

The Town of Upper Marlboro

RESOLUTION: 2021-19
SESSION: Regular Town Meeting
DATE: August 10th, 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO DELEGATING TO THE PRESIDENT THE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A MASTER LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A FORD F-750 TRUCK WITH DUMP BODY AND EQUIPMENT AND TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 82–81 (Acquisition, Possession, and Disposal [of Property]) of the Charter of the Town of Upper Marlboro, the Town may acquire real, personal, or mixed property within or without the corporate limits of the Town for any public purpose by purchase, gift, bequest, devise, lease, condemnation, or otherwise and may sell, lease, convey, or otherwise dispose of or encumber any property belonging to the Town; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 82–44 (Over–Expenditure Forbidden) of said Charter, no officer or employee shall during any budget year expend or contract to expend any money or incur any liability or enter into any contract which by its terms involves the expenditure of money, for any purpose, in excess of the amounts appropriated for or transferred to that general classification of expenditure pursuant to this Charter, and that any contract, verbal or written, made in violation of the Charter shall be null and void, but that nothing in said section contained, however, shall prevent the making of contracts or the spending of money for capital improvements to be financed in whole or in part by the issuance of bonds, nor the making of contracts of lease, or for services for a period exceeding the budget year in which such contract is made when such contract is permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Town Commissioners finds that tax-exempt leasing (sometimes referred to as "financing," "lease financing" or "lease purchase") is a financing tool that allows tax-exempt entities to acquire essential use equipment now and pay over time; and that under a tax-exempt lease, title to the equipment passes to the Town at lease signing and the Town owns the equipment at the end of the term with no liens attached, and that there is no residual at the end nor any end-of-lease buyout, and that because the Lessee is tax-exempt, the Lessor is not required to pay federal income taxes on the interest generated by the lease, thus lower financing rates are available; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Town Commissioners on or about September 10th, 2019 previously approved Resolution 2021-18 regarding a Master Lease Purchase Agreement totaling \$119,000 spread over four Town fiscal years with bi-annual payments of \$16,162.54 with the above-referenced Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. to purchase three (3) police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Town Commissioners finds that staff has obtained a new quote from Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. to purchase a public works vehicle at a cost of \$135,000.00 to be paid over a term of 3-years at a rate of 3.32% as indicated on a quote dated August 10, 2021, attached hereto as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Town Commissioners recognizes the need to support and properly

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outfit the Town's Department of Public Works with a Ford F-750 Public Works Vehicle with a landscape dump body (the "Utility Truck") to serve the residents and visitors of the Town of Upper Marlboro; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Town Commissioners under the heading "Public Works" in the FY 2022 Condensed Budget has appropriated \$20,000 in FY '22 as Line Item 8330.2 (Capital Outlay – Vehicles); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Town Commissioners have deemed it in the best interest of the public safety, welfare, and fiscal responsibility to expedite and enter into a new Master Lease Purchase Agreement with Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp., an Illinois corporation, regarding the purchase of a new public works vehicle; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 82–56 (Purchasing and Contracts) of said Charter, all expenditures for contracts and purchases with an anticipated cost of more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be subject to competitive sealed bidding unless the Board, by unanimous vote of the full Board, finds another method of procurement to be more advantageous; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that in according to Town Ordinance 2011-02, Section 6(a), that Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. is a unique equipment finance company that provides innovative financing solutions to tax-exempt entities and municipalities nationwide and that this contract may be awarded without competition as the Board of Commissioners has determined and recorded in the minutes of a public meeting, after conducting a good faith review of available sources, that there is only one (1) reasonable source available for the required supply, service or construction item.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO that the President is hereby authorized to negotiate the terms thereof and enter into a Municipal Lease-Purchase Agreement consistent with the above-referenced quote, with Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. for the purpose of procuring the aforementioned "Utility Truck," which is awarded without competition in accordance with Section 6(a) of Ordinance 2011-02, and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions stated therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and that the President/Mayor is authorized to execute the subject Master Lease Purchase Agreement not exceeding \$135,000, including a down payment of \$20,000.00 due at lease signing, with payments to be spread out over three years of semi-annual payments of \$20,581.90 made payable to the above-referenced Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp., and the Mayor is further authorized to execute any related addenda, resolutions, escrow agreements, certificates, schedules or exhibits thereto pertaining and necessary to carry out the intent of the Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to the Mayor's authorized execution of the above-referenced Master Lease Purchase Agreement that such agreement and any accompanying documents or instruments shall be reviewed for legal sufficiency by the Town Attorney.

PASSED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland at a regular meeting on the 10th day of August, 2021.

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ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND



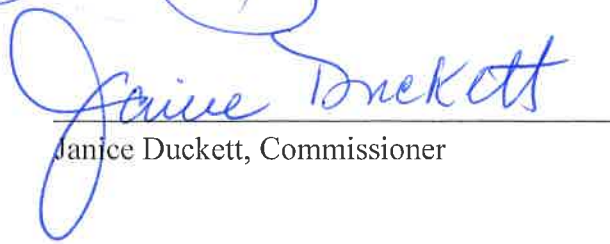
John Hoatson, Clerk



Linda Pennoyer, President



Sarah Franklin, Commissioner



Janice Duckett, Commissioner



CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Upper Marlboro and that the Board of Town Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro at a public meeting at which a quorum was present adopted this Resolution, and that said Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended or repealed. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the municipal Corp., this 18 day of August, 2021.



John Hoatson, Clerk



203 E. PARK AVENUE, LIBERTYVILLE, ILLINOIS 60048



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www.taxexemptleasing.com

August 10, 2021

VIA E-MAIL: wmorgan@uppermarlboromd.gov

William Morgan, Finance Consultant
Town of Upper Marlboro
14211 School Lane
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Dear Will,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the following quote for the Town of Upper Marlboro for the financing of a Ford F-750 with Dump Body and Equipment. This quote is valid for 14 days and is subject to credit review and proper documentation.

Equipment Cost (Approximate):	\$135,000.00		
Down Payment:	\$20,000.00 (due at lease signing)		
Finance Amount:	\$115,000.00		
Lease Start Date:	August 15, 2021		
1 st Payment Date:	July 15, 2022 (semi-annually thereafter)		
Term:	<u>3-years</u>	<u>4-years</u>	<u>5-years</u>
Rate*:	3.32%	3.36%	3.39%
Number of Payments:	Six (6)	Eight (8)	Ten (10)
Payment*:	\$20,581.90	\$15,703.96	\$12,780.63

** Rate and payment assume that the Customer is a tax-exempt entity and the purchase of the equipment falls within the type of equipment allowed as tax-exempt under the I.R.S. Code. In the event this purchase is not exempt, the rate and payments will be adjusted accordingly. Further, it is assumed that the transaction will be "bank-qualified" and that the customer will not issue more than \$10 million in tax-exempt leases or bonds in the current calendar year.*

Note: If the equipment will require a "build-out period", the financed amount will be placed into an escrow account at lease signing and funds disbursed as instructed by the customer.

Attached is an application that must be completed in order to proceed with the credit process. In addition, we will need copies of the Town's last 2-years of audited financial statements and a copy of the current interim financial statement. Also, we need dealer and equipment information. Once these items are gathered, please fax the information to 847-247-0772 or e-mail to lynnet@taxexemptleasing.com.

I appreciate this opportunity and look forward to working with you. Please let me know if I can answer any questions. I can be reached at 847-247-0771, ext. 3.

Kind Regards,

Lynne Towle
Account Executive

MASTER LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Lessee
The Town of Upper Marlboro
14211 School Lane
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Lessor
Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp.
203 E. Park Avenue
Libertyville, Illinois 60048

Dated as of October 4, 2019

This Master Lease Purchase Agreement dated as of the date listed above is between Lessor and Lessee listed directly above. Lessor desires from time to time to lease the Equipment described in Equipment Schedules (each a "Schedule") to be attached hereto to Lessee and Lessee desires to lease such Equipment from Lessor subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, which are set forth below, and the applicable Schedule.

I. Definitions:

Section 1.01. Definitions. The following terms will have the meanings indicated below unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

"Agreement" means this Master Lease Purchase Agreement.

"Budget Year" means the Lessee's fiscal year.

"Commencement Date" is the date when Lessee's obligation to pay rent begins.

"Equipment" means the items of Equipment listed on Exhibit "A" to each Schedule and all replacements, restorations, modifications and improvements.

"Lease" means this Agreement and an individual Schedule hereto, which shall collectively constitute the terms and conditions applicable to the lease of the Equipment subject thereto.

"Lessee" means the entity listed above as Lessee and which is leasing the Equipment from Lessor under the provisions of this Agreement and a Schedule.

"Lessor" means the entity originally listed above as Lessor or any of its assignees.

"Lease Term" means the Original Term and all Renewal Terms applicable to a Lease.

"Original Term" means the period from the Commencement Date until the end of the Budget Year of Lessee.

"Renewal Term" means the annual term which begins at the end of the Original Term and which is simultaneous with Lessee's Budget Year.

"Rental Payments" means the payments Lessee is required to make under this Agreement as set forth on Exhibit "B" to each Schedule made subject thereto.

"Schedule" means a schedule substantially in the form attached hereto and all exhibits thereto pursuant to which Lessor and Lessee agree to the lease of the Equipment described therein and which together with the terms of the Agreement applicable thereto constitutes an Individual Lease.

"State" means the state in which Lessee is located.

II. Lessee Warranties

Section 2.01. With respect to each Lease, Lessee represents, warrants and covenants as follows for the benefit of Lessor or its assignees:

- (a) Lessee is the State or a political subdivision of the State within the meaning of Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") or a constituted authority authorized to issue obligations on behalf of the State or political subdivision of the State within the meaning of the treasury regulations promulgated under the Code.
- (b) Lessee is authorized under the Constitution and laws of the State to enter into this Agreement and each Schedule, and has used such authority to properly execute and deliver this Agreement and each Schedule. Lessee has followed all proper procedures of its governing body in executing this Agreement and each Schedule. The Officer of Lessee executing this Agreement and each Schedule has the authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and such Schedule. This Agreement and each Schedule constitute a legal, valid, binding and enforceable obligation of the Lessee in accordance with their terms.
- (c) Lessee has complied with all statutory laws and regulations that may be applicable to the execution of this Agreement and each Schedule.
- (d) Lessee shall use the Equipment only for essential, traditional government purposes.
- (e) Should the Lessee cease to be an issuer of tax exempt obligations or if the obligation of Lessee created under any Lease ceases to be a tax exempt obligation for any reason, then Lessee shall be required to pay additional sums to the Lessor or its assignees so as to bring the after tax yield on any Lease to the same level as the Lessor or its assignees would attain if the transaction continued to be tax-exempt.
- (f) Lessee has never non-appropriated funds under an agreement similar to this Agreement.
- (g) Lessee will submit to the Secretary of the Treasury an information reporting statement as required by the Code with respect to each Lease.
- (h) Upon request by Lessor, Lessee will provide Lessor with current financial statements, reports, budgets or other relevant fiscal information.
- (i) Lessee shall retain the Equipment free of any hazardous substances as defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et. seq. as amended and supplemented.
- (j) Lessee presently intends to continue each Lease for the Original Term and all Renewal Terms as set forth on Exhibit "B" to the Schedule relating thereto. The official of Lessee responsible for budget preparation will include in the budget request for each Budget Year the Rental Payments to become due in such Budget year, and will use all reasonable and lawful means available to secure the appropriation of money for such Budget Year sufficient to pay the Rental Payments coming due therein. Lessee reasonably believes that moneys can and will lawfully be appropriated and made available for this purpose.

Section 2.02. Escrow Agreement. In the event both Lessor and Lessee mutually agree to utilize an escrow account, then immediately following the execution and delivery of any Schedule, Lessor and Lessee agree to execute and deliver and to cause an escrow agent to execute and deliver an escrow agreement. Such Lease shall take effect only upon execution and delivery of the escrow agreement by the parties thereto. Lessor shall deposit or cause to be deposited with the escrow agent for credit to an equipment acquisition fund the sum specified in such Schedule which shall be held, invested and disbursed in accordance with the escrow agreement.

III. Acquisition of Equipment, Rental Payments and the Purchase Option Price

Section 3.01. Acquisition: Lessee shall advise Lessor of its desire to lease Equipment and of the desired lease terms. Upon agreement by Lessor and Lessee as to the lease of such Equipment and such terms, Lessee shall be solely responsible for the ordering of the Equipment and the delivery and installation thereof. Lessor shall furnish to Lessee a Schedule relating to such Equipment, which shall become effective upon the execution and delivery of such Schedule, all documents contemplated hereby and thereby with respect to such Schedule, and the earlier of Lessee's written acceptance of such Equipment or the deposit into escrow of moneys to pay for such Equipment as provided in Section 2.02. Nothing herein shall obligate Lessor to lease any Equipment to Lessee until Lessor shall have concurred in writing to the lease of such Equipment.

Section 3.02. Rental Payments. Lessee shall promptly pay Rental Payments under each Schedule, from any and all legally available funds, exclusively to Lessor or its assignees, in lawful money of the United States of America. The Rental Payments shall be sent to the location specified by the Lessor or its assignees. The Rental Payments shall constitute a current expense of the Lessee and shall not constitute an indebtedness of the Lessee. Lessor shall have the option to charge interest at the highest lawful rate on any Rental Payment received later than the due date. The Rental Payments will be payable without notice or demand.

Section 3.03. Rental Payments Unconditional. Except as provided under Section 4.01, THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE TO MAKE RENTAL PAYMENTS AND TO PERFORM AND OBSERVE THE OTHER COVENANTS CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE ABSOLUTE AND UNCONDITIONAL IN ALL EVENTS WITHOUT ABATEMENT, DIMINUTION, DEDUCTION, SET-OFF OR DEFENSE.

Section 3.04. Purchase Option Price. With respect to each Schedule, upon 30 days written notice, Lessee shall have the option to pay, in addition to any Rental Payment due thereunder, the corresponding Purchase Option Price which is listed on the same line on Exhibit B to such Schedule. If Lessee chooses this option and pays the Purchase Option Price to Lessor then Lessor will transfer any and all of its rights, title and interest in the Equipment subject to such Lease to Lessee.

Section 3.05. Lease Term. The Lease Term of each Lease shall be the Original Term and all Renewal Terms thereunder until all the Rental Payments due thereunder are paid as set forth in the applicable Schedule except as provided under Section 4.01 and Section 9.01 below. If, after the end of the budgeting process which occurs at the end of the Original Term or any Renewal Term, Lessee has not terminated a Lease pursuant to Section 4.01 hereof then the Lease Term for such Lease shall be extended into the next Renewal Term and the Lessee shall be obligated to make the Rental Payments that come due during such Renewal Term.

Section 3.06. Disclaimer of Warranties. LESSOR MAKES NO WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE VALUE, DESIGN, CONDITION, MERCHANTABILITY, AND FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR ANY OTHER WARRANTY WITH RESPECT TO THE EQUIPMENT. LESSOR SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE ARISING OUT OF THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, POSSESSION, STORAGE OR USE OF THE EQUIPMENT BY LESSEE.

IV. Non-Appropriation

Section 4.01. Non-Appropriation. If insufficient funds are available in Lessee's budget for the next Budget Year to make the Rental Payments for the next Renewal Term under any Lease, then Lessee shall have the option to non-appropriate the funds to pay the Rental Payments for the next Renewal Term with respect to such Lease. Lack of a sufficient appropriation shall be evidenced by the passage of an ordinance or resolution by the governing body of Lessee specifically prohibiting Lessee from performing its obligations under such Lease for a designated Budget Year and all subsequent Budget Years. If Lessee chooses this option, then all obligations of the Lessee under such Lease regarding Rental Payments for all remaining Renewal Terms shall be terminated at the end of the then current Original Term or Renewal Term without penalty or liability to the Lessee of any kind provided that if Lessee has not delivered possession of the Equipment subject to such Lease to Lessor as provided herein and conveyed to Lessor or released its interest in such Equipment by the end of the last Budget Year for which Rental Payments were paid, the termination shall nevertheless be effective but Lessee shall be responsible for the payment of damages in an amount equal to the amount of the Rental Payments thereafter coming due under Exhibit "B" to the Schedule for such Lease which are attributable to the number of days after such Budget Year during which Lessee fails to take such actions and for any other loss suffered by Lessor as a result of Lessee's failure to take such actions as required. Lessee shall immediately notify the Lessor as soon as the decision to non-appropriate is made. If such non-appropriation occurs, then Lessee shall deliver the Equipment to Lessor or to a location designated by Lessor at Lessee's expense. Lessee shall be liable for all damage to the Equipment other than normal wear and tear. If Lessee fails to deliver such Equipment to Lessor, then Lessor may enter the premises where such Equipment is located and take possession of the Equipment and charge Lessee for costs incurred.

V. Insurance, Damage, Insufficiency of Proceeds, Lessee Negligence

Section 5.01. Insurance. Lessee shall maintain both casualty insurance and liability insurance at its own expense with respect to the Equipment. Lessee shall be solely responsible for selecting the insurer(s) and for making all premium payments and ensuring that all policies are continuously kept in effect during the term of any Lease. Lessee shall provide Lessor with a Certificate of Insurance, which lists the Lessor and/or assigns as a loss payee and an additional insured on the policies with respect to the Equipment.

- (a) Lessee shall insure the Equipment against any loss or damage by fire and all other risks covered by the standard extended coverage endorsement then in use in the State and any other risks reasonably required by Lessor in an amount at least equal to the then applicable Purchase Option Price of the Equipment. Alternatively, Lessee may insure the Equipment under a blanket insurance policy or policies.
- (b) The liability insurance shall insure Lessor from liability and property damage in any form and amount satisfactory to Lessor.
- (c) Provided that, with Lessor's prior written consent, Lessee may self-insure against the risks described in (a) and (b) above. Lessee shall furnish Lessor evidence of such self-insurance coverage throughout each Lease Term. Lessee shall not materially modify or cancel such self-insurance coverage without first giving written notice thereof to Lessor at least 10 days in advance of such cancellation or modification.
- (d) All insurance policies issued or affected by this Section shall be so written or endorsed such that the Lessor and its assignees are named additional insured and loss payees and that all losses are payable to Lessee and Lessor or its assignees as their interests may appear. Each policy issued or affected by this Section shall contain a provision that the insurance company shall not cancel or materially modify the policy without first giving thirty 30 days advance notice to Lessor or its assignees. Lessee shall furnish to Lessor certificates evidencing such coverage throughout each Lease Term.

Section 5.02. Damage to or Destruction of Equipment. Lessee assumes the risk of loss or damage to the Equipment. If the Equipment or any portion thereof is lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed by fire or other casualty, Lessee will immediately report all such losses to all possible insurers and take the proper procedures to attain all insurance proceeds. At the option of Lessor, Lessee shall either (1) apply the Net Proceeds to replace, repair or restore the Equipment or (2) apply the Net Proceeds to the applicable Purchase Option Price. For purposes of this Section and Section 5.03, the term Net Proceeds shall mean the amount of insurance proceeds collected from all applicable insurance policies after deducting all expenses incurred in the collection thereof.

Section 5.03. Insufficiency of Net Proceeds. If there are no Net Proceeds for whatever reason or if the Net Proceeds are insufficient to pay in full the cost of any replacement, repair, restoration, modification or improvement of the Equipment, then Lessee shall, at the option of Lessor, either complete such replacement, repair, restoration, modification or improvement and pay any costs thereof in excess of the amount of the Net Proceeds or apply the Net Proceeds to the Purchase Option Price and pay the deficiency, if any, to the Lessor.

Section 5.04. Lessee Negligence. Lessee assumes all risks and liabilities, whether or not covered by insurance, for loss or damage to the Equipment and for injury to or death of any person or damage to any property whether such injury or death be with respect to agents or employees of Lessee or of third parties, and whether such property damage be to Lessee's property or the property of others including, without limitation, liabilities for loss or damage related to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act or similar or successor law or any state or local equivalent now existing or hereinafter enacted which in any manner arise out of or are incident to any possession, use, operation, condition or storage of any Equipment by Lessee which is proximately caused by the negligent conduct of Lessee, its officers, employees and agents. Lessee hereby assumes responsibility for and agrees to reimburse Lessor for all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, costs and expenses including reasonable attorneys' fees of whatsoever kind and nature, imposed on, incurred by or asserted against Lessor that in any way relate to or arise out of a claim, suit or proceeding, based in whole or in part upon the negligent conduct of Lessee, its officers, employees and agents, to the maximum extent permitted by law.

VI. Title and Security Interest

Section 6.01. Title. Title to the Equipment shall vest in Lessee when Lessee acquires and accepts the Equipment. Title to the Equipment subject to a Lease will automatically transfer to the Lessor in the event Lessee non-appropriates under Section 4.01 with respect to such Lease or in the event Lessee defaults under Section 9.01 with respect to such Lease. In either of such events, Lessee shall execute and deliver to Lessor such documents as Lessor may request to evidence the passage of legal title to the Equipment subject to such Lease to Lessor.

Section 6.02. Security Interest. To secure the payment of all Lessee's obligations under each Lease, Lessee hereby grants to Lessor a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code constituting a first lien on the Equipment described more fully on Exhibit "A" to each Schedule. The security interest established by this section includes not only all additions, attachments, repairs and replacements to the Equipment but also all proceeds therefrom. Lessee agrees that Lessor or its assignee may execute such additional documents including financing statements, affidavits, notices, and similar instruments, for and on behalf of Lessee which Lessor deems necessary or appropriate to protect Lessor's interest in the Equipment and in this Agreement and each Lease. Lessee authorizes Lessor to record such documentation as necessary for Lessor to perfect its security interest.

VII. Assignment

Section 7.01. Assignment by Lessor. All of Lessor's rights, title and/or interest in and to each Lease may be assigned and reassigned in whole or in part to one or more assignees or sub-assignees (including a registered owner for lease participation certificates) by Lessor at any time without the consent of Lessee. No such assignment shall be effective as against Lessee until the assignor shall have filed with Lessee written notice of assignment identifying the assignee. Lessee shall pay all Rental Payments due under each Lease to or at the direction of Lessor or the assignee named in the notice of assignment. Lessee shall keep a complete and accurate record of all such assignments.

Section 7.02. Assignment by Lessee. None of Lessee's right, title and interest under this Agreement, each Lease and in the Equipment may be assigned by Lessee unless Lessor approves of such assignment in writing before such assignment occurs and only after Lessee first obtains an opinion from nationally recognized counsel stating that such assignment will not jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the obligation.

VIII. Maintenance of Equipment

Section 8.01. Lessee shall keep the Equipment in good repair and working order. Lessor shall have no obligation to inspect, test, service, maintain, repair or make improvements or additions to the Equipment under any circumstances. Lessee will be liable for all damage to the Equipment, other than normal wear and tear, caused by Lessee, its employees or its agents. Lessee shall pay for and obtain all permits, licenses and taxes necessary for the installation, operation, possession, storage or use of the Equipment. If the Equipment includes any titled vehicles, then Lessee is responsible for obtaining such titles from the State and also for ensuring that Lessor is listed as first lien holder on all of the titles. Lessee shall not use the Equipment to haul, convey or transport hazardous waste as defined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et. seq. Lessee shall not during the term of this Agreement create, incur or assume any levies, liens or encumbrances of any kind with respect to the Equipment except those created by this Agreement. The Equipment is and shall at all times be and remain personal property. Lessee shall allow Lessor to examine and inspect the Equipment at all reasonable times.

IX. Default

Section 9.01. Events of Default defined. The following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" with respect to a Lease:

- (a) Failure by Lessee to pay any Rental Payment listed on Exhibit "B" to the Schedule for fifteen 15 days after such payment is due according to the Payment Date listed on Exhibit "B".
- (b) Failure to pay any other payment required to be paid under this Agreement and the Schedule at the time specified herein and therein and a continuation of said failure for a period of fifteen 15 days after written notice by Lessor that such payment must be made. If Lessee continues to fail to pay any payment after such period, then Lessor may, but will not be obligated to, make such payments and charge Lessee for all costs incurred plus interest at the highest lawful rate.
- (c) Failure by Lessee to observe and perform any warranty, covenant, condition, promise or duty under this Agreement or the Schedule for a period of thirty 30 days after written notice specifying such failure is given to Lessee by Lessor, unless Lessor agrees in writing to an extension of time. Lessor will not unreasonably withhold its consent to an extension of time if corrective action is instituted by Lessee. Subsection (c) does not apply to Rental Payments and other payments discussed above.
- (d) Any statement, material omission, representation or warranty made by Lessee in or pursuant to this Agreement or the Schedule which proves to be false, incorrect or misleading on the date when made regardless of Lessee's intent and which materially adversely affects the rights or security of Lessor under this Agreement or the applicable Schedule.
- (e) Any provision of this Agreement or the Schedule which ceases to be valid for whatever reason and the loss of such provision, would materially adversely affect the rights or security of Lessor.
- (f) Lessee admits in writing its inability to pay its obligations. Lessee defaults on one or more of its other obligations. Lessee applies or consents to the appointment of a receiver or a custodian to manage its affairs. Lessee makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.

Section 9.02. Remedies on Default. Whenever any Event of Default exists with respect to any Lease, Lessor shall have the right to take one or any combination of the following remedial steps:

- (a) With or without terminating the Lease, Lessor may declare all Rental Payments and other amounts payable by Lessee thereunder to the end of the then current Budget Year to be immediately due and payable.
- (b) With or without terminating the Lease, Lessor may require Lessee at Lessee's expense to redeliver any or all of the Equipment subject thereto to Lessor to a location specified by Lessor. Such delivery shall take place within 15 days after the event of default occurs. If Lessee fails to deliver such Equipment, Lessor may enter the premises where such Equipment is located and take possession of such Equipment and charge Lessee for cost incurred. Notwithstanding that Lessor has taken possession of such Equipment, Lessee shall still be obligated to pay the remaining Rental Payments under the Lease due up until the end of the then current Original Term or Renewal Term. Lessee will be liable for any damage to such Equipment caused by Lessee or its employees or agents.
- (c) Lessor may take whatever action at law or in equity that may appear necessary or desirable to enforce its rights.

Section 9.03. No Remedy Exclusive. No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to Lessor is intended to be exclusive and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given under the Lease now or hereafter existing at law or in equity. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair any such right or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof.

X. Miscellaneous

Section 10.01. Notices. All notices shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given when delivered or mailed by registered mail, postage prepaid, to the parties at their respective places of business as first set forth herein or as the parties shall designate hereafter in writing.

Section 10.02. Binding Effect. This Agreement and each Schedule shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon Lessee and Lessor and their respective successors and assigns.

Section 10.03. Severability. In the event any provision of this Agreement or any Lease shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof.

Section 10.04. Amendments, Addenda, Changes or Modifications. This Agreement and each Lease may be amended, added to, changed or modified by written agreement duly executed by Lessor and Lessee.

Section 10.05. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement and each Lease may be simultaneously executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 10.06. Captions. The captions or headings in this Agreement do not define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any provisions or sections of this Agreement.

Section 10.07. Entire Writing. This Agreement and all Schedules executed hereunder constitute the entire writing between Lessor and Lessee. No waiver, consent, modification or change of terms of this Agreement or any Lease shall bind either party unless in writing and signed by both parties, and then such waiver, consent, modification or change shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose given. There are no understandings, agreements, representations, conditions, or warranties, express or implied, which are not specified herein regarding this Agreement or any Lease or the Equipment leased thereunder. Any terms and conditions of any purchase order or other documents submitted by Lessee in connection with this Agreement which are in addition to or inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement or any Lease will not be binding on Lessor and will not apply to this Agreement or any Lease.

Section 10.08. Jurisdiction and Venue. Lessee irrevocably submits to the nonexclusive jurisdiction of any Federal or state court sitting in New York, over any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement. Lessee irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent it may effectively do so under applicable law, any objection it may now or hereafter have to the laying of the venue of any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court and any claim that the same has been brought in an inconvenient forum. Lessee hereby consents to any and all process which may be served in any such suit, action or proceeding, (i) by mailing a copy thereof by registered and certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the Lessee's address shown in this Agreement or as notified to the Lessor and (ii) by serving the same upon the Lessee in any other manner otherwise permitted by law, and agrees that such service shall in every respect be deemed effective service upon Lessee.

Lessor and Lessee have caused this Agreement to be executed in their names by their duly authorized representatives listed below.

**The
Lessee: Town of Upper Marlboro**



Signature

LINDA PENNOYER TREASURER
Printed Name and Title

Lessor: Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp.



Signature

Mark M. Zaslavsky, President
Printed Name and Title