

**FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT**

THIS FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT made by and between the Board of Township Trustees of Washington Township, Richland County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as "TOWNSHIP" and the Village of Bellville, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as "VILLAGE."

WHEREAS, territory formerly within the Township has been annexed to and has become part of the Village as designated in Exhibit A attached hereto and hereinafter referred to as "TERRITORY", and

WHEREAS, Village does not have any firefighting capability, and

WHEREAS, Township and Village agree that Territory contains a concentration of commercial properties and with the potential for further development a significant need for fire protection exists, and

WHEREAS, Township and Village have mutually agreed to promote the fire safety for the property and persons within the Territory, and

WHEREAS, adequate fire protection for the Territory will encourage further economic development and help stabilize or reduce insurance rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the terms and conditions contained herein the parties agree as follows:

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1. Township shall continue to provide fire protection to the Territory and further agrees to reasonably consider, plan for and provide such long term fire protection as the Territory may require from time to time including, but not limited to, particular firefighting apparatus or equipment.

2. It is agreed and understood that most of the Village is located within Jefferson Township and that the terms of this Agreement shall be and are limited to the Territory.

3. In consideration of and recognition of the costs to the Township of providing the fire protection herein, Village agrees to reimburse Township as follows:

(a) Payment of one-half (1/2) of the bed tax revenue collected from all current and existing motels within the Territory, to-wit:

1. Comfort Inn Comfort Inn
2. Dollar Motel
3. Mid Ohio Motel
4. Star Motel

Payment will be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of collection from the motels.

(b) Payment of an amount equal to all real and personal property tax revenue now levied in the Territory and paid to the Township based on all current and existing tax values as they appear on the tax records of the Richland County Auditor as of the date of this Contract. Payment will be made within thirty (30) days of receipt from the Richland County Auditor.<sup>1</sup> Payment shall start with the 1995 tax as collected in 1996.

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<sup>1</sup> For the 1993 tax year the real property tax collection for the Territory was \$9,930.74.

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(c) Payment of some additional real and personal property tax revenue that would occur in the event other new construction would occur within the Territory after September 1, 1995, and for ten (10) years thereafter. For purposes of this Agreement new construction shall not include the planned Ramada Limited Motel and the Der Dutchman Restaurant. In the event new construction does occur within such ten-year period, then in such event the Township would receive payment from the Village as follows:

- (1) Fifty percent (50%) of the additional real and personal property tax revenue generated by the new construction for a first term of ten (10) tax years<sup>2</sup> thereafter.
- (2) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the additional real and personal property tax revenue generated by the new construction for a second term of an additional ten (10) tax years.

For purposes of determining when new construction will have occurred, it will be based on the date of occupancy of the new construction.

4. This Agreement shall be from year to year and shall be renewed annually and shall be terminated only upon the occurrence of one of the following circumstances:

- (a) Upon the Village obtaining official city status under Ohio law;
- (b) Upon Township's refusal to provide fire protection under the term of the Contract;
- (c) Upon the joint written agreement of the parties.

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<sup>2</sup> Payment is made pursuant to collection based on tax years rather than calendar years.

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Approved and signed by the parties on the dates corresponding their signatures.

Board of Township Trustees  
of Washington Township,  
Richland County, Ohio.

November 20, 1995  
Date

Ray E. Williams  
Timothy A. West  
Rick E. Hill

Village of Bellville, Ohio

November 20, 1995  
Date

Carolynn B. Studenmund  
Carolynn B. Studenmund, Mayor  
Rick Baker  
Rick Baker, Clerk-Treasurer

