Exhibit "A"

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COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by and between the City of _____Joplin_____, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and hereinafter "City," and Steven E. McIntosh, duly elected County Collector of Revenue, Jasper County, Missouri, and hereinafter "Collector," and the County Commission of Jasper County, Missouri hereinafter "County Commission," of the following terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, it is desired and intended by this Cooperative Agreement the parties set forth hereinafter shall enter into an agreement as permitted by Sections 70.220 to 70.320 inclusive, and Sections 140.670 to 140.750 inclusive, of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, for the cooperative efforts to collect the taxes of the City of _____Joplin_____, Missouri on property located within the boundaries of said city, which is located in Jasper County, Missouri.

Now, THEREFORE, it is herby mutually agreed as follows:

1. The COUNTY COMMISSION covenants and agrees:
    a. It will maintain and permit the use of its computer terminals facilities and its office and staff facilities in the development, mailing and collection of city tax assessments and notices to all applicable residents of the City of _____Joplin_____, Missouri.
    b. It will cooperate with the County Collector and with the officials of the City of _____Joplin_____ to act toward the effectuation and execution of this agreement.

2. The City covenants and agrees:
    a. To be responsible for the computer programming. The cost of the computer programming to be paid directly to the programmer.
    b. To compensate the Collector for the services provided by him at rate of four percent (4%) of the total amount of the taxes collected by the Collector for the City, together with the penalty charge as prescribed by law, on amounts collected from taxpayers on delinquent taxes.

3. The Collector covenants and agrees:
    a. To his best professional efforts to effectuate the collection of the City taxes, as set forth herein, by all lawful and proper means.

b. To maintain reasonable and appropriate accounting and depository records and to pay the taxes collected by him in accordance with this agreement to the City of Joplin.
c. The Collector will pay the taxes collected by him for the previous month not later than the fifteenth day of the following month.
d. The Collector will provide to the City a copy of the original tax printout not later than a date to be agreed upon each year and said printouts shall include a list of all taxpayers, assessments and other pertinent information necessary to the tax billing for the City.
e. The Collector will collect and forward to the City, on a monthly account basis, all taxes collected by the County on behalf of the City, together with the appropriate bookkeeping information and date which is reasonable and required b law, by the City for its tax records.
f. The 4% collector commission shall be paid to the Jasper County Treasurer, with billing to be made by the Collector.
g. The entire 4% of the commission fee be paid to the County Treasurer, to be placed in the General Revenue Fund. In the event the Collector Tax Maintenance Fund currently in effect is eliminated, the entire 4% will be placed in a newly created Jasper County Collector TMF which is currently allowed under section 52.312, 52.315, 52.317 RSMo..
h. The County Collector will not receive any additional compensation in the form of salary, for this service to the City.
i. The Collector will pay the city the amount of interest collected on late taxes collected by the Office. The amount of interest earned by the deposited funds will also be distributed to the city.

4. It is contemplated by this agreement and understood by the parties that the City tax shall be added to and included on the County tax statements as an additional political subdivision and additional statements, envelopes, postage or other supplies will not be required.

5. It is further contemplated by this agreement and understood by the parties as follows:
   a. As provided by Section 140.680 RSMo., the power to collect the real and personal property taxes for the City is herby granted to the Collector.
   b. As provided by Section 140.690, RSMo., real property is in all cases liable for all taxes due the City and a lien is created for all these taxes, and the interest and costs provided by law, the same as for State and County taxes, which lien shall be enforced as in Chapter 140 RSMo. is provided.

6. The term of this contract will begin _____ _____.

7. The contract shall continue in force from year to year unless the City or the Collector give the other party written notice to terminate, by certified mail, not later than March 1. Any request for amendments to or modification of this contract by the City or Collector shall be submitted in the manner and by the

date specified for termination notices.

8. All accounting and reconciliation will be made as the date of termination. Any change in laws and regulations which substantially change or effects the responsibilities or performance of the parties hereto shall make this agreement voidable, at the option of the party or parties so affected.

9. Upon the termination of this contract without further renewal, the Collector shall make available to the City any such existing records under his control as may be necessary for the City to undertake the collection of taxes assessed on City property in the City of Joplin, Missouri in the year after termination.

Attest: **CITY OF _____, MISSOURI**

_____ _____

City Clerk **Mayor**

Approved as to Form: _____

Finance Director

_____ _____

City Attorney **City Manager**

Attest: **JASPER COUNTY**

_____ _____

County Clerk **County Collector of Revenue**

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County Counselor **Presiding Commissioner**