



City of Gainesville

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Office of the City Manager

July 26, 2021

Ms. Michele L. Lieberman
County Manager
Alachua County Manager
12 SE 1st Street
Gainesville, FL 32601

RE: Fire Hydrant and Public Streetlighting Service Agreement

Dear Ms. Lieberman: *Michele*

Recently, the City has been examining its existing agreements with other governmental entities to ensure that all provisions remain relevant to current operations. The above reference agreement (enclosed) was entered into on February 21, 1990, and relates to the relationship that the City of Gainesville has with Alachua County relating to the imposition of permits, licenses, franchise fees, or other charges for the use of County rights-of-way by the electric, gas, water and wastewater systems of the City.

Specifically, Section 4 of the agreement provides:

Subsequent to the payment of each charge for services as provided for in Section 3, the City shall reimburse the County **from its general fund** an amount equal to the charges paid to the City by the County for fire hydrant and street lighting services; except however, that during the first fiscal year of the agreement (1989/1990), the City shall have no obligation to reimburse the County for charges paid by the County for fire hydrant and street lighting services. Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, the County shall have until January 1, 1991, to fully pay all charges accruing during the fiscal year 1989/1990. [Emphasis added]

At this time, the City would request that the County would agree to amend the agreement to strike the words "from its general fund" from the above-cited Section 4 of the agreement. There would be no other proposed change to the agreement and the City's obligations would not be altered. This action would only permit the City to use funds other than its General Fund to make the annual reimbursement. I would anticipate that the County would be agnostic to this change.

Please let me know your thoughts on this matter as I would like to have this amendment before both of our governing bodies before the commencement of the new fiscal year. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM
City Manager

Enclosure

cc: Ed Bielarski, General Manager, Gainesville Regional Utilities
Nicolle Shalley, City Attorney
Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager
Cintya Ramos, Finance Director