## **COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

1.0 <u>PARTIES</u>. The parties to this Agreement (the "Agreement") are PUEBLO, a municipal corporation ("City"), the PUEBLO URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY (the "Authority"), PUEBLO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 d/b/a PUEBLO CITY SCHOOLS is a political subdivision organized and existing as a school district under the constitution and laws of the State of Colorado ("District 60"), PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT is a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado ("PCCLD"), and PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado ("COUNTY"). The parties are collectively called the "Parties." All parties except the Authority are collectively referred to as the "Taxing Entities" or individually as "Taxing Entity."

2.0 <u>RECITALS</u>. The following Recitals to this Agreement are incorporated herein by this reference as though fully set forth in the body of this Agreement.

2.1 <u>The Authority</u>. The Authority is a body corporate and politic of the State of Colorado, organized and existing pursuant to the Colorado Urban Renewal Law, Sections 31-25–101, et seq., C.R.S. (the "Act").

2.2 <u>Tax Increment Financing</u>. The Act provides that an urban renewal plan may contain a provision that taxes, if any, levied after the effective date of the approval of the plan upon taxable property in an urban renewal area each year by or for the benefit of any public body shall be divided for a period not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from the effective date of the plan shall be allocated and paid as more fully set forth in Section 31-25-107(9) of the Act.

2.3 <u>The Urban Renewal Plan</u>. The City has approved and the Authority is carrying out the \_\_\_\_\_Urban Renewal Plan (the "Plan"), which was approved by the City Council of the City on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_. The Plan contains tax increment financing provisions described in Section 2.2. Pursuant to the Plan the Authority has incurred indebtedness to carry out the Plan, but has excluded from such indebtedness that portion of the tax increment revenue described in Section 4.0 of this Agreement.

2.4 <u>Cooperation to Provide Public Services</u>. Sections 31-25-107(11) and 112 of the Act authorize the Parties to cooperate with one another to offset the impacts of, share revenues from, and to carry out the Plan and the Urban Renewal Project (the "Project") in the Urban Renewal Area, described in the Plan. In furtherance of the Plan and Project, the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement to facilitate the provision of public services in connection with the Plan and to the City at large.

3.0 <u>TERMS AND CONDITIONS</u>. In consideration of the mutual covenants and promises of the Parties contained herein, and other valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as set forth in this Agreement.

4.0 <u>DISTRICT ACCOUNT</u>. The Authority agrees to calculate and deposit into a separate account for each Taxing Entity created for such purpose (the "Taxing Entities' (Insert Project Area) Accounts"), (insert a percentage to be determined by documented impact) % of the revenue produced by the respective Taxing Entity's aggregate mill levy, including an amount equivalent to any and all mill levies authorized by the Taxing Entity, certified by the Taxing Entity in December of each year on the tax

increment portion of the property tax assessment roll in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Urban Renewal Plan as allocated to the Authority by and in accordance with Section 31-25-107(9)(a)(II) of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Property Tax Administrator of the State of Colorado.

4.01 For purposes of this agreement "Project" means the specific plan for improvement within the <u>(Insert Project Area)</u> Urban Renewal Area that has had a cost determined and for which the Authority has determined to finance said improvements.

4.1 <u>Transfer of Taxing Entity TIF Revenue</u>. The Authority agrees to hold and earn interest for the benefit of the Taxing Entities on the amounts deposited in the Taxing Entities' (Insert Project Area) Accounts in accordance with Colorado law applicable to the respective Taxing Entity's deposit of funds and in accordance with its investment policies. From time to time, in each Taxing Entity's sole discretion, the Taxing Entity (or a designee or assignee of the Taxing Entity approved by the Authority in accordance with Section 7.0, hereof) may issue a written request for payment of all or part of the account revenue from the Taxing Entity's (Insert Project Area) Account. Such payment shall be made by the Authority within thirty (30) calendar days from the date upon which the Authority receives such request; provided, however, the Taxing Entity agrees to withdraw all of the revenue in the Taxing Entity's (Insert Project Area) Account pursuant to Section 4.0, above. Any amounts remaining in the Taxing Entity's (Insert Project Area) Account after such date shall be immediately paid over to the Taxing Entity's (Insert Project Area) Account after such date shall be immediately paid over to the Taxing Entity.

4.2 <u>Use of Revenue</u>. If the Taxing Entity owns or leases property, or operates facilities located within the geographic boundaries of the Urban Renewal Area, the Taxing Entity agrees to apply revenue transferred under Section 4.1 towards the elimination of any blighting factors, as defined under Colorado Urban Renewal Law Section 31-25-103(2) and specifically identified by the blight conditions survey performed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, to exist within or upon the Taxing Entity's owned, leased, or operated facilities. Once all specifically identified blight factors have been remediated within or upon the Taxing Entity's property, as determined by the Taxing Entity, subject to approval by the Authority, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, Revenue transferred under Section 4.1 may be used at the Taxing Entity's discretion for the costs and expenses of providing its public services.

5.0 <u>AGREEMENT SPECIFIC TO URBAN RENEWAL AREA</u>. This Agreement applies only to the Urban Renewal Area included in the Plan and does not include any property tax revenues produced by the levy of the Taxing Entity in urban renewal areas where the provisions of the Act described in Section 2.2 are in effect pursuant to any other urban renewal plan that has been approved and adopted the City and is now in effect or any other urban renewal plan that may be adopted or amended by the City in the future.

5.1 <u>NO OTHER AGREEMENTS</u>. No other agreements for the allocation of TIF revenues shall be entered into between PURA and any other Taxing Entity unless all of the Parties to this agreement agree, in writing.

6.0 <u>NOTICES</u>. Any notice required or permitted by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given for all purposes if personally served or if sent by certified mail or registered mail, postage and fees prepaid, addressed to the Party to whom such notice is to be given at the address set forth on the signature page below, or at such other address as has been previously

furnished in writing, to the other Party or Parties. Such notice shall be deemed to have been given when deposited in the mail of the United States Postal Service.

7.0 <u>ASSIGNMENT</u>. This Agreement and any rights and obligations herein shall not be assigned or otherwise transferred by any Party without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

8.0 <u>DELAYS</u>. Any delays in or failure of performance by any Party of its obligations under this Agreement shall be excused if such delays or failure are a result of acts of God, fires, floods, strikes, labor disputes, accidents, regulations or order of civil or military authorities, shortages of labor or materials, or other causes, similar or dissimilar, which are beyond the control of such Party.

9.0 <u>DEFAULT</u>. Time is of the essence, subject to Section 8.0, above. If any payment or any other material condition, obligation, or duty is not timely made, tendered, or performed by either Party, then either Party may exercise any and all rights available at law or in equity, including damages, but such damages shall be limited to the actual amount that such Party is entitled to receive or retain under this Agreement. No special or punitive damages shall be payable hereunder. No commissioner, council member, official, employee, attorney, or agent of the Authority or the City shall be personally liable under this Agreement.

10.0 <u>PARAGRAPH CAPTIONS</u>. The captions of the paragraphs are set forth only for the convenience and reference of the Parties and are not intended in any way to define, limit, or describe the scope or intent of this Agreement.

11.0 <u>ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS OR ACTION</u>. The Parties agree to execute such additional documents or take additional actions as may be reasonably required to carry out this Agreement.

12.0 <u>INTEGRATION AND AMENDMENT</u>. This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter and there are no oral or collateral agreements or understandings with respect to the subject matter. This Agreement may be amended only by an instrument in writing signed by the Parties. If any other provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, no other provision hereof shall be affected by such holding, and all of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

13.0 <u>WAIVER OF BREACH</u>. A waiver by any Party to this Agreement of the breach of any term or provision of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach by either Party.

14.0 <u>GOVERNING LAW; VENUE</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado, and venue shall be in the District Court in Pueblo County, Colorado.

15.0 <u>BINDING EFFECT</u>. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties and their respective legal representatives, successors, heirs, and assigns, provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to permit the assignment of this Agreement except as otherwise expressly authorized herein.

16.0 <u>EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS</u>. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

17.0 <u>NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES</u>. This Agreement is intended to describe the rights and responsibilities only as to the Parties hereto. This Agreement is not intended and shall not be deemed to confer any rights on any person or entity not named as a Party hereto.

18.0 <u>NO PRESUMPTION</u>. The Parties to this Agreement and their attorneys have had a full opportunity to review and participate in the drafting of the final form of this Agreement. Accordingly, this Agreement shall be construed without regard to any presumption or other rule of construction against the Party causing the Agreement to be drafted.

19.0 <u>SEVERABILITY</u>. If any provision of this Agreement as applied to either Party or to any circumstance shall be adjudged by a court to be void or unenforceable, the same shall in no way affect any other provision of this Agreement, the application of any such provision in any other circumstances or the validity, or enforceability of the Agreement as a whole.

20.0 <u>EXECUTION REQUIRED</u>. This Agreement shall not be binding upon any Party hereto unless and until the Parties have each executed and delivered to the other this Agreement.

21.0 <u>DAYS</u>. If the day for any performance or event provided for herein is a Saturday, a Sunday, a day on which national banks are not open for the regular transactions of business, or a legal holiday pursuant to Section 24-11-101(1), C.R.S., such day shall be extended until the next day on which such banks and state offices are open for the transaction of business.

22.0 <u>GOOD FAITH OF PARTIES</u>. In the performance of this Agreement or in considering any requested approval, acceptance, or extension of time, the Parties agree that each will act in good faith and will not act unreasonably, arbitrarily, capriciously, or unreasonably withhold, condition, or delay any approval, acceptance, or extension of time required or requested pursuant to this Agreement.

23.0 <u>PARTIES NOT PARTNERS</u>. Notwithstanding any language in this Agreement or any other agreement, representation, or warranty to the contrary, the Parties shall not be deemed to be partners or joint venturers, and neither Party shall be deemed to be partners or joint venturers, and neither Party shall be deemed to be partners or joint venturers, and neither Party shall be responsible for any debt or liability of the other Party.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COLORADO	PUEBLO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF PUEBLO COUNTY,
By Chairman of the Board	By President of the City Council
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Attest:	Attest: City Clerk
Pueblo County Clerk and Recorder	City Clerk
PUEBLO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60, a/k/a PUEBLO CITY SCHOOLS	
Ву	
By President, Board of Education	
PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT	PUEBLO URBAN RENEWAL
Ву:	Ву:
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed by the Parties hereto in their respective names as of

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.