CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

\$____,000* CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2023

This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking (this "Undertaking") is executed and delivered by the City of Mesa, Arizona (the "City"), in connection with the sale and issuance of \$____,000^{*} principal amount of City of Mesa, Arizona General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to Resolution No. _____ adopted by the City Council of the City on October __, 2023^{*} (the "Bond Resolution"). The City covenants and agrees as follows:

1. <u>Definitions</u>. In addition to those defined hereinabove, the terms set forth below shall have the following meanings in this Undertaking, unless the context clearly otherwise requires:

"Annual Financial Information" means the financial information and operating data set forth in Exhibit I.

"Annual Financial Information Disclosure" means the dissemination of disclosure concerning Annual Financial Information and the dissemination of the Audited Financial Statements as set forth in Section 4.

"Audited Financial Statements" means the audited financial statements of the City prepared pursuant to the standards and as described in <u>Exhibit I</u>.

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Dissemination Agent" means any agent designated as such in writing by the City and which has filed with the City a written acceptance of such designation, and such agent's successors and assigns.

"EMMA" means the Electronic Municipal Market Access system of the MSRB. Information regarding submissions to EMMA is available at http://emma.msrb.org.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Final Official Statement" means the Final Official Statement relating to the Bonds, dated _____, 2023.

"Financial Obligation" means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) a guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term Financial Obligation shall not include

^{*} Preliminary, subject to change.

municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles, as applied to governmental units as modified by the laws of the State.

"Listed Event" means the events set forth in Exhibit II.

"Listed Events Disclosure" means dissemination of disclosure concerning a Listed Event as set forth in Section 5.

"MSRB" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

"Participating Underwriter" means each broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer acting as an underwriter in the primary offering of the Bonds.

"Rule" means Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Exchange Act.

"State" means the State of Arizona.

2. <u>Purpose of this Undertaking</u>. This Undertaking is executed and delivered by the City as of the date set forth below for the benefit of the beneficial owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with the requirements of the Rule. The City represents that it will be the only obligated person with respect to the Bonds at the time the Bonds are delivered to the Participating Underwriter and that no other person is expected to become so committed at any time after such delivery of the Bonds.

3. <u>CUSIP Numbers</u>. The CUSIP Numbers of the Bonds are as follows:

CUSIP No. (Base 590485) Maturity Date (July 1)

4. <u>Annual Financial Information Disclosure</u>. Subject to annual appropriation to cover the costs of preparation and mailing thereof and Section 8 of this Undertaking, the City shall disseminate its Annual Financial Information and its Audited Financial Statements, if any (in the form and by the dates set forth in <u>Exhibit I</u>), through EMMA.

If any part of the Annual Financial Information can no longer be generated because the operations to which it is related have been materially changed or discontinued, the City will disseminate a statement to such effect as part of its Annual Financial Information for the year in which such event first occurs.

If any amendment is made to this Undertaking, the Annual Financial Information for the year in which such amendment is made shall contain a narrative description of the reasons for such amendment and its impact on the type of information being provided.

5. <u>Listed Events Disclosure</u>. Subject to annual appropriation to cover the costs of preparation and mailing thereof and Section 8 of this Undertaking, the City shall disseminate in a timely manner, but not more than ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, Listed Events Disclosure through EMMA. Whether events subject to the standard "material" would be material shall be determined under applicable federal securities laws.

6. <u>Consequences of Failure of the City to Provide Information</u>. The City shall give notice in a timely manner through EMMA of any failure to provide Annual Financial Information Disclosure when the same is due hereunder.

In the event of a failure of the City to comply with any provision of this Undertaking, the beneficial owner of any Bond may seek mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the City to comply with its obligations under this Undertaking. A default under this Undertaking shall not be deemed an event of default under the Bond Resolution, and the sole remedy available to such owners of the Bonds under this Undertaking in the event of any failure of the City to comply with this Undertaking shall be an action to compel performance.

7. <u>Amendments; Waiver</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Undertaking, the City by certified resolution or ordinance authorizing such amendment or waiver, may amend this Undertaking, and any provision of this Undertaking may be waived only if:

(a) The amendment or waiver is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of the City, or type of business conducted;

(b) This Undertaking, as amended or affected by such waiver, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and

(c) The amendment or waiver does not materially impair the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds, as determined by parties unaffiliated with the City or by approving vote of the owners of the Bonds at the time of the amendment.

The Annual Financial Information containing amended operating data or financial information resulting from such amendment or waiver, if any, shall explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the amendment or waiver and the impact of the change in the type of operating data or financial information being provided. If an amendment or waiver is made specifying an accounting principle to be followed in preparing financial statements and such changes are material, the Annual Financial Information for the year in which the change is made shall present a comparison between the financial statements or information prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles. Such comparison shall include a qualitative discussion of the differences in the accounting principles and the impact of the change in the accounting principles in the presentation of the financial information in order to provide information to investors to enable

them to evaluate the ability of the City to meet its obligations. To the extent reasonably feasible, such comparison also shall be quantitative. If the accounting principles of the City change or the fiscal year of the City changes, the City shall file a notice of such change in the same manner as for a notice of Listed Event.

8. <u>Non-Appropriation</u>. The performance by the City of its obligations in this Undertaking shall be subject to the annual appropriation of any funds that may be necessary to permit such performance. In the event of a failure by the City to comply with its covenants under this Undertaking due to a failure to appropriate the necessary funds, the City covenants to provide prompt notice of such fact to the MSRB through EMMA, in a format prescribed by the MSRB.

9. <u>Termination of Undertaking</u>. This Undertaking shall be terminated hereunder if the City shall no longer have liability for any obligation on or relating to repayment of the Bonds under the Bond Resolution.

10. <u>Dissemination Agent</u>. The City may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Undertaking, and may discharge any such Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent.

11. <u>Additional Information</u>. Nothing in this Undertaking shall be deemed to prevent the City from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Undertaking or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Financial Information Disclosure or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Undertaking. If the City chooses to include any information from any document or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Undertaking, the City shall have no obligation under this Undertaking to update such information or include it in any future Annual Financial Information Disclosure or Listed Events Disclosure.

12. <u>Beneficiaries</u>. This Undertaking has been executed in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with the Rule; however, this Undertaking shall inure solely to the benefit of the City, the Dissemination Agent, if any, and the beneficial owners of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

13. <u>Recordkeeping</u>. The City shall maintain records of all Annual Financial Information Disclosure and Listed Events Disclosure including the content of such disclosure, the names of the entities with whom such disclosure was filed and the date of filing such disclosure.

14. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Undertaking shall be governed by the laws of the State.

[Signature Page to Follow.]

DATED: _____, 2023

CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA

By _____ Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

[Signature page to Continuing Disclosure Undertaking]

EXHIBIT I

ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND TIMING AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

"Annual Financial Information" means financial information and operating data of the type contained in the Final Official Statement (in each case, actual results for most recently completed fiscal year only):

- a. Security for and Sources of Payment of the Bonds Sources of Payment of the Bonds and Other City Bonds;
- b. Appendix B City of Mesa, Arizona, Financial Data Statements of Bonds Outstanding;
- c. Appendix B City of Mesa, Arizona, Financial Data Direct and Overlapping General Obligation Bonded Debt to be Outstanding;
- d. Appendix B City of Mesa, Arizona, Financial Data Direct and Overlapping Assessed Values and Total Tax Rates;
- e. Appendix B City of Mesa, Arizona, Financial Data Net Assessed Limited Property Value by Property Classification;
- f. Appendix B City of Mesa, Arizona, Financial Data Net Assessed Limited Property Values of Major Taxpayers; and
- g. Appendix B City of Mesa, Arizona, Financial Data Real and Secured Property Taxes Levied and Collected.

All or a portion of the Annual Financial Information and the Audited Financial Statements as set forth below may be included by reference to other documents which have been submitted through EMMA or filed with the Commission. If the information included by reference is contained in a final official statement, the final official statement must be available from the MSRB. The City shall clearly identify each such item of information included by reference.

Annual Financial Information exclusive of Audited Financial Statements will be provided through EMMA by February 1 of each year, commencing February 1, 2024. Audited Financial Statements as described below should be filed at the same time as the Annual Financial Information. If Audited Financial Statements are not available when the Annual Financial Information is filed, unaudited financial statements shall be included, to be followed up by Audited Financial Statements within 30 days after availability to the City.

Audited Financial Statements will be prepared according to GAAP.

If any change is made to the Annual Financial Information as permitted by Section 4 of this Undertaking, the City will disseminate a notice of such change as required by Section 4, including changes in fiscal year or GAAP.

EXHIBIT II

EVENTS FOR WHICH LISTED EVENTS DISCLOSURE IS REQUIRED

- 1. Principal and interest payment delinquencies.
- 2. Non-payment related defaults, if material.
- 3. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties.
- 4. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties.
- 5. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform.
- 6. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations, in each case, with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security.
- 7. Modifications to the rights of security holders, if material.
- 8. Bond calls, if material, or tender offers.
- 9. Defeasances.
- 10. Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material.
- 11. Rating changes.
- 12. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar events of the City, being if any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the City in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under State or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the City, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the City.
- 13. The consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the City or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the City, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material.
- 14. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.
- 15. Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the City, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the City, any of which affect security holders, if material.
- 16. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the City, any of which reflect financial difficulties.