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Goals

The Grand Junction City Council and the Mesa County Commissioners agree to cooperate in the design, construction and operation of a sewerage treatment facility that will serve all users within what has been designated as the 201 area.

It is further agreed that service will be available to all users within this area on an equal basis and that such service will be provided in the most efficient and economical manner possible, and in conformance with zoning regulations and the Comprehensive Plan.

In order to achieve the above goals, the following policies and procedures will be observed:

- 1. The title to the facility will be held jointly in the name of the City of Grand Junction and the County of Mesa.
- 2. The County shall have full authority to determine when an area outside the corporate limits of the City and within the 201 area is eligible for service. When such eligibility has been determined, service shall be extended into the area as expeditiously as possible. If the proposed service area is within 2 miles of City limits, the County Commissioners will consult with the City Council.
- 3. Treatment charges will be the same for all users based upon a single-family equivalent formula to be agreed upon by the City and the County.
- 3(a). Plant investment fees will be based on cost of the treatment plant and interceptor lines.
- 3(b). Cost of extensions or collection systems which include tap fees to serve a specific neighborhood or community will

be divided among the users of that community. (These figures will determine an assessment by district or other method of retiring the debt.)

- 3(c). Fees must be set to cover all costs of plant operation.
- 4. In the event that problems arise as to the level of services provided, manner of operation and maintenance or other matters of policy, the City Council and the County Commissioners shall resolve the problems by mutual agreement.
- 5. The City will act in the capacity of manager and will utilize the experience and expertise of its staff to insure a continued high quality of service to all users.
- 6. In addition to its other responsibilities, the City staff shall be responsible for following through on the design and construction of the treatment plant, the sale of revenue bonds, billing and collection of all fees and charges. The County Commissioners shall be provided with a progress report during the design and construction phases and an accounting of all expenses incurred and revenue received at such intervals as may be agreed upon.
- 7, When bonds are issued, they will be issued in an amount sufficient to reimburse the City and the County for money spent on engineering work (front-end expenses) prior to bonds being issued.
- 8. This Memorandum of Agreement shall be subject to review by the governing bodies at intervals of not more than five (5) years and may be amended or revised by mutual agreement at any time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day and year first above written.

| Attest: | CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION |
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| | By: |
| | COUNTY OF MESA |
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