Pro Tem

CITY OF AUSTIN

By: _____

Title: _____