

**Exhibit A**

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This intergovernmental agreement ("Agreement") is entered into this *md* day of *February*, 2026, between the City of Mesa , an Arizona municipal corporation ("Mesa"), and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation ("Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation"), a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe and sovereign nation (collectively referred to herein as "the Parties" or individually as a "Party").

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, Mesa and Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation have authority to enter into intergovernmental agreements pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 11-951 and 11-952; and

WHEREAS, Mesa also is authorized and empowered to enter into intergovernmental agreements pursuant to Article I, Section 103, of its City Charter; and

WHEREAS, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation also is authorized by Section 13(A)(15) of Article V, Legislative Branch, of the Constitution of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation to consult, negotiate, contract, conclude, and perform agreements with federal, state, and local governments and Indian tribes, as well as any person; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are authorized by law to provide fire and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the Mesa Fire and Medical Department has a Fleet Maintenance Division that provides preventive maintenance and repair services on all Fire Department vehicles and apparatus; and

WHEREAS, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation desires to have Mesa provide preventive maintenance and repair services on its fire apparatus; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have determined that it is mutually beneficial for Mesa through its Fire and Medical Department to provide fire apparatus maintenance and repair services on Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation fire vehicles/apparatus.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows:

**SECTION 1 – TERM, TERMINATION**

1.1 Term. This Agreement shall commence on March 1, 2026 and shall continue until February 28, 2029, unless sooner terminated or renewed pursuant to the provisions of this agreement.

**Renewal.** This Agreement may be renewed two times following re-negotiation of the terms and conditions of the Agreement. If either Party desires to renew this Agreement, it must give the other Party ninety (90) days' notice before the expiration of the then-current term of the Agreement. A renewal term shall not exceed one (1) year.

- 1.2 **Termination on Notice.** Either Party may terminate this Agreement for any or no reason by providing thirty (30) days' written notice to the non-terminating party of the intention to terminate. Termination shall be effective thirty (30) days after the effective date of service of the notice.
- 1.3 **Termination for Non-appropriation.** Mesa is a governmental agency that relies upon the appropriation of funds by its governing body to satisfy its obligations. If Mesa reasonably determines that it does not have funds to meet its obligations under the Agreement, Mesa will have the right to terminate the Agreement without penalty on the last day of the fiscal period for which funds were legally available. In the event of such termination, Mesa will provide written notice of its intent to terminate thirty (30) calendar days prior to the stated termination.

## **SECTION 2 – SCOPE OF WORK AND COMPENSATION**

### **2.1 Mesa's Responsibilities and Obligations:**

- a. For the term of this Agreement, Mesa shall provide full maintenance and repair services that meet manufacturer maintenance schedules and the applicable National Fire Protection Association fire apparatus guidelines for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's fire apparatus during the "business hours" set forth in Section 2.2(b)(i) and may provide, in its sole discretion, such services during the time periods set forth in Section 2.2(b)(ii).
- b. All maintenance and repair services shall be performed by Emergency Vehicle Technician (EVT) certified technicians.
- c. Routine preventative maintenance and major repairs for Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's fire apparatus will be performed by Mesa at the Mesa Fire Department Fire Maintenance Facility ("East Mesa Service Center") located at 708 W. Baseline Road, Mesa AZ 85210.
- d. Mesa shall provide emergency maintenance services at a Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation facility in the event a Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation fire apparatus is not drivable and thus cannot be delivered to the East Mesa Service Center for service. Such emergency maintenance services shall be billed at the labor rate set forth in Section 2.2(b)(ii).
- e. In providing maintenance services for Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation fire apparatus, Mesa shall not obtain assistance from an outside source without the prior

written consent of Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation if the cost of such assistance exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

- f. Mesa will loan fire apparatus to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation upon request at the compensation rate set forth in Section 2.2(b)(vi) if Mesa has such apparatus available.
- g. Mesa shall maintain records on all repairs made by Mesa to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's fire apparatus on a computerized record keeping system and shall provide Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation with monthly summaries of the repairs on a monthly basis.
- h. Mesa shall provide workers compensation coverage, under Mesa's self-insured policy, for all Mesa employees performing services under this Agreement.
- i. Mesa shall submit an invoice to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation on a quarterly basis reflecting the compensation owed by Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, which amount shall be calculated pursuant to the provisions set out in Section 2.2.
- j. Mesa may increase the labor rates described in Sections 2.2(b)(i) and (ii) up to 8% on March 1 of each year of the term of this Agreement. Mesa shall provide Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation with sixty (60) days' written notice of any annual increase.

**2.2 Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's Responsibilities and Obligations:**

- a. Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation shall both deliver to and pick up from the East Mesa Service Center, located at 708 W. Baseline Road, Mesa AZ 85210, all fire apparatus needing or having received maintenance or repairs.
- b. Compensation to be paid by Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation to Mesa under this Agreement shall be calculated as follows:
  - (i) Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation shall pay a labor rate of \$107.75 per hour for maintenance services performed during "business hours" of 5:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; and
  - (ii) Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation shall pay a labor rate of \$122.17 per hour for maintenance services performed outside of the "business" hours" stated in Section 2.2(b)(i) and on holidays observed by Mesa.
  - (iii) In addition to the hourly labor rates stated in Sections 2.2(b)(i) and (ii), Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation agrees to pay for all parts and materials utilized in the maintenance and repair of Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's fire apparatus. The cost to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for such parts and materials shall be the same as Mesa's cost, plus a ten percent (10%) handling fee; and

- (iv) Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation agrees to pay for costs incurred in the event that Mesa obtains maintenance assistance from an outside source as provided in Section 2.1(e). The cost for such outside maintenance assistance shall be Mesa's cost plus a ten percent (10%) handling fee with a cap of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), absent prior approval from Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for any amount exceeding the cap; and
  - (v) If Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation does not deliver and/or pick up fire apparatus needing or receiving maintenance or repairs as required under Section 2.2(a), then Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation shall reimburse Mesa for any costs incurred by Mesa in delivering or returning Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's fire apparatus; and
  - (vi) Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation shall pay Mesa five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per day for the rental of apparatus as specified in Section 2.1(f). The rented apparatus shall be returned to Mesa cleaned and fully fueled.
  - (vii) The compensation described in Sections 2.2(b)(i) and (ii) may be adjusted up to 8% on March 1 of each year of the contract term.
- c. Within forty-five (45) days after receiving an invoice(s), Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation shall pay Mesa all compensation due and owing as determined pursuant Section 2.2(b).

### **SECTION 3 – INDEMNIFICATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; INSURANCE**

- 3.1 Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Mesa, its officers, agents, employees, elected and appointed officials, and volunteers, from and against all actions, lawsuits, losses and expenses (including court costs, expenses for litigation, and reasonable attorney fees), damages, claims, or other liabilities of any kind ("Liability") resulting from or arising out of this Agreement and/or Mesa's performance hereunder (including, without limitation, Liability on account of any injury, sickness, disease, or death of any person or damage, destruction, or loss of any property). The obligations of the foregoing indemnification provision shall not apply in the event that any such Liability is found to have resulted from the negligence or intentional misconduct of Mesa.
- 3.2 Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation shall obtain and maintain at its expense throughout the Term of this Agreement, at a minimum, commercial general liability insurance in amounts not less than \$3 million per occurrence and \$5 million in the aggregate for bodily injury, personal injury, and products and completed operations with broad form contractual and property damage coverage. Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation shall also obtain and maintain at its expense through the Term of this Agreement automobile liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage with a limit of \$1 million per occurrence, including owned, hired and non-owned autos. Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation shall also cause its annual

automobile insurance policy to be endorsed to be the primary coverage on any and all Mesa vehicles/apparatus whenever those vehicles/apparatus are loaned to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation as set forth in Section 2.1(f). Failure to produce sufficient evidence of the endorsement on an annual basis shall be considered a breach of this Agreement and must be remedied before any further vehicles loans can continue. The intent of this provision is that any coverage that Mesa may carry on its vehicles shall be secondary to and non-contributory to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's coverage during the loan period when the substitute vehicles are under Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's control.

Nothing in this Section 3.2 shall limit Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's responsibility to Mesa. The insurance requirements herein are minimum requirements for the Agreement and in no way limit the indemnity promise contained in Section 3.1 of this Agreement.

Mesa does not warrant that the minimum limits contained herein are sufficient to protect Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation from liabilities that might arise out this Agreement. Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation is encouraged to purchase additional insurance as it deems necessary.

Each insurance policy required under this Agreement must be in effect at or prior to the execution of the Agreement and remain in effect for the Term of the Agreement.

Prior to the execution of the Agreement, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation will provide Mesa with a Certificate of Insurance (using an appropriate "ACORD" or equivalent certificate) signed by the insurer with applicable endorsements. Mesa reserves the right to request additional copies of any or all of the policies, endorsements or notices relating thereto under the Agreement.

When Mesa requires a Certificate of Insurance to be furnished, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's insurance is primary of all other sources available. When Mesa is a certificate holder or additional insured, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation agrees no policy will expire, be canceled, or be materially changed to affect the coverage available without advance written notice to Mesa.

The policies required by this Agreement must contain a waiver of transfer of rights of recovery (waiver of subrogation) against Mesa, its agents, representatives, officials, volunteers, officers, elected and appointed officials, and employees for any claims arising out of the performance of services under this Agreement.

All insurance certificates and applicable endorsements are subject to review and approval by Mesa's Risk Management Division.

#### **SECTION 4 - MISCELLANEOUS**

4.1 Funding. Each Party to this agreement shall have the separate and independent responsibility of budgeting for and funding its own participation in this Agreement.

- 4.2 A.R.S. § 38-511. This Agreement may be cancelled in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-511.
- 4.3 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and may not be modified except in writing signed by both Parties. This Agreement further supersedes all other oral and written representations, understandings, or agreements relating to the subject matter hereof.
- 4.4 Amendments. This Agreement may be modified only by a written amendment signed by both parties. However, if mutually agreed, the parties may enter into specific supplemental written agreements, subject to appropriate approvals, to accomplish the goals of this Agreement and to carry out its terms and conditions.
- 4.5 No Assignment. Neither Party shall assign or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the other Party. Any such assignment or other transfer, either voluntary or by operation of law, shall be void.
- 4.6 Waiver. The parties agree that no waiver of any default or breach of any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement shall be construed to be a waiver of any succeeding breach or default.
- 4.7 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Arizona. The forum selected for any proceeding or suit arising from or incident to this Agreement will be in a state or federal court in Maricopa County, Arizona.
- 4.8 Severability. If any term, covenant, condition, or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated.
- 4.9 No Partnership. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create any partnership, joint venture, or other arrangement between the Parties. Except as specifically provided hereunder, each Party shall at all times be an independent operator and shall not at any time purport to act as an agent of any other Party or any of its officers or agents.
- 4.10 Force Majeure. Either Party shall be excused for delay or failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement, in whole or in part, when and to the extent that such delay or failure is a result of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the party unable to perform. Such causes include, without limitation, acts of God, acts of the public enemy, acts of the United States government, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, or embargoes.
- 4.11 Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity. Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation agrees to a limited waiver of sovereign immunity under this Agreement solely and exclusively for the strictly limited purpose of resolving a claim or dispute that may arise with respect to the interpretation or enforcement of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first written above.

CITY OF MESA


FORT MCDOWELL YAVAPAI NATION

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Scott Butler  
City Manager

  
Sandra Pattea  
President, Tribal Council

In accordance with A.R.S. §§ 11-951 and 11-952, this Agreement has been reviewed by the undersigned attorneys who have determined that it is in proper form and within the power and authority granted under the laws of the State of Arizona to the respective public entities they represent.

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