

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT  
COURT SERVICES AGREEMENT

1. Parties

1.1 The County of Walla Walla (County) is a Washington County organized under the laws of the State of Washington.

1.2 The City of Walla Walla (Walla Walla) is a non-chartered code city organized under the laws of the State of Washington.

1.3 The City of College Place (College Place) is a non-chartered code city organized under the laws of the State of Washington.

1.4 The Walla Walla County District Court is a court of limited jurisdiction organized pursuant to Title 3 of the Revised Code of Washington.

2. Purpose

2.1 The Municipal Court of Walla Walla was a municipal department of the Walla Walla County District Court established pursuant to Chapter 3.46 of the Revised Code of Washington.

2.2 The County and Walla Walla entered into a court consolidation agreement in 1996, and the Municipal Court was terminated and consolidated with the Walla Walla County District Court. The agreement was renewed in 2013 for a term expiring on the second Monday in January of 2015 or the end of the 2011-2014 judicial term, whichever occurs first.

2.3 The College Place Municipal Court is a Municipal Court established

pursuant to Chapter 3.50 of the Revised Code of Washington.

2.4 In 2013, College Place terminated its Municipal Court and entered into an agreement with the County and Walla Walla under which the two cities would pay the County reasonable amounts for the costs associated with the handling and disposition of cases filed by them in Walla Walla District Court.

2.5 The parties wish to continue with a consolidated Walla Walla District Court.

2.6 The parties do not intend that this agreement be construed as a repeal of those portions of the Walla Walla Municipal Code or the College Place Municipal Code which define crimes, and the cities shall retain the prosecution of offenses defined as crimes by their respective municipal codes. The parties do not intend that the cities pay the County for costs associated with the prosecution or defense of cases filed by either city in Walla Walla County District Court as a result of this court services agreement.

### 3. Duration

3.1 This agreement shall be in effect commencing on January 9, 2023. This agreement will renew automatically on the second Monday of January 2027, and every second Monday of January four years thereafter, for subsequent four-year terms unless by agreement of the parties, by notice of intent to terminate given by a party pursuant to RCW 3.50.810, or as provided by law.

4. Organization and Administration

4.1 Organization

The Walla Walla County District Court shall be organized in accordance with Title 3 of the Revised Code of Washington and any other applicable laws.

4.2 Administration

The Walla Walla County District Court shall be administered by the judge or judges thereof.

4.2.1 Neither city shall have the right to direct or control the personnel, employees, and agents of the Walla Walla County District Court. Such personnel, employees, and agents shall be employed or retained by County in its sole discretion and subject only to its supervision and control. The cities shall have no responsibility or liability to or for such personnel, employees, and agents of the Walla Walla County District Court.

5. Property

5.1 This agreement does not provide for the acquisition, holding, or disposal of real or personal property.

5.2 All real and personal property used in the operation of the Walla Walla County District Court shall be acquired, held, and disposed of in the name of the County.

5.3 The cost of all real and personal property shall be the sole responsibility of the County.

5.4 The County shall own any said property or interests therein.

6. Financing and Budget

6.1 There shall be no financing of any joint or cooperative undertaking pursuant to this agreement.

6.2 The budget for the Walla Walla County District Court shall be established by the Walla Walla County Commissioners in the manner provided by law.

6.2.1 The costs and expenses of the Walla Walla County District Court shall not include the cost of any capital improvements.

6.2.2 The costs and expenses of the Walla Walla County District Court shall not include the cost of prosecution of cases filed in the Walla Walla County District Court.

6.2.3 The costs and expenses of the Walla Walla County District Court shall not include the cost of defense of cases filed in the Walla Walla County District Court.

6.3 Preliminary Budget

No later than September 1 of each year, the Walla Walla County District Court shall prepare and provide to the parties a proposed budget for the succeeding calendar year.

6.3.1 The parties shall review the proposed budget between September 1 and September 30.

6.3.2 Upon such review, the parties shall agree upon the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of the Walla Walla County District Court for the succeeding calendar year.

6.3.3 If the parties are unable to reach agreement by September 30 upon the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of the Walla Walla County District Court for the succeeding calendar year, they shall be deemed to have entered into an agreement to submit such issues to arbitration under Chapter 7.04 of the Revised Code of Washington.

#### 6.4 Budget

No later than December 31 of each year, the County shall provide to the cities an approved budget for the Walla Walla County District Court for the succeeding calendar year.

#### 6.5 Procedures for 2023.

For the remainder of 2023, the following provisions will govern:

A. Walla Walla District Court shall submit a proposed revised budget to the parties as soon as practicable for the remainder of 2023.

B. The parties shall review the proposed budget revision and submit comments, if any, by no later than 14 days after receipt of the proposed revised budget.

C. Upon such review and comments, the parties shall agree upon the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of the Walla Walla County District Court for

the remainder of the calendar year.

D. If the parties are unable to reach agreement within 30 days after receipt of the proposed revised budget upon the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of the Walla Walla County District Court for the remainder of the calendar year, they shall be deemed to have entered into an agreement to submit such issues to arbitration under Chapter 7.04 of the Revised Code of Washington.

#### E. Budget

Walla Walla County has already adopted a budget for District Court for 2023. If necessary, the County agrees to adopt any 2023 budget amendments agreed upon by the parties for the operation of the Walla Walla District Court.

#### 6.6 Payments

Each city shall pay its pro-rata share of the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of the Walla Walla County District Court, as determined by either mutual agreement or arbitration, to the County in installments as follows:

6.6.1 The County shall bill each city quarterly in January, April, July, and October of each year for that city's pro-rata share of the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of the Walla Walla County District Court for the current year.

6.6.2 Each city shall pay the County quarterly within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice for the City's pro-rata share of the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of the Walla Walla County District Court for the prior quarter.

7. Allocation of costs and expenses

7.1 Walla Walla District Court costs and expenses shall be separated into three categories: (1) utilities, (2) probation costs and expenses, and (3) general costs and expenses.

7.2 Utilities

Utility costs and expenses shall consist solely of reasonable and necessary charges incurred by the Walla Walla District Court for (a) electricity, (b) natural gas, (c) water, (d) sewer, (e) sanitation (a/k/a garbage disposal service). The pro-rata share of the County for utility costs and expenses shall be one-third (1/3) of the reasonable and necessary charges. The pro-rata share of Walla Walla for utility costs and expenses shall be one-third (1/3) of the reasonable and necessary charges. The pro-rata share of College Place for utility costs and expenses shall be one-third (1/3) of the reasonable and necessary charges.

7.3 Caseload allocation method

Between June 1 and June 30 of each year, the Walla Walla County District Court shall prepare information regarding the categories, types, and number of cases filed in the Walla Walla County District Court and the College Place Municipal Court for the preceding 5-year period (commencing on January 1 of the earliest calendar year of that period through December 31 of the most recent calendar year) using the Judicial Information System (JIS) or such other method which may be agreed upon by the parties.

### 7.3.1 Categories

Cases shall be separated into categories: (a) cases in which Walla Walla is a party, (b) cases in which College Place is a party, and (c) cases in which either the State of Washington or the County is a party. Any case in which both Walla Walla and either the State of Washington or the County are parties, shall be considered a case in both category (a) and category (c). Any case in which both the College Place and either the State of Washington or the County are parties, shall be considered a case in both category (b) and category (c). Any case in which both Walla Walla and College Place are parties shall be considered a case in both category (a) and category (b). Any case in which Walla Walla, College Place and either the State of Washington or the County are all parties shall be considered a case in categories (a), (b), and (c). Any case in which neither city, the State of Washington, nor the County is a party shall be considered a case in category (c).

### 7.3.2 Case types

Cases shall be classified by the following types: (a) traffic, (b) criminal traffic, (c) non-traffic criminal, (d) parking, and (e) civil.

7.3.3 The information prepared by the Walla Walla County District Court shall identify the number of each type of case filed for each category.

7.3.4 The Walla Walla County District Court shall provide the information required by paragraph 7.3 herein to the parties no later than July 1 of that year.



#### 7.4 Probation costs and expenses

Probation costs and expenses shall consist solely of the reasonable and necessary salary and benefits paid to the probation officer and the assistant probation officer. The pro-rata shares of probation costs and expenses shall be calculated by comparing the number of criminal traffic and non-traffic criminal cases in which Walla Walla, College Place, and the State of Washington or County was a party for the preceding 5 year period as provided in paragraph 7.3 and sub-paragraphs 7.3.1, 7.3.2(b) & (c), and 7.3.3 against the total number of cases criminal traffic and non-traffic criminal cases for that period. The pro-rata shares calculated pursuant to this paragraph shall be the pro-rata shares of the Walla Walla, College Place and the County for the succeeding calendar year for probation costs and expenses.

#### 7.5 General costs and expenses

With the exception of utilities, probation costs and expenses, and other costs and expenses excluded by this agreement, the remainder of the actual reasonable and necessary costs and expenses ordinarily budgeted for operation of the Walla Walla District Court shall be considered general costs and expenses, and the pro-rata shares of the parties for general costs and expenses shall be calculated as provided herein.

7.5.1 Each category of case described in subparagraph 7.3.2 shall be weighted. The number of cases filed during the preceding 5 year period shall be multiplied by the following factor for each type: (a) traffic: 10.5, (b) criminal traffic:

22.5, (c) non-traffic criminal: 25.5, (d) parking: 4.5, and (e) civil: 22.

7.5.2 The pro-rata shares shall be calculated by comparing the number of cases in which Walla Walla, College Place, and the State of Washington or County was a party for the preceding 5-year period as provided in paragraph 7.3 and sub-paragraphs 7.3.1 and 7.3.3, weighted as provided in paragraphs 7.3.2 and 7.5.1, against the total weighted cases for that period. The pro-rata shares calculated pursuant to this paragraph shall be the pro-rata shares of the Walla Walla, College Place, and the County for the succeeding calendar year for general costs and expenses.

## 8. Review and Renewal

8.1 The parties shall review the amount of the payments to be made under this agreement every two years, commencing two years after this agreement becomes effective. The parties shall conduct this review between February 1 and March 1.

8.1.1 At each bi-annual review, the parties shall review the costs and expenses of the Walla Walla County District Court.

8.1.2 At each bi-annual review, the parties shall review the information regarding the type and number of cases filed in the Walla Walla County District Court.

8.1.3 At each bi-annual review, the parties shall review the costs and amount of Court resources required for disposition of each type of case filed in the Walla Walla County District Court.

8.2 Upon each such review, the parties shall agree upon such modifications to

paragraph 7 of this agreement as may be necessary to adjust the payments made by the cities to the County to ensure that said amount is reasonable for costs and expenses associated with the disposition of cases filed in Walla Walla County District Court.

8.3 If the parties are unable to reach agreement by March 1 on the terms of such modifications to paragraph 7 of this agreement, they shall be deemed to have entered into an agreement to submit such issues to arbitration under Chapter 7.04 of the Revised Code of Washington.

8.4 Pending conclusion of any such arbitration proceeding, the terms of this agreement, as last modified, shall remain in effect.

8.5 With the exception of paragraphs 6 and 7, all other provisions of this agreement shall automatically renew upon each bi-annual review, and modification of such provisions shall not be subject to arbitration.

9. The cities shall have no obligation to pay any cost or expense arising out of the operation of the Walla Walla County District Court except as provided in paragraphs 6 and 7 herein.

9.1 Neither city shall be charged any additional filing fees.

10. Court Revenues

10.1 Revenues of the Walla Walla County District Court shall be handled in accordance with Chapter 3.62 of the Revised Code of Washington and any other applicable laws.

11. Modification and Termination

11.1 The parties may modify or terminate this agreement by mutual consent at any time. Any party may unilaterally terminate its participation in this agreement as provided in section 3.50.810 of the Revised Code of Washington. The parties may terminate this agreement if otherwise provided by law.

11.2 Upon termination of this agreement, all property of the Walla Walla County District Court shall remain the property of the County, and the County may dispose of said property in its sole discretion.

12. Applicable Law

12.1 This agreement, and any rights and obligations hereunder, shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.

13. Jurisdiction and Venue

13.1 Any dispute or proceeding arising out of this agreement which is not subject to arbitration hereunder shall be submitted to the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Walla Walla County.

13.2 Any dispute or proceeding arising out of arbitration hereunder which may be submitted to a court of competent jurisdiction for determination shall be submitted to the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Walla Walla County.

2023.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023,

COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA



CHAIR OF BOARD OF WALLA  
WALLA COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS



WALLA WALLA COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER



WALLA WALLA COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER

Date: 2.9.23

CITY OF WALLA WALLA



ELIZABETH CHAMBERLAIN  
CITY MANAGER

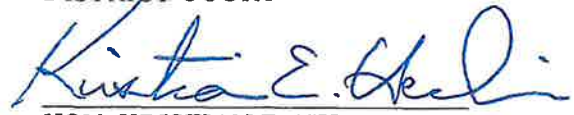
Date: Feb. 28, 2023

CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE

  
NORMA HERNANDEZ  
MAYOR

Date: Feb. 16, '23

WALLA WALLA COUNTY  
DISTRICT COURT

  
HON. KRISTIAN E. HEDINE  
JUDGE