

## URBAN COOPERATION AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made effective as of the 9th day of September, 2008, by and between the **CITY OF CLARE**, a Michigan home rule city, with its offices at 202 West Fifth Street, Clare, MI 48617 ("City"), and **GRANT TOWNSHIP**, a Michigan general law township, with its offices located at 8490 South Grant Avenue, Clare, MI 48617 ("Township").

### RECITALS

A. The City and Township are "local units" as defined by Act 425 of 1984, as amended ("Act 425") (MCL 124.21 *et seq.*), which enables two local units to conditionally transfer property by written agreement for the purpose of economic development projects. The City and Township are also "local governmental units" as defined by Act 7 of 1967, as amended ("Act 7") (MCL 124.501 *et seq.*), which authorizes agreements for the joint exercise of power and for the sharing of revenues between local government units.

B. The City and Township have proposed that certain property described in the attached Exhibit A (the "Urban Cooperation Area") be conditionally transferred from the Township to the City pursuant to Act 425 and pursuant to the terms of this Agreement under Act 425 and Act 7.

C. The City and Township have considered certain factors prior to entering into this Agreement as required by Section 3 of Act 425.

D. The Township Board held a public hearing on July 15, 2008, regarding this Agreement, and the City Commission held a public hearing on July 21, 2008, regarding this Agreement, both preceded by notice in accordance with the requirements of Michigan's Open Meetings Act. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Township Board and City Commission each approved this Agreement, subject to the referendum requirements of Act 425 and Act 7.

E. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the public hearings and more than forty-five (45) have passed since the Township Board and City Commission approved this Agreement, by a majority of elected officials to each legislative body, and neither the Township Clerk nor the City Clerk have received a petition for referendum on the Agreement; or, if such a referendum was petitioned for, the election was held and the majority vote approved this Agreement.

F. The City and Township find that the conditional transfer of the Urban Cooperation Area from the Township to the City pursuant to this Agreement will assist economic development and be beneficial to the residents of the City and the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS**

Section 1.1 Definitions.

- (a) "Agreement" means this Urban Cooperation Agreement.
- (b) "Urban Cooperation Area" means that portion of the Township described in the attached Exhibit A.
- (c) "District I" means that part of the Urban Cooperation Area outside of District II, defined below.
- (d) "District II" means that part of the Urban Cooperation Area in which the property owner voluntarily requests a transfer of his or her property to District II by signing and filing a notarized copy of the District II Transfer Agreement attached as Exhibit B with the City and the Township. For purposes of MCL 333.12751, *et seq*, the sanitary sewer system operated by the City shall not be deemed to be "available" to properties within District I until the property owner(s) signs and files a copy of the District II Transfer Agreement as provided above; provided, however, that until December 31, 2023, if any property within District I containing an existing residential, commercial or industrial improvement on the Effective Date of this Agreement is required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Clare County Department of Public Health, or other governmental agency to connect to the City's sanitary sewer system, then such property shall not be transferred to District II until fifteen (15) years after such sewer connection or December 31, 2023, whichever is earlier; and provided that, during the period that such properties within District I receive sewer service from the City, those customers shall pay sewer service rates determined by the City in accordance with applicable law. Upon receiving the District II Transfer Agreement, the City Commission and the Township Board shall each conduct a public hearing on such transfer as required by Act 425. Thirty (30) days after the public hearings, the Township and the City shall both execute the District II Transfer Agreement, and the City Clerk shall file one copy with the Michigan Secretary of State, and shall file one copy with the Clare County Clerk. A copy of such Agreement, certified as filed with the Clare County Clerk or the Michigan Secretary of State, shall be prima facie evidence of the transfer of the described property to District II of the Urban Cooperation Area. The City will reimburse the Township for the Township's legal and administrative costs incurred as a result of each transfer to District II, upon invoice from the Township.



## ARTICLE II AREA AND JURISDICTION TRANSFERRED

Section 2.1 Transfer of Property. The Urban Cooperation Area shall be conditionally transferred from the jurisdiction of the Township to the jurisdiction of the City for the limited purposes specified in this Agreement.

Section 2.2 Jurisdiction After Termination or Expiration. Upon the termination, expiration, or non-renewal of this Agreement, District I shall for all purposes return to the jurisdiction of the Township, and District II shall for all purposes remain under the jurisdiction of the City.

### Section 2.3 Jurisdiction – Governmental Services.

(a) District I of the Urban Cooperation Area shall receive all services from the Township normally provided to Township properties. The Township hereby grants and the City hereby accepts a franchise and consent to use the public rights of way within District I for the purpose of providing water and sanitary sewer service to District II properties.

(b) District II of the Urban Cooperation Area shall receive all services from the City normally provided to City properties. The City shall bear the cost of maintaining and improving the portion of any public road within District II and one-half the cost of any public road contiguous to properties within District II.

Section 2.4 Jurisdiction – Zoning of Transferred Area. During the term of this Agreement, the Township shall have all zoning authority, if any, including the authority to make zoning decisions, if any, within District I, and the City shall have all zoning authority, including the authority to make zoning decisions, within District II.

Section 2.5 Jurisdiction – Taxes. During the term of this Agreement, all *ad valorem* property taxes shall be levied and collected by the Township at the normal Township millage rate for District I of the Urban Cooperation Area, and all *ad valorem* property taxes shall be levied and collected by the City at the normal City millage rate for District II of the Urban Cooperation Area.

### Section 2.6 Sharing – Taxes.

(a) During the term of this Agreement, the Township shall annually receive tax sharing from the City of the real and personal property taxes collected by the City with respect to District II, based on the following calculation:

The Township shall receive an amount equal to the

Township's then effective millage rate, up to a maximum of three (3) mills, times the taxable value of the real and personal property within District II.

(b) In addition, during the first full tax year after any property is transferred to District II, the City shall share with the Township an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the City's then effective millage rate times the taxable value of the property so transferred.

(c) All tax sharing due the Township under this section shall be paid by the City no later than September 30<sup>th</sup> of each tax year, subject to rebate in proportion to any tax refunds resulting from Tax Tribunal proceedings. For purposes of this Section, taxable value shall be calculated irrespective of whether any abatements, exemptions, or tax increment financing have been approved for property within District II of the Urban Cooperation Area. In the event that the City proposes to use tax increment financing that captures taxable value or taxes within all or any portion of District II, and the law authorizing that capture permits the Township to exempt from capture its tax sharing under this Agreement, then the City may use that method of tax increment financing within District II. If the applicable law does not allow the Township to exempt its tax sharing under this Agreement from capture, then the City may not use that method of tax increment financing within District II unless the City annually reimburses the Township for any tax sharing under this Agreement that is captured by the tax increment financing arrangement.

Section 2.7 Jurisdiction – State and Federal Revenue Sharing. For state and federal revenue sharing purposes, District I of the Urban Cooperation Area shall be within the Township's jurisdiction. For state and federal revenue sharing purposes, District II of the Urban Cooperation Area shall be within the City's jurisdiction. The City shall annually pay the Township a portion of the City's state and federal revenue sharing payments equal to the then current population of District II, multiplied by the then current per capita state and federal revenue sharing received by the Township in the balance of the Township.

Section 2.8 Jurisdiction – Special Assessments. As long as this Agreement is in effect, District I of the Urban Cooperation Area shall be treated as being within the jurisdiction of the Township for purposes of any special assessments, and District II shall be treated as being within the jurisdiction of the City for purposes of any special assessments.

Section 2.9 Voting. Any qualified electors residing in District I shall, for election and voting purposes, be considered qualified electors of the Township. Any qualified electors residing in District II shall, for election and voting purposes, be considered qualified electors of the City.



Section 2.10 Jurisdiction – Building Inspection. During the term of this Agreement, the Township Building Inspector or his designee will be responsible for building inspections in District I, and the City Building Inspector or his designee will be responsible for building inspections within District II.

Section 2.11 Jurisdiction – Assessing. During the term of this Agreement, the Township Assessor will be responsible for the calculation of the assessed and taxable value in District I, and the City Assessor will be responsible for the calculation of the assessed and taxable value in District II.

Section 2.12 Jurisdiction – Applicability and Enforcement of Ordinances.

(a) District I of the Urban Cooperation Area shall be treated as being within the ordinance jurisdiction of the Township and subject to all Township ordinances, rules and regulations enacted now and during the term of this Agreement, or any renewal thereof. The Township shall be responsible for enforcing all such ordinances, rules and regulations.

(b) District II of the Urban Cooperation Area shall be treated as being within the ordinance jurisdiction of the City and subject to all City ordinances, rules and regulations enacted now and during the term of this Agreement, or any renewal thereof. The City shall be responsible for enforcing all such ordinances, rules and regulations.

(c) Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit the discretion of any police officer or fire official to enforce the statutes of the State of Michigan.

Section 2.13 Jurisdiction – Annexation. During the term of this Agreement, no portion of the Urban Cooperation Area shall be annexed to the City. In the event that any petitions for annexation are filed for any portion of the Urban Cooperation Area, the City and the Township agree to actively oppose such petitions by, at a minimum, stating their opposition in writing, requesting in writing that such petitions be dismissed and denied, and refraining from providing any direct or indirect assistance or support to the petitioners. If any petition for annexation is filed by a property owner within the Urban Cooperation Area, such petition shall be construed to be a Request for Transfer to District II under this Agreement, and shall be handled by the parties in the same manner as a Request for Transfer is handled under Section 1.1(d) of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE III TERM AND TERMINATION**

Section 3.1 Term. The initial term of this Agreement shall be for forty-five (45) years from its effective date. This Agreement shall be automatically renewed for one additional term of forty-five (45) years upon the expiration of the initial term. During the



term of this Agreement and any renewal, the parties shall review this Agreement at fifteen (15) year intervals for compliance with state and federal law, and shall negotiate in good faith if any amendments are required to make this Agreement comply with any changes in state or federal law after the effective date.

Section 3.2 Termination – Rescission. This Agreement may be terminated by the expiration of the term of this Agreement and any renewal, or by operation of law if a court of competent jurisdiction orders the termination of this Agreement.

Section 3.3 Status of Utility Improvements and Service Upon Termination. In the event any portion of the Urban Cooperation Area is returned to the Township, all sanitary sewer and water improvements owned by the City within the Urban Cooperation Area shall upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, belong to and shall be owned by the City, subject to the rights of sanitary sewer and water customers within the Township to continue to receive sanitary sewer and water service from the City. Upon return of any portion of the Urban Cooperation Area to the Township, the City shall continue to charge rates for use of any sanitary sewer and water services to any Township customers of the City sanitary sewer and water systems at a rate permitted by law, but not more than 1.5 times the rate charged to similar customers within the City.

#### **ARTICLE IV ENFORCEMENT**

Section 4.1 Enforcement. In the event of a dispute between the parties arising under this Agreement, this Agreement shall be enforced by either party in an action commenced in Clare County, Michigan, and under Michigan law.

#### **ARTICLE V MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 5.1 Amendment. This Agreement may only be amended with the prior written approval of both the City Commission and the Township Board.

Section 5.2 Employees and Liabilities. The City shall be solely responsible for the manner of employing, engaging, compensating, transferring or discharging any employees, independent contractors or other personnel with respect to the government services the City shall provide under Section 2.3 of this Agreement. The Township shall be solely responsible for the manner of employing, engaging, compensating, transferring or discharging any employees, independent contractors or other personnel with respect to the governmental services the Township shall provide under Section 2.3 of this Agreement. The City and Township shall each be responsible for such liabilities as may be incurred through their respective provision of governmental services and

other performance of this Agreement under Article II and shall respond to and provide for such potential liabilities on the same basis as the City and Township do on their own behalf generally.

Section 5.3 Notices. Any notice, demand, or communication required, permitted, or desired to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed effectively given by a writing personally delivered or mailed by first class or certified mail addressed as follows:

If to the City:                      City of Clare  
   Attn: City Manager  
   202 West Fifth Street  
   Clare, MI 48617

If to the Township:                Grant Township  
   Attn: Supervisor  
   8490 South Grant Avenue  
   Clare, MI 48617

The parties may, by written notice, designate any further or different address to which subsequent notices, demands, or communications may be given.

Section 5.4 Governing Law. This Agreement has been executed and delivered and it shall be interpreted, construed, and enforced pursuant to and in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan. All duties and obligations of the parties created under this Agreement shall be performed in Clare County, Michigan, and under Michigan law. This Agreement was mutually drafted and cannot be construed against either the City or the Township upon the basis that one was the scrivener of the Agreement.

Section 5.5 Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned unless approved in writing by both parties' consent in writing. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties and their successors in interest.

Section 5.6 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. If, because of the invalidity of any part of this Agreement, either party determines that the purpose and intent of the Agreement has failed, the parties shall renegotiate in good faith to amend the Agreement to make it valid and satisfactory to both parties.

Section 5.7 Articles and Other Headings. The article and other headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.



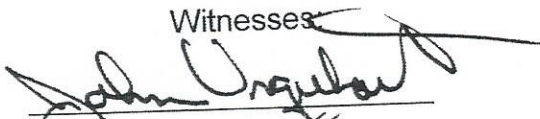
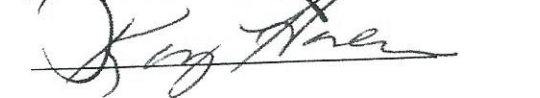
Section 5.8 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and each such counterpart shall be considered a valid original.

Section 5.9 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. Neither party shall be entitled to benefits other than those specified in this Agreement. No oral statements or prior or contemporaneous written material not specifically incorporated or referenced herein shall be of any force and effect, and both parties specifically acknowledge in entering into and executing this Agreement they rely solely upon the representations and agreements contained in this Agreement, and in the other contracts specified herein.

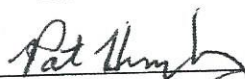
Section 5.10 Filing and Effective Date. In accordance with Act 425, following the execution of this Agreement by the City and Township, a duplicate original of the Agreement shall be filed with the Clerk of Clare County and with the Michigan Secretary of State. This Agreement, certified as filed with the Clare County Clerk or Secretary of State, shall be prima facie evidence of the conditional transfer of the Urban Cooperation Area. This Agreement shall be effective on the day it is filed with the Clare County Clerk and Secretary of State.

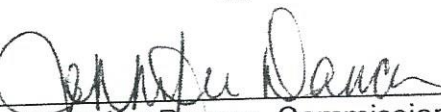
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date first written above by authority of the respective City Council and Township Board.

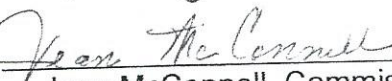
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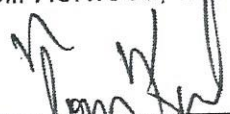
**CITY OF CLARE**

By:   
Pat Humphrey, Mayor

By:   
Jennifer Dancer, Commissioner

By:   
Jean McConnell, Commissioner

By:   
Bill Horwood, Commissioner

By:   
Tom Koch, Commissioner



Witnesses:

[Signature]  
[Signature]

**GRANT TOWNSHIP**

By: [Signature]  
Dan Dysinger, Jr., Supervisor

By: [Signature]  
Sue Wentworth, Clerk

By: [Signature]  
Tammy L. Shea, Treasurer

By: [Signature]  
Margery Bell, Trustee

By: [Signature]  
Richard Zinser, Trustee

## EXHIBIT A

All lands outside the present boundaries of the City of Clare contained in the south one-half of Sections 22, 23 and 24, the east one-half of Sections 28 and 33, the southeast one-quarter of Section 21, as well as all lands within Sections 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36 of Grant Township, Clare County, Michigan.



EXHIBIT B

DISTRICT II TRANSFER AGREEMENT

PART I  
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Township  
8490 South Grant Avenue  
Clare, MI 48617

City of Clare  
202 West Fifth Street  
Clare, MI 48617

I (we) hereby request that the following described property, hereinafter referred to as the "Subject Property," which I (we) own, be transferred to District II of the Urban Cooperation Area pursuant to the provisions of Section 1.1(d) of the Urban Cooperation Agreement entered into between the City of Clare and Grant Township on the 9th day of September, 2008.

**Legal Description of Subject Property:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Property Owner)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Property Owner)

STATE OF MICHIGAN     )  
                                  ) ss  
COUNTY OF CLARE     )

On the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, personally appeared before me \_\_\_\_\_, who certifies that he/she/they is (are) the owner(s) of the Subject Property and request(s) a transfer of the Subject Property to District II of said Urban Cooperation Area.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County, Michigan  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
Acting in the County of \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II**  
**AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER**

This Agreement is made effective as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between the City of Clare, a Michigan home rule city, with its offices at 202 W. 5th Street, Clare, Michigan 48617 ("City") and Grant Township, a Michigan general law township, with its offices located at 8490 South Grant Avenue, Clare, Michigan 48617 ("Township").

**RECITALS**

A. The City and Township are "local units" as defined by Act 425 of 1984, as amended ("Act 425") (MCL 124.21 *et seq.*), which enables two Local Units to conditionally transfer property by written agreement for the purpose of economic development projects.

B. The City and Township have previously entered into an Urban Cooperation Agreement dated September 9, 2008 ("Urban Cooperation Agreement"), which Agreement remains in effect between the City and the Township.

C. This Agreement is entered into with respect to the Subject Property identified and described in Part I above.

D. The City and Township enter into this Agreement pursuant to and subject to the terms of the Urban Cooperation Agreement, for the purpose of transferring the Subject Property to District II of the Urban Cooperation Area identified and described in the Urban Cooperation Agreement.

E. The Township Board held a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and the City Commission held a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, regarding this Agreement, and more than thirty (30) days have passed since such public hearings, and neither the Township Clerk or the City Clerk have received a petition for referendum on this transferor, or, having received such a petition, the referendum was held and the transfer was approved by the electors.

F. The City and Township find that the conditional transfer of the Subject Property to District II of the Urban Cooperation Area will allow for the development of an existing or proposed economic development project and will promote economic development and be beneficial to the residents of the City and the Township.

G. The City and Township have considered certain factors prior to entering into this Agreement as required by Section 3 of Act 425.



**NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE I  
AREA AND JURISDICTION TRANSFERRED**

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Section 1.3 Governmental Services. During the term of the Urban Cooperation Agreement and any renewal, the Subject Property shall receive all services from the City normally provided to City properties.

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Section 1.5 Taxes. During the term of the Urban Cooperation Agreement and any renewal, the Subject Property shall be subject to the City's *ad valorem* property taxes at the normal City millage rate.

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## **ARTICLE II TERM AND TERMINATION**

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date first written above by authority of the respective City Council and Township Board.

Witnesses:

**CITY OF CLARE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: Clerk

**GRANT TOWNSHIP**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: Supervisor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: Clerk

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