HUMANE SOCIETY ANIMAL SHELTERING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this _____day of _____ 2025, by and between the **City of Joplin, Missouri**, a Municipal Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "**City**", and the **Joplin Humane Society, Inc.**, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Missouri, d/b/a Animal Adoption & Rescue Center of the Four States, hereinafter referred to as "**AARC**".

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the AARC operates an animal shelter at which it receives, cares for, and disposes of animals; and

WHEREAS, the City, in the enforcement of its ordinances with respect to animals in the City, from time to time picks up various animals which must be sheltered, fed, and disposed of; and

WHEREAS, parties to this Agreement were parties to a similar contract dated the 30th day of December 1975 that has been amended from time to time by the parties; and by agreement of the parties, the former contract is terminated upon the effective date of this Agreement, and the agreement between the parties shall be reflected in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto do mutually agree to the following:

1. GENERAL: Subject to the terms, provisions, and restrictions of this Agreement, the AARC agrees to receive at its Shelter all live dogs, cats (except healthy free roaming cats) or other animals, excluding livestock and other farm animals, delivered to it by the City animal control officer (ACO) or other officials of City or residents of the City from and after the effective date of this Agreement; and agrees to shelter, feed, care for, and dispose of said animals as in this Agreement provided and as required by the applicable Joplin City Code and ordinances as the same are from time to time amended. No additional

duties or costs may be imposed upon AARC by City without appropriate compensation and in accordance with a written amendment of the Agreement.

2. ANIMALS HELD ACCORDING TO CITY ORDINANCE: The AARC shall keep and maintain its Shelter in a clean, sanitary condition at all times. It shall properly care for and protect and harbor all animals delivered to it as herein provided in a humane and decent manner. All animals delivered to the Shelter of the AARC shall be kept and sheltered in accordance with the terms of the ordinances of the City of Joplin and said animals shall be confined for the time provided in said ordinances. Animals quarantined under the provisions of the ordinances relating to rabies or other diseases shall be sheltered by the AARC in accordance with the terms of said ordinances for the length of time required by ordinance under the direction of the Director of Health and Welfare of the City or his designee and/or at a licensed veterinarian for the purpose of observation.

3. JOPLIN OWNER SURRENDERS: AARC agrees to receive, all live dogs, cats, or other animals (excluding livestock and other farm animals) delivered to it by residents of City, without charge to residents of the City, but, subject to the charges and provisions of this Agreement. In order to regulate the number of animals received, AARC will schedule Joplin owner surrenders during normal AARC hours. City ACOs will not accept Owner surrenders in the field, unless the ACO is of the opinion that an exception must be made to this provision, due to the health or safety of the animal as documented by the ACO. In all other cases, the ACO will provide such Owner with contact information for AARC, so that the owner may schedule a time to surrender such animal to AARC. The City reserves the right to change or eliminate this fee waiver for City residents at any time during this Agreement upon written notice from the Joplin Director of Health and Welfare to AARC. Upon such notice, City residents shall pay the designated animal surrender fee

(which may be a reduced amount as determined by City, in which case City shall pay any difference) to AARC.

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4. ANIMAL OWNER NOTIFICATION: The AARC shall make every reasonable effort to determine the ownership of all animals delivered to it at its Shelter under the terms hereof and shall further make every reasonable effort to inform by phone the owners of said animals of the fact that their animals are in its custody and the conditions under which they may regain custody of such animals.

5. ANIMAL INTAKE/DISPOSITION LOG AND MONTHLY REPORT: The AARC shall keep a daily log, in a mutually agreed format, of all animals delivered to it by the City or residents of City under the terms of this Agreement, and each animal received by it shall be identified on such log by some descriptive means and the disposition of such animal shall be recorded so that at all times the parties shall have and maintain a record of all animals received and the disposition thereof. Not later than the 10th of each month, after the effective date of this Agreement, the AARC shall deliver to the Director of Health and Welfare of the City a report, in a mutually agreed format, providing details about incoming animal data as well as animal disposition data for the animals received during the preceding calendar month.

6. RELEASE OF ANIMALS UPON PAYMENT OF FEES: The AARC shall release animals to their owners only after the owners have complied with the ordinances of City, with respect to the payment of impoundment fees and other charges unless authorized by the Director of Health and Welfare or authorized by the Executive Director of the AARC for daily care charges, and the AARC shall collect such fees, and charges for the use of the City. The AARC shall receive a service fee of twenty (20%) percent of such collections of

fines in exchange for such services, and the AARC shall account for all collections at such times and in such manner as may be directed by the Director of Health and Welfare of the City. The AARC shall also release animals to owners if such owners deliver to the AARC evidence of direct payment to the City of such fees and charges on forms to be provided by the City. The AARC shall not be entitled to any collection of fines made directly to the City. In the event the City collects impoundment fees for the cost of care, the City shall remit the same to the AARC.

Impoundment fees collected by the AARC shall be submitted to the City on a biweekly basis.

7. FEE ADJUSTMENT: Fees as provided in this Agreement to be charged to residents of Joplin and the City pursuant to this Agreement may be adjusted based upon the AARC's change in costs subsequent to the previous adjustment. Any individual fee increases will be adjusted only to the extent of an increase in the Consumer Price Index (St. Louis -All Urban Consumers), utilizing the December 12 month period index from the previous year. If a fee increase request is in excess of the Consumer Price Index the city may request to review data on actual costs of each service if needed to document cost increases. In the event an adjustment to documented cost is warranted, AARC shall provide written notice thereof with supporting documentation, by no later than May 1 of each year. All increases shall be subject to annual appropriation by the Joplin City Council. City shall have thirty (30) days to review and request additional supporting documentation. In the event the parties are unable to agree to the cost adjustment, either party shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement as provided herein.

8. ANNUAL SHELTERING FEE CALCULATION: To provide for a level monthly sheltering fee paid by the City to the AARC, animal sheltering data from the

previous complete calendar year and obtained from the Animal Identification Record forms or other similar records used for tracking animal intake, approved for use by the Director of Health and Welfare, will be analyzed annually in May by the City and AARC in order to obtain the annual sheltering charge for the next city fiscal year (Nov.- Oct.). The calculations will utilize the agreed-upon fee adjustment, if any, for the upcoming City fiscal year.

9. SOCIETY OPERATED ACCORDING TO LAW: The AARC agrees that the shelter facility shall be maintained in accordance with reasonable standards adopted by and under the direction of the Joplin Humane AARC Board of Directors. The AARC shall operate the Shelter and provide care for all animals in compliance with all state and federal regulations applicable to such facility. The AARC shall make the Shelter facilities available during regular business hours for inspection by the Director of Health and Welfare of the City and his designee to monitor compliance with this Agreement. The AARC agrees that it will provide to the City, in a timely manner, any copies of inspections of the Shelter completed by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the facility.

10. SPECIAL ANIMAL CARE: The AARC agrees to receive at its Shelter all live dogs, cats, or other animals as set forth in this Agreement, and to shelter, feed, and care for and dispose of said animals, without charge to the City, for any routine animal care services that may be incurred by the AARC in providing the services set forth herein. The City agrees to pay or arrange for payment through municipal court, on a case-by-case basis, for extraordinary animal care or veterinary care as required in certain cases due to the medical condition of an animal or as required by the Missouri Department of Agriculture. In the event AARC incurs any veterinary charges relative to City's animals, it shall be paid by the City.

The City agrees to compensate the AARC for daily care charges when in certain cases an animal is held at city request (e.g. owner arrested or hospitalized), and when animal owner does not directly pay charges. AARC shall accept injured animals delivered to it by City ACOs, during the hours of 9:00 am, through 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday (except national holidays) and will provide appropriate palliative and veterinarian care to said animals. The cost for such care shall be paid by the Owner if the Owner reclaims such animal, or if not, then by the City.

11. RABIES SAMPLE PROCESSING: The AARC agrees to process and ship any small animal (up to and including dogs and cats) delivered to it to the Missouri State Laboratory for rabies testing for a Thirty-Three and 92/100 ($33.92) Dollar fee to a resident of the City or the City.

12. FEE STRUCTURE: The City agrees to pay the AARC for services to be rendered hereunder the following, where applicable, for animals brought to the AARC by an official of the City or a resident of the City (except items d. and e. when citizen is specifically requesting these services for his own pet) and registered on an Animal Identification Form and not identified as a returned or reclaimed animal in the animal disposition. The City reserves the right to change or eliminate any fee waiver for City residents at any time during this Agreement upon written notice from the Joplin Director of Health and Welfare to the AARC. All returned or reclaimed animal fees are to be paid by animal owner.

(a) **Animal Intake and Tracking Fee** of Ten and 91/100 ($10.91) dollars per animal.

(b) Animal **Sheltering Fee** of Ten and 24/100 ($10.24) dollars per day, not to exceed seven (7) days, (excluding wild animals).

(c) **Quarantine Fee** of Nineteen and 67/100 ($19.67) dollars per day, not to exceed ten (10) days.

(d) **Euthanasia Fee** of Fifteen and 52/100 ($15.52) dollars per animal.

(e) Cremation **Fee** of Nineteen and 88/100 ($19.88) Dollars or .65/pound for large wild animals, for each animal registered on an Identification Record Form and brought to the AARC by an Animal Control Officer of the City that requires cremation.

(f) Small **Animal Cremation Fee** of Six and 58/100 ($6.58) dollars per small wild animal such as birds, squirrels, rabbits, rodents, or other small wild animals under 3 lbs. in weight.

(g) AARC out-of-pocket veterinary charges due to its acceptance of a sick or injured animal, as determined in paragraph 10 herein.

(h) The AARC agrees to provide to the City, by the 10th day of each month, an invoice for all charges incurred, pursuant to this Agreement, during the previous month, in a format approved by the City. The City agrees to process all invoices by the end of the month provided such invoices are received by 10th of each month.

(i) The AARC agrees that the fee for services charged by AARC to City shall be the same fee charged for like services to other governmental entities that have a contract with AARC; although for convenience, flat fees may be charged to other governmental entities. The calculation utilized by AARC to arrive at a flat fee for such government entities shall be the same calculations utilized by AARC to arrive at the fee charged to City for such services.

13. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: It is expressly understood that the AARC is, in all respects, an independent contractor, and the only liability of the City created by the terms of this Agreement is the obligation to pay the AARC for services rendered as hereinabove set forth. The AARC shall carry and provide the City with evidence of liability insurance coverage in an amount of at least $500,000 per person, and $1,000,000 per occurrence, and AARC shall indemnify and hold City harmless for any other claim caused by the actions of the AARC. The AARC agrees to add the City as an additional insured on its comprehensive general liability insurance policy provided City pays any additional premium charged. Such policy shall provide that it may not be cancelled without ten (10) day's advance written notice.

14. WORK AUTHORIZATION: If the Contractor meets the definition of a business entity, as defined in Section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to Section 285.530, RSMo, the Contractor shall maintain enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the contracted services herein.

15. DEDICATED DOG RUNS: AARC agrees to dedicate three dog runs in the AARC intake area, and three exterior dog runs near the intake area for City ACOs to routinely, throughout the day or night, place stray, quarantined or animals seized by judicial proceeding, which shall be deemed delivered to AARC. No owner surrender dogs shall be placed in these dedicated runs by City ACOs, unless necessary for the health or safety of the animal as documented by the ACO. Dogs placed in these runs may be moved to the long-term animal runs to keep the dedicated runs available for ACO animal delivery. AARC will exercise its best efforts to transfer these dogs into the other spaces of the Shelter. The goal is to keep these dedicated runs cleared of animals by the close of business

and again by the opening of business each day to assure adequate space for animals delivered to AARC. In the event AARC does not have space for such dogs in the regular runs, then AARC will not accept any further ACO delivery to the dedicated runs, until space is available in the Shelter.

16. ISOLATION OF CERTAIN ANIMALS: Animals held in isolation areas (quarantine or dangerous dog impoundment) are not to be viewed by the public or other unauthorized individuals unless authorized by animal control staff or AARC staff.

17. ANIMAL EMERGENCY PLANNING: The AARC agrees to participate in regular joint emergency planning and response activities with the City to address situations involving animal care during emergencies (e.g. weather emergency, continuity planning for AARC operations, etc.).

18. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT: Termination of the Agreement may occur prior to the date agreed upon by the parties herein in the following matter:

a. Either party, at any time, upon one hundred eighty (180) day's written notice, may terminate this Agreement;

b. If AARC fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement, the City may terminate this Agreement by providing ten (10) day's written notice of its intent to terminate and specify the event of default. In the event the default is not cured within thirty (30) days, the City shall be entitled to terminate the Agreement. The City shall be liable only for costs incurred to and until the effective date of termination.

19. RIGHT OF AARC TO SUSPEND SERVICES: The parties acknowledge that the mission of AARC is to receive and care for pets in its custody in a safe and healthy environment, and that the cooperation of City is key to allow AARC to achieve its mission.

Likewise, the goal of City is to provide safe, effective and humane animal control for its citizens. Thus, the City and AARC share the same goals and mission. However, the ability of AARC to provide services and care in accordance with its mission, and this Agreement, is limited by the capacity of the Shelter, which is 215 adult Dogs and 145 adult Cats. Upon AARC reaching 90% capacity of either dogs or cats, or both, AARC will provide written notice to City's Director of Health and Welfare, that at a date and time certain, AARC will suspend the intake of all animals (except quarantined animals or animals impounded pursuant to Court proceeding, or those animals whose immediate health and safety is contingent upon acceptance by AARC, with each such exception being documented by the ACO.) Upon the reduction of dogs and/or cats below 90% capacity, AARC will notify Joplin's Director of Health and Welfare of the reduction of animals below capacity and of AARC's ability to accept animals. In the event AARC is faced with an emergency situation, which, in the opinion of AARC's Executive Director and, the City Director of the Department of Health and Welfare, poses a threat to the level of care the Shelter provides to its animals, AARC shall have the right, upon 24 hours' notice, to suspend acceptance of all animals. In the event of a suspension of service and 24 hours' notice is given, AARC will make every effort to accept animals stated in the exceptions listed in this section.

20. AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT: This Agreement may be amended at any time by writing approved by City and AARC.

21. BINDING AGREEMENT: This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties' successors and assigns.

22. TERM OF AGREEMENT: The services of the AARC are to commence upon the 1st day of November 2025 and continue until October 31, 2026. Thereafter,

subject to annual appropriations, it will be automatically renewed for four (4) successive one-year terms to coincide with the City fiscal year unless modified or amended by both City and AARC, in writing, or terminated pursuant to Paragraph 18 herein.

23. LOW-COST RABIES CLINIC: The AARC and City agree to collaborate as necessary in providing low-cost rabies clinic opportunities for residents of the city. Clinics may be City resident specific or the City may participate in other low-cost rabies clinics offered to area residents by the AARC. Costs to the City for participation in low-cost rabies clinics will be agreed upon by both parties prior to any clinic

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2025

JOPLIN HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

By: _____

ATTEST:

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CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI,
a Municipal Corporation

By:_____
Nicholas Edwards City Manager

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney