AGREEMENT
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of June, 2024, by and between the **City of Joplin, Missouri**, a Missouri Municipal Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "City," and **Thomas McGee Group**, hereinafter referred to as "Consultant," and with City and Consultant being referred to collectively as "the Parties."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, City desires to retain a professional Third Party Administrator (TPA) to provide claims services for workers' compensation, general liability, auto, property, and professional liability claims for the City of Joplin, as described in City's Request for Proposal, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Consultant desires to provide professional claims services pursuant to the terms of this agreement, as described in Consultant's Response to City's Request for Proposal, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, City has selected Consultant as the lowest and best bidder based on full consideration of all factors, preferences, and conditions deemed applicable by City.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for valuable consideration each received from the other, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. Scope of Work and Payment.

a. City agrees to engage Consultant for performance, and Consultant agrees to perform, the scope of services, duties and responsibilities described in Exhibits A and B within the time specified therein. Specifically, Consultant shall serve as City's Third Party Administrator (TPA) for an initial three (3) year period. The contract period shall begin on or about July 1, 2024, and shall end on August 31, 2027, unless extended by the parties in a signed written agreement. The parties agree that this agreement may be extended for up to two (2) additional years.

b. The services of Consultant shall commence only as authorized in writing by City and shall be undertaken and completed as promised by Consultant as described in Exhibits A and B.

c. City agrees to pay Consultant in accordance with the prices and terms set forth in Exhibits A and B for work authorized by City upon presentation of proper invoice and inspection by City of work completed by Consultant. Specifically, City agrees to pay Consultant $10,000.00 annually in 2024 and 2025 then $10,250 in 2026, plus claims management service fees to be billed on a monthly basis. Consultant shall invoice the City annually for the administrative consulting fee, and each month for claims services. For any partial year under this agreement, the City shall be billed monthly. The City will also maintain claims reserve funds account and maintain

adequate funds available from which Thomas McGee may draw from at any time to pay for claims, losses and/or allocated loss expense payments.

d. All information, data, and reports as are existing, available, and necessary for the carrying out of the work, shall be furnished to Consultant without charge, and the Parties shall cooperate with each other in every way possible in carrying out the scope of services.

e. Consultant shall fully coordinate its activities in the performance of this contract with the activities of City.

f. Consultant represents that Consultant will secure the following at Consultant's own expense: all personnel required to perform the services called for under this contract by Consultant. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with City except as employees of Consultant. All the services required hereunder will be performed by Consultant or under Consultant's direct supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized under state and local law to perform such services. None of the work or services covered by this contract shall be subcontracted without the written approval of City.

g. The Consultant shall maintain and retain custody of claims records and make available to the City access to claims and reports through its online claims portal. As a condition of such access, the City shall be responsible to maintain confidentiality and protection of claims information viewed/obtained through such software. Should this agreement be terminated or non-renewed, Consultant shall transfer records to the City and/or new TPA as outlined in Exhibit B.

h. The City shall furnish the Consultant with a copy of its workers' compensation and liability insurance policies within thirty (30) days of its procurement to enable the Consultant to provide claims information to insurance carriers.

2. Amendments. The covenants and obligations herein contained are the full and complete terms of this Agreement, and no alteration, amendments, or changes to such terms shall be binding unless first reduced to writing and executed with the same formality as this Agreement.

3. Assignment. This Agreement, including payment hereunder, shall not be sub-let, assigned, or otherwise disposed of, except with the prior written consent of the City.

4. Attorney's Fees and Expenses. If City files suit in order to enforce any term of this Agreement and is the prevailing party, Consultant shall be liable for City's reasonable attorney's fees and expenses. In no event shall City be liable for Consultant's reasonable attorney's fees and expenses.

5. Choice of Law and Venue. This Agreement has been made, and its validity, performance and effect shall be determined, in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri and venue for litigation between the parties shall be solely and exclusively in Jasper County, Missouri.

6. Compliance with Laws. Consultant shall observe and comply with all Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances that affect those employed or engaged by it on the project, or the material or equipment used, or the conduct of the work, and shall procure all necessary licenses, permits, and insurance.

7. Confidentiality. Any reports, data, or similar information given to or prepared or assembled by the Consultant under this contract which the City requests to be kept as confidential shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Consultant without prior written approval of the City.

8. Consequential Damages. In no event shall City be liable to Contractor for special, indirect, or consequential damages.

9. Contract Documents. The contract documents shall consist of the following: this Agreement, City's Request for Proposal, and Consultant's Response to City's Request for Proposal. In the event of conflict between the contract documents, this Agreement will prevail. In the event of conflict between City's Request for Proposal and Consultant's Response to City's Request for Proposal, City's Request for Proposal will prevail.

10. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. Facsimile signatures shall be given the same force and effect as original signatures.

11. Entire Agreement. This Agreement (including any Exhibits) contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. It may not be altered or amended except by an agreement in writing signed by both parties.

12. Ethics. Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, any fee, commission, gift, or contingent fee.

13. Fiduciary Duty. Consultant owes a fiduciary duty to City, including the duty of care and the duty of loyalty. Consultant shall act in the best interest of City.

14. Headings. The headings of paragraphs in this Agreement are for convenience only. The headings form no part of this Agreement and shall not affect its interpretation.

15. Indemnification. Consultant hereby assumes all risk of, and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify and save harmless City, from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses, therewith made, brought or obtained on account of the loss of life or property or injury or damage to the person or property of any person or persons whomsoever, whether such person or persons be Consultant, its agents or employees, or City, its agents or employees, or any third-person in any way connected with the parties hereto, which loss of life or property, or injury or

damage to persons or property, shall be due to, or arise out of, result from, or be in any way connected with, this Agreement, except to the extent arising from or caused by the sole or gross negligence or willful misconduct of City, its agents or employees.

16. Independent Contractor. This Agreement does not create an employer-employee relationship between the parties. Consultant is an independent contractor and is not entitled to any benefits including health, dental, vision, disability, life, and unemployment insurance, worker's compensation coverage, and LAGERS. Consultant is an independent contractor and not an employee for all purposes including the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act Minimum Wage and Overtime Payments, Federal Insurance Contribution Act, Social Security Act, Federal Unemployment Tax Act, and the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, Missouri Revenue and Taxation Laws, and Missouri's Worker Compensation Laws and Unemployment Insurance Laws.

17. Insurance. Thomas McGee shall maintain for itself general liability, automobile liability, workers' compensation, fidelity bond, and errors and omissions insurance coverage, as may be customary in the industry, but in no event, less than the limits required by law.

18. Intellectual Property. Any information, know-how, data, results, inventions, and any associated intellectual property, that is made, discovered, created, invented, or generated by Consultant in any activities or work under this Agreement shall be owned by City.

19. Non-Appropriation. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, City is obligated only to make the payments set forth in the attached contract as may lawfully be made from funds budgeted and appropriated for that purpose during City's then current fiscal year at the discretion of City. If no funds are appropriated or otherwise made legally available to make the required payments for this Agreement during the next occurring fiscal year (an "Event of Nonappropriation"), this Agreement will terminate at the end of the then current fiscal year as if terminated expressly. The failure or inability of City to appropriate funds for this Agreement in any subsequent fiscal year shall not be deemed a breach of this Agreement by any party.

20. Notices. All notices required or permitted hereinunder and required to be in writing may be given by first class mail addressed to City and Consultant at the addresses as follows:

City of Joplin, Missouri
ATTN: HR
602 S. Main St.
Joplin, MO 64801

Thomas McGee Group
ATTN: John Charpie
120 W. 12th Street, Suite 1000
Kansas City, MO 64105

The date of delivery of any notice given by mail shall be the date falling on the second full day after the day of its mailing.

21. Records and Audits. The Consultant shall maintain accounts and records, including personnel, property, and financial records, adequate to identify and account for all costs pertaining to the Contract and such other records as may be deemed necessary by the City to assure proper accounting for all project funds. These records will be made available for audit purposes to the

City or any authorized representative and will be retained for three years after the expiration of this Contract.

22. Representations. The signatories hereto represent and warrant that they have read this Agreement, that they are fully authorized in the capacities shown, that they understand the terms of this Agreement, and that they are executing the same voluntarily and solely for the consideration described herein.

23. Severability. If any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed to be invalid or illegal, the legality or validity of the other provisions of this Agreement shall not be effected thereby. Any illegal or invalid provision of this Agreement shall be severable and any other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

24. Termination. If, through any cause, Consultant shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner Consultant's obligations under this contract, or if Consultant shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this contract, City shall thereupon have the right to terminate this contract by giving written notice to Consultant of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least five (5) days before the effective day of such termination. City may, without cause, terminate this contract upon thirty (30) day's prior written notice. In either such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, reports, or other materials prepared by the Consultant shall, at the option of City, become its property. Consultant shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed. Notwithstanding the above, Consultant shall not be relieved of liability to City for damages sustained by City by virtue of any such breach of the contract by Consultant.

25. Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall not confer any rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

26. Unauthorized Aliens. That pursuant to Missouri Revised Statute Sections 285.525 through 285.555, if this contract exceeds the amount of $5,000.00 and Consultant is associated with a business entity, Consultant shall provide an acceptable notarized affidavit stating that the associated business entity is enrolled in and participates in a federal work authorization program with respect to the employees working in connection with the contracted services, and that said business entity does not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services. Additionally, Consultant must provide documentation for said business entity evidencing current enrollment in a federal work authorization program.

27. Waiver. Waiver of any provision of this Agreement or breach of this Agreement shall not thereafter be deemed to be a consent by the waiving party to any further waiver, modification or breach by the other party, whether new or continuing, of the same or any other covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement. Failure by one of the parties to this Agreement to assert its rights for any breach of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such rights.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto set their hands the date first above written.

CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Nicholas Edwards, City Manager

ATTEST:

Holly Nagy, City Clerk

THOMAS MCGEE GROUP

By: John Charpie
Its: authorized signatory