# INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Interlocal Cooperation Agreement is authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act (Tex. Gov't Code §791.001 et seq.) between the City of Rio Vista (the "City"), a municipal corporation acting herein by and through its duly authorized City Council, and Johnson County, Texas (the "County"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas acting by and through its duly authorized Commissioners Court, individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively referred to as "Parties." Nothing in this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement should be construed as limited or impeding the basic spirit of cooperation which exists between the City and County.

The purpose of this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (the "Agreement") is for the County to provide law enforcement services within the City. In exchange, the City will compensate the County for those law enforcement services provided by the County.

### RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE PARTIES

For compensation recited herein, the County shall dedicate the services of one deputy (the "Officer") to provide law enforcement services within the City as scheduling by the County will permit, during the duration of this agreement. The County will provide policies, oversight and direction of tis officers who are providing law enforcement services for the City while this agreement is in effect. The day to day operation and administrative control of the Officer will remain the responsibility of the County. Responsibility for the conduct of the Officer, both personally and professionally, shall remain with the County. The City, through its city attorney and/or its governing body, may from time to time make requests to the County that the Officer conduct or concentrate on certain activities, but at all times control over the Officer shall remain the responsibility of the County.

Continued assignment of "Officer" to perform law enforcement services within the City will be based upon the performance and will be at the discretion of the County. Upon request, however, the City will be provided with an update as to the direction and the accomplishments of the Officer.

### **INVESTIGATIONS**

All officer investigations will be initiated in accordance with the County guidelines. The investigative methods employed will be consistent with the policies and procedures of the County. The officer assigned to provide law enforcement services for the City will oversee any investigative activity in accordance with the County policies and procedures.

All investigation will be done in compliance with existing County policies.

All evidence acquired during the court of the Officer's investigations on behalf of the City, will be maintained by the Officer in the County. All Texas Penal Code and Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Rules and policies governing the submission, retrieval and chain of custody of evidence will be adhered to by the Officer. Failure to adhere to the foregoing shall not be a basis for nonpayment of nonperformance by the City.

#### **BRIEFINGS**

Monthly briefings on the Officer's activities, progress and/or concerns, will be provided in writing by Johnson County Sheriff Bob Alford or his designee to the governing body of the City.

## **VEHICLES**

The City agrees to provide a vehicle for use by the Officer assigned to the City. The vehicle shall be suitable for use in investigative, law enforcement operations. All expenses associated with use of the vehicle, i.e., fuel, maintenance, taxes, insurance, etc. shall be borne by the City. The officer will be allowed to drive the vehicle to and from his residence provided said officer resides in Johnson County. The vehicles provided by the City to the County shall be used for patrol within the city limits of Rio Vista and other incidental calls responded to by County Officer within the general proximity of Rio Vista, Texas.

#### **OFFICE SPACE**

The City agrees to provide suitable office space for use by the assigned Officer. It is expected that the Officer assigned to the City will use the City office space as their base of operation and will report for duty each day unless operational needs dictate otherwise.

#### **FUNDING**

The County agrees to provide the full time services of its Officer for the duration of this operation. The County also agrees to assume all personnel costs for their officers, including salaries, overtime and fringe benefits consistent with their respective ranks.

The City agrees in exchange for these law enforcement services, to pay the County the following amounts as reasonable compensation for these services:

Ben Arriola, Sergeant, Grade 16, in the amount of \$6,234.58 per month.

The County will provide one Deputy pursuant to this schedule. These funds shall be made from current revenues available to the City and paid directly to the County treasurer on a monthly basis as invoiced by the County Auditor. City agrees to pay invoices to County within thirty (30) days of receipt.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Agreement is to be effective November 17, 2014 provided both Parties have approved the Agreement by that date. In the event both Parties have not approved and signed the Agreement by November 17, 2014, the Agreement will become effective on the date on which the last Party signs the Agreement.

#### DURATION

This Interlocal Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated, or for a period of six (6) months from the date of this agreement, whichever is sooner. Continuation of this agreement shall be subject to the authorization for each of the governing bodies of the City and the County. This agreement may be modified any time by written consent of each of the governing bodies of the City and the County. This Agreement may be terminated by either the governing bodies of the County of the City at any time, by providing a 30 day written notice of their intent to cancel the agreement. Upon termination of this agreement, all equipment will be returned to the supplying agencies.

### LIABILITIES

The City and County agree to be responsible for all violations in negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of their respective employees. The County agrees, subject to the limitations of the Texas Constitution and the Texas Tort Claims Act, to indemnify the City from any lawsuits or claims as a result of any actions of the County's employees. The City agrees, subject to the limitations of the Texas Constitution and the Texas Tort Claims Act, to indemnify the County from any claims or suits brought as a result of any actions of the City's employees.

The parties acknowledge that their liability, if any, for the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions committed by their respective employees while they are participating in this agreement, is governed by applicable State and Federal law. The City and County agree that they will not be responsible or liable for acts performed by employees or personnel of the other party to this agreement, during the duration of this Interlocal Agreement.

Nothing herein is intended to waive or limit sovereign or qualified immunity under the federal or state statutory or constitutional laws. The parties agree to be responsible for the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of their respective employees. Liability for any negligent or willful acts of the Officers, undertaken outside the terms of this agreement, will be the sole responsibility of the respective Officer and the County.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event Johnson County is sued as a result of providing law enforcement services to the City, City will reimburse County for County's insurance retention expense and any other out-of-pocket expenses associated with any lawsuit against the County and/or County's officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, intending to be legally bound, the Parties have caused their authorized representative to execute this Agreement. Each representative, whose signature appears on this Agreement, represents and does hereby certify that they have the authority to enter into this Agreement for their represented Party.

# **COUNTY**

**Ester Landers** 

Roger Harmon County Judge Sheriff Attest: County Clerk **CITY** Mayor, City of Rio Vista, Texas Attest:

City Secretary, City of Rio Vista, Texas