

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA
AND
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this 8th day of December, 2015 between the City of Gainesville, a municipal corporation (CITY) and Alachua County, Florida, a charter county and political subdivision of the State of Florida (COUNTY).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The City Of Gainesville is responsible for the provision of fire rescue and park services within the City's corporate limits and Alachua County is responsible for the provision of fire rescue and park services in the unincorporated area of the county; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, the City annexed property in the SW 20th Avenue corridor that included Alachua County Fire Station 19 and Forest Park. Most services transitioned to the City soon after annexation; however, Alachua County Fire Rescue (ACFR) has continued to be the primary provider of fire rescue services and Alachua County has continued to own Forest Park; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) desires to be the primary provider of fire rescue services and the City desires to own Forrest Park; and

WHEREAS, the City and County agree to transition fire rescue services and Forest Park ownership to the City;

WHEREAS, the City and County agree that to accomplish this goal, the Fire Services Assistance Agreement (FSAA) is amended to allow transition of Alachua County Fire Station 19 to the City;

NOW THEREFORE, The parties agree as follows:

1. **Suspension of Payments under the FSAA:** "Section 5 Methods of Payment" of the FSAA will be temporarily suspended to make the FSAA a non-compensatory agreement from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2017 for all fire rescue units in service as of that date as currently set forth in the FSAA, along with the new GFR Squad 2, which will be added to the FSAA list of units in service. County Engine 19 and GFR Squad 2 will operate by dispatch recommendation, whether inside or outside the City. Commencing on October 1, 2017, the provisions of Section 5 will again be operative returning to a compensatory agreement, with the exception that GFR will be responsible for providing services to the SW 20th Avenue service area.

2. **Fire Rescue Transition:** Effective October 1, 2017, fire rescue responsibility for the SW 20th Avenue service area will be assigned to the City, and as such, the GFR assigned unit will be recognized in the FSAA as compensable. On that same date, the County will relocate Engine 19 and its crew. If Engine 19 is not relocated on October 1, 2017, it will continue to provide services but will no longer be recognized as a compensable unit in the FSAA. Once relocated, Engine 19 will be recognized as a compensable unit consistent with the FSAA.

3. **Fire Station 19 Co-location:** The County will retain ownership of Alachua County Fire Station 19 and agrees to explore the co-location of GFR units at Alachua County Fire Station 19.

4. **Forest Park Transition:** On October 1, 2017, ownership and responsibility for the operation of Forest Park at 4501 SW 20th Avenue will be transferred, free from all encumbrances, from the County to the City as evidenced by recording of a special warranty deed from the County to the City.

5. Except as amended herein, the FSAA remains in full force and effect.

6. The County shall record this Agreement in the Public Records of Alachua County, upon which the Agreement shall be deemed effective pursuant to Section 163.01(11), Florida Statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by the proper officers and officials.

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

BY: Ed Braddy 12-28-2015
Ed Braddy Date
Mayor

ATTEST

Sharon J. Williams
Kurt Lannon, Clerk
(SEAL)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY**

BY: Nicolle Shalley 12/16/15
~~Nicolle Shalley~~ Date
Gainesville City Attorney
ASSISTANT

ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Robert Hutchinson 12-10-15
Date

Robert Hutchinson

CHAIR

ATTEST

Steve Donahay, D.C.
J.K. "Buddy" Irby, Clerk
(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM /

BY: Robert Irby
Date

County Attorney