

**AGREEMENT WITH NBS GOVERNMENT FINANCE GROUP
FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR
ADMINISTRATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGE**

This Agreement, made and entered into this day of _____, by and between the **CITY OF SAN MATEO**, a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of California (“CITY”), and NBS Government Finance Group, a Corporation, (“CONSULTANT”), whose address is 32605 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100, Temecula, CA 92592.

RECITALS:

- A. CITY desires certain management and administrative services hereinafter described.
- B. CITY desires to engage CONSULTANT to provide these management and administrative services by reason of its qualifications and experience for performing such services and CONSULTANT has offered to provide the required services on the terms and in the manner set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED as follows:

SECTION 1 - SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope of services to be performed by CONSULTANT under this Agreement is as described in Exhibit A to this Agreement, attached and incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2 - DUTIES OF CONSULTANT

CONSULTANT shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy and coordination of all work furnished by CONSULTANT under this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in its work.

CONSULTANT represents that it is qualified to furnish the services described under this Agreement.

CONSULTANT shall be responsible for employing or engaging all persons necessary to perform the services of CONSULTANT.

CONSULTANT agrees to comply with the City’s minimum wage ordinance as codified in Municipal Code Chapter 5.92, which differs from the state minimum wage and includes a Consumer Price Index escalator.

SECTION 3 - DUTIES OF CITY

CITY shall provide pertinent information regarding its requirements for the project.

CITY shall examine documents submitted by CONSULTANT and shall render decisions pertaining thereto promptly, to avoid unreasonable delay in the progress of CONSULTANT's work.

SECTION 4 - TERM

The services to be performed under this Agreement shall commence on _____ and be completed on September 30, 2027.

SECTION 5 - PAYMENT

Payment shall be made by CITY only for services rendered and upon submission of a payment request upon completion and CITY approval of the work performed. In consideration for the full performance of the services set forth in Exhibit A, CITY agrees to pay CONSULTANT a fee in an amount not to exceed of \$100,050, pursuant to rates stated in Exhibit B to this Agreement, attached and incorporated by reference.

SECTION 6 - TERMINATION

Without limitation to such rights or remedies as CITY shall otherwise have by law, CITY shall have the right to terminate this Agreement or suspend work on the Project for any reason, upon ten (10) days' written notice to CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT agrees to cease all work under this Agreement upon receipt of said written notice.

Upon termination and upon CITY's payment of the amount required to be paid, documents become the property of CITY, and CONSULTANT shall transfer them to CITY upon request without additional compensation.

SECTION 7 - OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

All documents prepared by CONSULTANT in the performance of this Agreement, although instruments of professional service, are and shall be the property of CITY, whether the project for which they are made is executed or not.

SECTION 8 - CONFIDENTIALITY

All reports and documents prepared by CONSULTANT in connection with the performance of this Agreement are confidential until released by CITY to the public. CONSULTANT shall not make any such documents or information available to any individual or organization not employed by CONSULTANT or CITY without the written consent of CITY before any such release.

SECTION 9 - INTEREST OF CONSULTANT

CONSULTANT covenants that it presently has no interest, and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, financial or otherwise, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the services under this Agreement.

SECTION 10 - CONSULTANT'S STATUS

It is expressly agreed that in the performance of the professional services required under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall at all times be considered an independent contractor as defined in Labor Code Section 3353, under control of the CITY as to the result of the work but not the means by which the result is accomplished. Nothing herein shall be construed to make CONSULTANT an agent or employee of CITY while providing services under this Agreement.

SECTION 11 - INDEMNITY

CONSULTANT agrees to hold harmless and indemnify CITY, its elected and appointed officials, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, loss, liability, damage, and expense arising out of CONSULTANT's performance of this Agreement, except those claims arising out of CITY's sole negligence or willful misconduct. CONSULTANT agrees to defend City, its elected and appointed officials, employees, and agents against any such claims. The CONSULTANT'S duty to indemnify shall survive expiration or early termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 12 - INSURANCE

CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract and three years thereafter (five years for building or major improvements) the insurance specified in Exhibit C to this Agreement.

SECTION 13 - NON-ASSIGNABILITY

Both parties hereto recognize that this Agreement is for the personal services of CONSULTANT and cannot be transferred, assigned, or subcontracted by CONSULTANT without the prior written consent of CITY.

SECTION 14 - RELIANCE UPON PROFESSIONAL SKILL OF CONSULTANT

It is mutually understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that CONSULTANT is skilled in the professional calling necessary to perform the work agreed to be done under this Agreement and that CITY relies upon the skill of CONSULTANT to do and perform the work in the most skillful manner, and CONSULTANT agrees to thus perform the work. The acceptance of CONSULTANT's work by CITY does not operate as a release of CONSULTANT from said obligation.

SECTION 15 - WAIVERS

The waiver by either party of any breach or violation of any term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement or of any provisions of any ordinance or law shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term, covenant, condition, ordinance or law or of any subsequent breach or violation of the same or of any other term, condition, ordinance, or law. The subsequent acceptance by either party of any fee or other money which may become due hereunder shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding breach or violation by the other party of any term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement or of any applicable law or ordinance.

SECTION 16 - SEVERABILITY

If any term or portion of this Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 17 - COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES

Attorney fees in total amount not exceeding \$5000, shall be recoverable as costs (by the filing of a cost bill) by the prevailing party in any action or actions to enforce the provisions of this Agreement. The above \$5000 limit is the total of attorney fees recoverable whether in the trial court, appellate court, or otherwise, and regardless of the number of attorneys, trials, appeals, or actions. It is the intent of this Agreement that neither party shall have to pay the other more than \$5000 for attorney fees arising out of an action, or actions to enforce the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 18 - NON-DISCRIMINATION

CONSULTANT warrants that it is an Equal Opportunity Employer and shall comply with applicable regulations governing equal employment opportunity. Neither CONSULTANT nor any of its subcontractors shall discriminate in the employment of any person because of race, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, sex, or age, unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification pursuant to the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.

SECTION 19 - MEDIATION

Should any dispute arise out of this Agreement, any party may request that it be submitted to mediation. The parties shall meet in mediation within 30 days of a request. The mediator shall be agreed to by the mediating parties; in the absence of an agreement, the parties shall each submit one name from mediators listed by either the American Arbitration Association, the State Mediation and Conciliation Service, or other agreed-upon service. The mediator shall be selected by a blind draw.

The cost of mediation shall be borne equally by the parties. Neither party shall be deemed the prevailing party. No party shall be permitted to file a legal action without first meeting in mediation and making a good faith attempt to reach a mediated settlement. The mediation process, once commenced by a meeting with the mediator, shall last until agreement is reached by the parties but not more than 60 days, unless the maximum time is extended by the parties.

SECTION 20 - LITIGATION

CONSULTANT shall testify at CITY'S request if litigation is brought against CITY in connection with CONSULTANT's services under this Agreement. Unless the action is brought by CONSULTANT, or is based upon CONSULTANT's wrongdoing, CITY shall compensate CONSULTANT for preparation for testimony, testimony, and travel at CONSULTANT's standard hourly rates at the time of actual testimony.

SECTION 21 - NOTICES

All notices hereunder shall be given in writing and mailed, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

To CITY: *Alonso Barahona
Management Analyst II
City of San Mateo
330 W 20th Ave.
San Mateo, CA 94403*

To CONSULTANT: *NBS Government Finance
Group Attn: Michael Rentner
32605 Temecula Pkwy Suite 100
Temecula, CA 92592*

SECTION 22 - AGREEMENT CONTAINS ALL UNDERSTANDINGS; AMENDMENT

This document represents the entire and integrated agreement between CITY and CONSULTANT and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, and agreements, either written or oral.

This document may be amended only by written instrument, signed by both CITY and CONSULTANT.

SECTION 23 - AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT

CONSULTANT has all requisite power and authority to conduct its business and to execute, deliver, and perform the Agreement. Each party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and to bind each respective party.

SECTION 24 - GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and, in the event of litigation, venue will be in the County of San Mateo.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

EXHIBIT A

CONSULTANT SCOPE OF SERVICES

Sewer Service Charge Administration

Overview: NBS will administer a Sewer Service Charge on approximately 28,000 parcels within the City, adding the appropriate charge to the County tax rolls each year. NBS will obtain the relevant water charge data from the three water providers and calculate the charge. NBS will track the currently active parcels, but we expect that most of the parcel data will remain unchanged from the previous year.

KICK-OFF MEETING

Meet with City staff to discuss and confirm:

- Data sources and current issues
- Billing calculation steps
- Appropriate initial and annual timelines
- Method of application of the Sewer Service Charge
- Process for exceptions

DATA GATHERING

Gather and review data pertinent to the calculation and billing of the Sewer Service Charge. Data will be obtained from various sources such as the City's existing data (particularly the premise ID to APN matrix), three water district meter information, assessor's parcel maps and county assessor information as determined to be necessary based on the requirements of the formula.

QUALITY CONTROL

Perform cross-reference tests looking at the various data sources, land use codes, and other pertinent information to ensure the best and most accurate levy application.

DATABASE MAINTENANCE

Maintain and periodically update a database of all parcels within the City and relevant parcel information.

PARCEL CHANGES

Research parcel changes due to subdivision or similar activity, and update current parcel and meter information.

LEVY CALCULATION

Calculate the annual levy for each parcel by July 30 of each year (assuming the data inputs are available on time) within the City following the guidelines established in the City sewer ordinance. The current method of calculation entails multiplying the annualized average water consumption from the five-month winter period by the appropriate sewer service rate, which is based upon user classifications as determined by City parameters.

COUNTY SUBMITTAL

Submit the levy to the County Auditor Controller in the required electronic format and prior to the County deadline. Levies rejected by the County Auditor Controller will be researched and resubmitted for collection on the County Tax Roll. Any parcels that are not submitted to the County for collection will be invoiced with payment to be directed to the City.

REPORTING

Provide annual reports including:

- Annual Levy Charge Summary Report
- Comparison of significant changes Report
- Levy by major category Report
- Water use Reports

Report data can also be emailed as an electronic file (in most any desired format including Excel, CSV, etc.), if desired.

APPEALS

NBS will research any appeals and report back to the appealing party. Should they disagree with the findings or action be required by the City, NBS will summarize information and provide to the City for final determination by the Public Works Director or City Council.

PERFORMANCE

NBS will provide live assistance during business days from 8 AM to 5 PM, and return calls to all inquiries within 24 hours, report any adjustments or corrections, and administer any appeals, as needed.

TOLL-FREE PHONE NUMBER

NBS will provide a toll-free phone number to be printed on the appropriate line item on the County tax bills for the Sewer Service Charges, and for use by the City, other interested parties and all property owners. Our staff will be available to answer questions regarding the charges and ongoing collection.

City's Responsibilities

The City shall furnish NBS with any pertinent information that is available to City and applicable to the Services. The City shall designate a person to act with authority on its behalf in respect to the Services. The City shall promptly respond to NBS' requests for reviews and approvals of its work, and to its requests for decisions related to the Services. City understands and agrees that NBS is entitled to rely on all information, data and documents (collectively, "Information") supplied to NBS by City or any of its agents, contractors or proxies or obtained by NBS from other usual and customary sources including other government sources or proxies as being accurate and correct and NBS will have no obligation to confirm that such Information is correct and that NBS will have no liability to City or any third party if such Information is not correct.

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES

Sewer Service Charge Administration

Annual Base Fee..... \$32,500
Estimated Expenses ⁽¹⁾..... NTE \$850

Total for Three Years Sewer Service ChargeNTE \$100,050

⁽¹⁾ See description of expenses below

EXPENSES

Customary out-of-pocket expenses will be billed to the City at actual cost to NBS. These expenses may include, but not be limited to, mailing fulfillment, postage, reproduction, telephone, travel, meals and various third-party charges for data, maps, and recording fees.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The following table shows our current hourly rates. Additional services authorized by the City but not included in the scope of services will be billed at this rate or the then applicable hourly rate.

Title	Hourly Rate
Director / Senior Review	\$250
Associate Director / Engineer	\$225
Senior Consultant	\$200
Consultant	\$175
Senior Project Analyst	\$165
Project Analyst/Financial Analyst	\$150
Project Resource Analyst	\$130
Clerical / Support	\$110

TERMS

Sewer Service Charge Administration will be invoiced quarterly. Expenses will be itemized and included in the next regular invoice. Fees for all other services will be invoiced upon completion of the task. If the project is prematurely terminated by either party, NBS shall receive payment for work completed. Payment shall be made within 30 days of submittal of an invoice. If payment is not received within 90 days simple interest will begin to accrue at the rate of 1.5% per month. Either party may cancel this contract with 30 days' written notice.

EXHIBIT C

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM SCOPE OF INSURANCE

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. **Commercial General Liability (CGL):** Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 12 07 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products-completed operations, personal & advertising injury, with limits no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2. **Automobile Liability:** ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), or if CONSULTANT has no owned autos, hired, (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
3. **Workers' Compensation:** as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury or disease.
4. **Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions):** Insurance appropriate to the CONSULTANT's profession, with limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence or claim, **\$2,000,000** aggregate

If the CONSULTANT maintains higher limits than the minimums shown above, the City requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the CONSULTANT.

Other Insurance Provisions

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

Additional Insured Status

The City, its elected and appointed officials, employees, and agents are to be covered as insureds on the auto policy for liability arising out of automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by or on behalf of the CONSULTANT; and on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the CONSULTANT including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the CONSULTANT's insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10, 11 85 or both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 forms if later revisions used).

Primary Coverage

For any claims related to this contract, the **CONSULTANT's insurance coverage shall be primary** insurance as respects the City, its elected and appointed officials, employees, and agents. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City, its elected and appointed officials, employees, or agents shall be excess of the CONSULTANT's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

Notice of Cancellation

Each insurance policy required above shall provide that **coverage shall not be canceled, except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice** (10 days for non-payment) has been given to the City.

Waiver of Subrogation

CONSULTANT hereby grants to City a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said CONSULTANT may acquire against the City by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. CONSULTANT agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the City has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.

Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the City. The City may require the CONSULTANT to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.

Acceptability of Insurers

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the City.

Verification of Coverage

CONSULTANT shall furnish the City with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the City before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the CONSULTANT's obligation to provide them. The City reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.