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**AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE COUNTY OF JOHNSON AND THE CITY OF KEENE REGARDING  
JURISDICTION OF PLAT APPROVAL IN THE CITY'S ETJ**

This Amendment to Interlocal Agreement Between the County of Johnson and the City of Keene Regarding Jurisdiction of Plat Approval in the City's ETJ (the "Amendment") is made and entered into by and between Johnson County, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas ("County") acting herein by and through its duly authorized Commissioners Court, and the City of Keene ("City"), a municipal corporation, acting herein by and through its duly authorized City Council, individually referred to as a "Party," collectively referred to herein as the "Parties" and is an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the County and the City signed by the City on April 4, 2002 and by the County on April 22, 2002, with an effective date of April 22, 2002, (the "Agreement") that granted City exclusive jurisdiction to regulate all subdivision plats and approve all related permits in City's ETJ.

**Recitals**

WHEREAS, prior to the enactment of H.B. 1445, Texas Local Government Code §242.001 authorized City and County to exercise concurrent jurisdiction over the platting process required upon the subdivision of land within City's extraterritorial jurisdiction ("ETJ") located within the County; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 1445 amended Texas Local Government Code §242.001 to require that City and County agree to a procedure whereby only one governmental agency will have jurisdiction to oversee and regulate the platting process and related permits within a municipality's ETJ; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act allows local governments to contract with one another to perform governmental functions such as platting and approval of related permits; and

WHEREAS, City and County mutually desire to be subject to the provisions of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 791, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, specifically §791.011 regarding contracts to perform governmental functions and services; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code §242.001 requires City and County to enter into a written agreement that identifies the governmental entity authorized to regulate subdivision plats and approve related permits in City's ETJ; and

WHEREAS, City and County desire to amend the Agreement that was effective as April 22, 2002 so that County shall be granted exclusive jurisdiction to regulate

subdivision plats and approve related permits in City's ETJ under Chapter 232 of the Texas Local Government Code and other statutes applicable to Counties, all of which is provided for in the Interlocal Cooperation Act and Texas Local Government Code Chapter 242.

NOW, THEREFORE, City and County, for the mutual consideration stated herein, agree and understand as follows:

### **Agreements**

1. *County Granted Exclusive Jurisdiction.* County shall be granted exclusive jurisdiction to regulate all subdivision plats and approve all related permits in City's ETJ and may regulate subdivisions under Subchapter A of Chapter 232 of the Texas Local Government Code and other statutes applicable to Counties, and City shall no longer exercise any of these functions in City's ETJ. County shall have jurisdiction to enforce onsite sewage facilities under Texas Health & Safety Code Chapter 366 and 30 Texas Administrative Code ("TAC") Chapter 285. County shall also have the authority to approve culvert and floodplain development permits pursuant to federal law.
2. *ETJ Defined.* For the purposes of this Amendment, City's ETJ is described by the area indicated on Exhibit A, attached hereto and made part hereof by this reference. The recognition of the ETJ shall not be deemed an admission by City or County in any dispute with any other person or municipality regarding the boundaries of City's ETJ.
3. *ETJ Expansion or Reduction.* In the event City's ETJ expands, City and County agree that County shall continue to be granted exclusive jurisdiction to regulate subdivision plats and approve related permits in its ETJ, and to regulate subdivisions under Subchapter A of Chapter 232 of the Texas Local Government Code and other statutes applicable to counties. Should City expand or reduce its ETJ, City shall notify County of such expansion or reduction within 30 days by sending to County a copy of the applicable ordinance and amended Exhibit A.
4. *Notice of Plat Submittals and Approvals.*
  - (a) County shall notify City of all subdivision plat applications for property located in City's ETJ within the County within ten days after receipt of a completed application. County shall use its best efforts to comply with this paragraph; however, failure to comply shall not affect the validity of any subdivision plat.
  - (b) County shall notify City of the approval of plats for property located in City's ETJ within the County. A copy of the approved plat and any engineering plans shall be sent to City at the address set out in Section 10(e) within 30 days of County's approval. County shall assign addresses to each lot within an approved subdivision.
5. *Plats Affected.* The plats that will be subject to this Amendment are those that are filed after the Effective Date, as defined herein. If the ETJ is expanded or reduced,

plats must be filed with the party who will have jurisdiction after the Effective Date. The party receiving an application for a plat approval for which the party has no jurisdiction may either direct the developer to the appropriate office or forward the application. Any rights accruing to a person under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 245 shall not be affected.

6. *Collection of Fees and Costs.* All costs involved with the approval of subdivision plats under this Amendment, including but not limited to engineering reviews and inspections of public improvements, shall be borne by County and payable out of current revenues available to County. All fees relating to subdivision plat approval shall be collected by County and retained by County.

7. *Maintenance of Roads.* County shall maintain roads constructed in the ETJ at County's expense upon County accepting said roads for county maintenance.

8. *Effective Date.* The Effective Date shall be the date upon which both parties have approved and fully executed this Amendment.

9. *Applicable Regulations.* The subdivision rules and regulations currently enacted by County are applicable to the ETJ and are hereby established as the set of regulations to be enforced by County in the ETJ. County and City agree and understand that County may hereafter amend County's subdivision rules and regulations and upon approval by County said amendments will be applicable in City's ETJ. County will provide City with copies of all amendments to County's subdivision rules and regulations proposed after the Effective Date and will notify City of all public hearings on such proposed amendments.

10. *Miscellaneous Provisions.*

(a) This Amendment expresses the entire agreement between the parties hereto regarding the subject matter contained herein and may not be modified or amended except by written agreement duly executed by both parties.

(b) This Amendment has been duly and properly approved by each party's governing body and constitutes a binding obligation on each party.

(c) This Amendment shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and venue for all purposes hereunder shall be in Johnson County, Texas.

(d) If any provisions hereof is determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, such provision shall be fully severable here from and this Amendment shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision never comprised a part hereof; and the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

(e) All notices required to be given by virtue of this Amendment shall be addressed as follows and delivered by certified mail, postage prepaid or by hand delivery:

City: Keene City Hall  
1000 N Old Betsy Rd  
Cleburne, TX 76031

Copies to:

Keene Police Department  
203 W Hillcrest St  
Keene, TX 76059

and

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County: Johnson County Judge  
Roger Harmon  
1 North Main Street  
Cleburne, Texas 76033

Copies to:

Johnson County Public Works  
1 North Main Street Suite 305  
Cleburne, Texas 76033

and

Johnson County Attorney  
Bill Moore  
204 S. Buffalo Ave. Suite 410  
Cleburne, Texas 76033

(f) This Amendment is not intended to extend the liability of the parties beyond that provided by law. Neither City nor County waives any immunity or defense that would otherwise be available to it against claims by third parties.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KEENE, TEXAS,  
in its meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019, and executed by  
its authorized representative.

CITY OF KEENE, TEXAS

By: Larry Skwirid  
Title: Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
City Secretary

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR JOHNSON COUNTY,  
TEXAS, in its meeting held on the 11 day of March, 2019, and  
executed by its authorized representative.

JOHNSON COUNTY

By: [Signature]  
Roger Harmon, County Judge

Attest:

[Signature]  
Becky Ivey, County Clerk



EXHIBIT A

