

# **City of Blue Lake Contract**

## **Agreement to Provide Law Enforcement Services Within The City of Blue Lake**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2026 by and between the County of Humboldt, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter called "COUNTY"), and the City of Blue Lake, a municipal corporation in the County of Humboldt (hereinafter called "CITY").

### **WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority provided in the Government Code, CITY and COUNTY desire to contract in order that COUNTY, through Sheriff, will perform law enforcement services within the CITY.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Term of Agreement. Basic Term. The term of this AGREEMENT shall commence July 1, 2026 and continue through June 30, 2027, a one (1) year term, unless sooner terminated pursuant to Section 18.
2. The basic level of services to be provided shall consist of 24 hours of coverage from a sworn peace officer (830.1 PC), seven (7) days a week for response to calls at a level not less than that provided by the Sheriff in adjacent areas of the COUNTY, including related back-up and auxiliary services such as investigative, community services, criminalistics, supervisory, and traffic service functions. This also includes services and support from the Sheriff's records bureau, Sheriff's property/evidence bureau, and public safety dispatch services.

Personnel shall be supported by an appropriate number of Sheriff's supervisory and management personnel, as deemed necessary by the COUNTY. This service will include regular, random patrol, as available, of the City of Blue Lake during all hours of service. It will also include providing the citizens of Blue Lake access to report and or file a police report or anonymous complaint online, and access to crime mapping.

3. The law enforcement services to be provided by the COUNTY to the CITY within the CITY 's incorporated area shall include:
  - A. Enforcement of State Statutes;
  - B. Enforcement of ordinances of CITY (excluding animal control, building and

- construction);
- C. Police protection of the type provided by the Sheriff;
- D. Traffic and DUI enforcement, with the exception or such traffic enforcement as may be provided by the California Highway Patrol on any freeway traversing the CITY or as required by statute;
- E. All detective, juvenile and other specialized services provided by the Sheriff in the unincorporated areas of the COUNTY, such as homicide, child abuse investigations and narcotics enforcement;
- F. Abandon Vehicle Abatement;
- G. When requested by the CITY, via the City Manager, a representative of the Sheriff's Office at the rank of Lieutenant or higher shall meet quarterly with the public, either in a special meeting or at a council meeting to discuss CITY policing issues;
- H. All other law enforcement services of the type provided by the Sheriff within the unincorporated areas of the COUNTY.

The Sheriff shall not be required to assume any enforcement duty or function inconsistent with those performed by the Sheriff under the ordinances of the COUNTY and the statutes of the State of California.

4. The Sheriff shall give prompt consideration to all requests of the City Manager regarding the delivery of general law enforcement services, including staffing assignments, and make every reasonable effort to comply with requests consistent with good law enforcement practices and other provisions of this AGREEMENT. To facilitate the timely exchange of such information between the CITY and the COUNTY, the Parties hereto shall meet from time to time to discuss performance issues under this AGREEMENT and the attendees shall include the City Manager, the Operations Division Commander, the McKinleyville Station Lieutenant, and a designated city council member.
5. For the purposes of performing services and functions pursuant to this AGREEMENT, and only to give official status to such performance, every COUNTY Deputy or employee shall be deemed to be an ex-officio officer of the CITY while engaged in performing any such service or function which is a municipal function falling within the scope of this AGREEMENT.
6. The CITY shall have the right to discuss with the COUNTY issues of concern related to matters covered under this AGREEMENT. However, the manner or rendition of services, the standard of performance, the discipline of employees and other matters incident to the performance of services, including control of personnel so employed, shall remain under the exclusive control of the Sheriff. The Sheriff shall, however, give consideration to requests of the City Manager, which may relate to the performance of services under this AGREEMENT. In the event of a dispute between the parties as to the duties and functions to be rendered or the manner of their performance, determinations by the Sheriff shall be final and conclusive as between the parties.

7. An inventory of furnishings and fixtures contributed by the CITY and the COUNTY for purposes of supplying the station shall be maintained throughout this AGREEMENT. Each party will continue to bear their own costs of such items and upon termination of this AGREEMENT, said items of like kind shall be returned to the respective agency that had original ownership.
8. COUNTY shall provide the necessary supplies, equipment, services and materials required for performing its duties under this AGREEMENT, including vehicle acquisition, maintenance, fuel and replacements.
9. COUNTY and CITY shall determine where such law enforcement quarters are to be located within the CITY. It is expressly understood that the COUNTY may use such quarters in connection with the performance of its duties beyond the scope of services previously outlined in sections 1-4 and in connection with the performance of its duties in territory outside the CITY and adjacent territory, provided, however, that the performance of such non-city duties shall be at no additional cost to the CITY.
10. At the time of execution of this AGREEMENT, the charge to the CITY for the services and functions to be performed by the COUNTY at the level of service agreed upon by the CITY is outlined in Exhibit A – Charges for Services. The total cost charged to the CITY does not include expenses attributable to services or facilities normally provided to all cities within the COUNTY as part of enforcement duties and functions performed by the Sheriff under the ordinances and regulations of the COUNTY and the statutes of the State of California.
11. The CITY shall render to COUNTY one-fourth of the annual charges on a quarterly basis payable on the following dates: first (1<sup>st</sup>) payment due October 1, second (2<sup>nd</sup>) payment due January 1, third (3<sup>rd</sup>) payment due April 1, and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) payment due July 1. The COUNTY shall, 30 days prior to the payment due date, provide to the CITY an invoice which will reflect the amount due by CITY for services rendered by COUNTY under this AGREEMENT during the previous quarter. If such payment is not received by COUNTY within thirty (30) days of the due date, COUNTY shall be entitled to recover interest at a rate of seven (7%) percent per annum and the COUNTY may terminate this AGREEMENT immediately, and without any further notice take such steps as may be necessary to enforce payment.
12. The CITY, its officers and employees, shall not assume by this AGREEMENT any liability for the direct payment of any salary, wages, or other compensation to any officer or employee of COUNTY that is performing services hereunder for the CITY, or for any other liability other than that provided for in this AGREEMENT.
13. CITY shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify COUNTY and its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, liabilities, expenses and costs of any kind or nature, including, without limitation, attorney fees and other costs of litigation, arising out of, or in

connection with, CITY's performance of, or failure to comply with, any of the obligations contained herein, except such loss or damage which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of COUNTY.

The CITY and its insurer, or self-insured pool, shall provide evidence of general and automobile liability insurance with limits no less than \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence. The CITY shall provide an endorsement from its insurer or self-insured pool naming the County of Humboldt, its officials, employees, and volunteers as additional insured.

14. It is expressly understood between the parties to this AGREEMENT that no employer/employee relationship is intended; the relationship of COUNTY to CITY being that of an independent contractor and CITY and COUNTY retain sole and independent liability for the actions of the employees of each.
15. CITY, through its City Manager, shall have access to non-privileged and non-confidential reports and other documents pertaining to the services provided hereunder and within the scope of the Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.). COUNTY shall transmit monthly, to the City Manager statistical reports on crime occurrence, traffic incidents, and other contract services within the CITY.
16. All work performed hereunder is subject to limitations of Section 23008 of the Government Code or the State of California, and in accordance therewith, before any work is performed or services rendered pursuant hereto, an amount equal to the cost to the CITY must be reserved by the CITY from its funds to ensure payment for work, service, or materials provided by COUNTY hereunder.
17. COMPLIANCE WITH NUCLEAR FREE ORDINANCE: In recognition of the Humboldt County Nuclear Free Ordinance, the CITY certifies by its signature below that it is not a nuclear weapons contractor, in that CITY is not knowingly or intentionally engaged in the research, development, production or testing of nuclear warheads, nuclear weapons systems or nuclear weapons components as defined by the Nuclear Free Ordinance in Humboldt County. CITY agrees to notify COUNTY via HCSO immediately if it becomes a nuclear weapons provider, as defined above. CITY acknowledges that, per the terms of the Humboldt County Nuclear Free Ordinance, COUNTY via HCSO may immediately terminate this AGREEMENT if it determines that the foregoing certification is false or if CITY becomes a nuclear weapons provider.
18. Either party may terminate this contract upon sixty (60) days written notice, which notice shall take effect at the end of the sixty (60) day notice period. Compensation shall be prorated for the fiscal quarter in which the termination occurs.
19. Notices given to parties under this AGREEMENT shall be deemed given when personally delivered or sent and delivered by United States certified mail, postage

prepaid, return receipt requested and addressed as follows:

**TO THE COUNTY**

Office of the Sheriff  
Humboldt County Sheriff  
826 4th Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

**TO THE CITY**

Office of the City Manager  
City of Blue Lake  
PO Box 458  
Blue Lake, CA 95525

20. No waiver with respect to one covenant, term or condition shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of any other covenant, term, or condition herein, or a waiver of any prior or subsequent failure to perform such covenant, term, or condition.
21. The provisions of this AGREEMENT shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective governing boards, successors, assigns, and legal representatives.
22. This AGREEMENT contains all agreements of the parties with respect to any matter mentioned herein. No prior agreement or understanding pertaining to any such matter shall be given effect, and this AGREEMENT may only be amended by a writing signed by the parties.
23. The invalidity of any provision of this AGREEMENT as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction shall in no way affect the validity of any other provision hereof.
24. This AGREEMENT shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any dispute arising hereunder, or relating hereto, shall be litigated in the State of California and venue shall lie in the County of Humboldt unless transferred by court order pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 394 or 395.
25. Time is hereby expressly declared to be of the essence for this AGREEMENT and each and every provision herein.
26. This AGREEMENT, and any amendments hereto, may be executed in one (1) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to be one (1) and the same agreement. This AGREEMENT, and any amendments hereto, may be signed by manual or electronic signatures in accordance with any and all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations and standards, and such signatures shall constitute original signatures for all purposes. A signed copy of this AGREEMENT, and any amendments hereto, transmitted by email or by other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original executed copy of this AGREEMENT and any amendments hereto.

27. Each person executing this AGREEMENT represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized and has legal authority to execute and deliver this AGREEMENT. Each party represents and warrants to the other that the execution and delivery of this AGREEMENT and the performance of such party's obligations hereunder have been duly authorized.
28. CITY shall have the option of COUNTY providing additional dedicated uniformed Sheriffs' personnel for the purpose of providing law enforcement services for special events. This shall be at the request of CITY with a minimum of 30 days advance notice. Should the COUNTY agree to the provision of additional dedicated law enforcement services, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall apply. The rate of payment for such additional dedicated services shall be the actual number of hours performed by uniformed Sheriffs' personnel times the hourly rate for said personnel per the Humboldt County Schedule of Fees and Charges "Master Fee Schedule" as approved and posted on the county website at the time of the event. The Master Fee Schedule is reviewed and approved annually by the Board of Supervisors and is posted on the county website. The 2026 Master Fee Schedule rate for Sheriff's Deputy I/II is \$110.00/hour, Sheriff's Sergeant is \$144.00/hour, and Sheriff's Investigator is \$139.00/hour. Events held after calendar year 2026 may be subject to a different rate in accordance with the posted and approved Master Fee Schedule and should be referred to before requesting the additional dedicated services.

[Signatures on following page.]

IN WITNESS THEREOF, CITY by resolution or other official action duly adopted by its council caused this AGREEMENT to be subscribed by its Mayor and attested by its Clerk, and the COUNTY, by order of its Board of Supervisors, has caused this contract to be subscribed by the Chairman and the seal of said Board to be affixed thereto and attested by the Clerk of said Board on the day and year first hereinabove written.

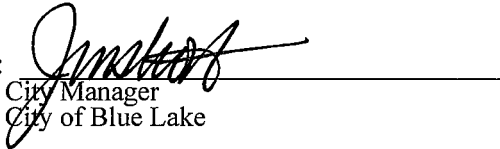
**ATTEST:**  
City Clerk

By: 


**ATTEST:**  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT AND  
RECOMMENDED**

By:   
City Manager  
City of Blue Lake

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
William F. Honsal, Sheriff  
County of Humboldt

By:   
Mayor  
City of Blue Lake

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Humboldt

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
~~RISK Manager~~ Risk Management  
County of Humboldt

## Exhibit A – Charges for Services

**Annual Computation:**

For the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, the CITY and SO have met and agreed that the charges for services rate will be \$186,882.00 for fiscal year (FY) 2026-27.

This rate was calculated based on the below agreed upon methodology.

**Methodology for the Computation:**

The SO used the following methodology for assessing the charges for services for the CITY.

A) The SO calculated its Total Net Expenses to provide law enforcement services to the county. The methodology for calculating Total Net Expenses is as follows:

1) The below SO charges were NOT included in the Total Net Expenses:

- Internal Service Fund Information Technology Charges
- Internal Service Fund Purchasing & Disposition Charges
- Internal Service Fund ADA Charges
- Internal Service Fund Communications/Radio Infrastructure Charges
- COUNTY General Liability, Property, or Bond Insurance
- COUNTY Cost Plan Charges (aka A87 Charges)
- Fixed Assets
- Grants
- Locations of the SO that do not support the CITY. As of FY2025-26 those locations are as follows:

Garberville Station	Willow Creek Station
Myrtle Avenue Annex	Patrol Allocation of Main Station

- Divisions of the SO that provide services to the entire county and/or divisions that provide services unrelated to the services being contracted for in this agreement. As of FY2025-26 those divisions that were excluded include the following:

Airport Security	Inmate Welfare
Animal Shelter/Animal Control	Jail Based Competency Program
CCW	Marijuana Enforcement Team
Civil	Mobile Field Force
Coroner Office	Office of Emergency Services
Correctional Facility	Public Administrator
Courts	Search & Rescue

Crisis Negotiation Team	Sheriff's Work Alternative Program
Drug Task Force	Special Services
EOD Team (Bomb Squad)	SWAT Team

2) The below SO charges were included in the Total Net Expenses:

- Interfund Expenditures. These are charges to the SO from other county departments (ie. Public Works) for direct services and/or supplies.
- Divisions and locations of the SO that provide services that are being contracted for in this agreement. The SO Indirect Costs that are allocated to these divisions/locations were also included.

As of FY2025-26 those divisions/locations include the following:

Abandoned Vehicle Abatement	McKinleyville Station
Body Worn Camera Program	Patrol
Deputy FTO/Recruit Program	Patrol Vehicle Costs
Dispatch	Property Evidence
K9 Program	Records
Major Crimes Division (MCD)	

As of FY2025-26 the SO indirect cost centers include the following:

Administration	Main Station
Armory	Operations Command Team
Backgrounds/Recruitment	Training
Deputy Sheriff/CSO Shared Costs	

3) Revenue for fees, services, reimbursements, donations, and Measure Z revenue will be included in calculating the Total Net Expenses.

B) The CITY will pay its pro-rata share of the Total Net Expenses based on population.

1) Data from the US Census 2020 was used for calculating population and is as follows:

<b>Total Population of Humboldt County</b>	<b>136,463</b>
Arcata	18,857
Eureka	26,512
Ferndale	1,398
Fortuna	12,516
Rio Dell	3,379
Trinidad	307
Blue Lake	1,208
<b>Total Incorporated City Population</b>	<b>64,177</b>
<b>Remaining Unincorporated County</b>	<b>72,286</b>

- 2) The City of Trinidad has a US Census 2020 population of 307. Trinidad has a higher proportion of short term rentals compared to other incorporated cities in our area and therefore Trinidad has agreed to a population adjustment of an additional 120 to account for this. That brings the total remaining population covered by the SO to 73,921 resulting in the below pro-rata share for each contract city.

<b>City</b>	<b>Census</b>	<b>%</b>
Blue Lake	1,208	1.63%
Trinidad	427	0.58%
Unincorporated County	72,286	97.79%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>73,921</b>	<b>100.00%</b>