

**SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF FRESNO AND THE CITY OF FOWLER**

THIS SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter " RESTATED MOU") is made and executed by and between the COUNTY OF FRESNO, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY"), and the City of FOWLER, a municipal corporation of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "CITY").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, on February 08, 2011, COUNTY and CITY entered into a comprehensive agreement covering development, annexations, sales taxes, property taxes, and other matters, referred to as the 2011 Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding ("2011 MOU"); and

WHEREAS, the 2011 MOU served in part as COUNTY's and CITY's master property tax transfer agreement under subdivision (d) of section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 MOU also included provisions relating to redevelopment and included as a party the former Fowler Redevelopment Agency, which CITY dissolved on February 1, 2012, following the State adopted comprehensive legislation, Assembly Bill X1 26 (Stats. 2011, 1st Ex. Sess. Chp. 5), dissolving California redevelopment agencies and prohibiting further redevelopment activities under the California Community Redevelopment Law (former Health and Safety Code Section 33000 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the 2011 MOU is set to expire February 08, 2026; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CITY desire to make additional changes to their comprehensive agreement set forth in the 2011 MOU, and to extend the term of their comprehensive agreement for an additional 15 years; and

WHEREAS, due to the age of the 2011 MOU and the desire to make additional changes to the 2011 MOU, COUNTY and CITY have determined that it is in their best interests to enter into this RESTATED MOU, which will supersede and replace the 2011 MOU; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CITY wish to continue to work together to develop a fair and equitable approach to tax sharing and the encouragement of sound economic growth; and

1 WHEREAS, in order to encourage economic development and environmentally sound land use
2 planning, it is important that any tax sharing among COUNTY and CITY be determined in advance and
3 that such arrangements not be fiscally detrimental to either COUNTY or CITY; and

4 WHEREAS, COUNTY and CITY recognize the importance of COUNTY and CITY services and
5 are prepared to cooperate in an effort to address COUNTYs and CITYs fiscal issues; and

6 WHEREAS, through annexation CITY provides the opportunity for economic growth and
7 development to support public services for CITY and COUNTY; and

8 WHEREAS, close cooperation between COUNTY and CITY is necessary to maintain the quality
9 of life throughout Fresno County and deliver needed services in the most cost-efficient manner to all CITY
10 and COUNTY residents; and

11 WHEREAS, COUNTY recognizes the need for orderly growth within and adjacent to CITY and
12 for supporting appropriate annexations and promoting the concentration of development within CITY; and

13 WHEREAS, CITY recognizes that development within CITY limits may also have the effect of
14 concentrating revenue-generating activities within CITY rather than in unincorporated areas and that, as
15 a result of Proposition 13 and its implementing legislation, annexation by CITY of unincorporated territory
16 can result in a loss of revenue sources for COUNTY unless there is significant new development activity
17 as a result of annexation; and

18 WHEREAS, annexation is appropriate where it results in the development of urban uses in
19 response to a clearly demonstrated community demand, and it can be a valuable tool in the physical and
20 economic development of CITY and COUNTY; and

21 WHEREAS, the parties recognize that COUNTY General Plan Goal LU-G provides that COUNTY
22 will direct urban growth and development within the cities spheres of influence to existing incorporated
23 cities and will ensure that all development in city fringe areas is well planned and adequately served by
24 necessary public facilities and infrastructure and furthers countywide economic development goals; and

25 WHEREAS, the parties recognize that when urban growth and development is directed to cities
26 there is a lost opportunity of development by COUNTY in the unincorporated area and that sharing of
27 local sales and use taxes generated by such development would serve as a tool for the COUNTY to
28 participate in receiving a share of that new revenue; and

1 WHEREAS, it is the interest of the parties to require all new urban development to pay a roughly
2 proportionate share of the cost of urban services and infrastructure created by the development, whether
3 it occurs in the CITY or in the adjacent unincorporated area of the CITY's sphere of influence.

4 WHEREAS, the parties acknowledge that the parties, along with other cities in Fresno County,
5 are engaged in discussions to develop alternate mechanisms to fund governmental services, which
6 discussions may result, in the future, in other forms of tax sharing between the parties. Those discussions
7 do not alter the terms of the RESTATED MOU unless the parties affirmatively act to alter this MOU by
8 mutual agreement as provided in Section 8.4.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, COUNTY and CITY hereby agree as follows:

10 ARTICLE I

11 DEFINITIONS

12 Unless the particular provision or context otherwise requires, the definitions contained in this
13 article and in the Revenue and Taxation Code shall govern the construction, meaning, and application of
14 words used in this RESTATED MOU.

15 1.1 "Base property tax revenues" means property tax revenues allocated by tax rate
16 equivalents to all taxing jurisdictions as to the geographic area comprising a given tax rate area annexed
17 in the fiscal year immediately preceding the tax year in which property tax revenues are apportioned
18 pursuant to this RESTATED MOU, including the amount of State reimbursement of the homeowners' and
19 business inventory exemptions.

20 1.2 "Property tax increment" means revenue from the annual tax increment, as "annual tax
21 increment" is defined in Section 98 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, attributable to the tax rate area
22 for the respective tax year.

23 1.3 "Substantial development" or "substantially developed" means real property which, prior
24 to annexation, has an improvement value to land value ratio equal to or greater than 1.25:1, as of the lien
25 date in the fiscal year in which the annexation becomes effective under the Cortese-Knox Local
26 Government Reorganization Act, and on and after January 1, 2000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local
27 Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

1 1.4 "Property tax revenue" means base property tax revenue, plus the property tax increment
2 for a given tax rate area.

3 1.5 "Tax apportionment ratio" means the tax apportionment ratio of the parties for a given
4 fiscal year and shall be ascertained by dividing the amount determined for each party pursuant to
5 Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 96(a) or 97(a), whichever is applicable, by that party's gross
6 assessed value, and by then dividing the sum of the resulting tax rate equivalents of both parties into
7 each party's tax rate equivalent to produce the tax apportionment ratio.

8 1.6 "Tax rate equivalent" means the factor derived for an agency by dividing the property tax
9 levy for the prior fiscal year computed pursuant to Section 97 of the Revenue and Taxation Code by the
10 gross assessed value of the real property within the jurisdiction of the agency for the prior fiscal year.

11 1.7 "Effective Date" shall mean the last date that all the parties hereto execute this RESTATED
12 MOU between COUNTY and CITY.

13 1.8 "Urban development" or "urban type development" shall mean development not allowed
14 in areas designated Agriculture, Rural Residential or River Influence in COUNTY's General Plan or its
15 applicable community plans as of the Effective Date of this RESTATED MOU.

ARTICLE II

ANNEXATIONS BY CITY

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18 2.1 Any annexations undertaken by CITY following the date of the execution of this
19 RESTATED MOU shall be consistent with both the terms of this MOU and the standards (hereinafter
20 "The Standards" or "Standards") as set forth in Exhibit "1", attached hereto and incorporated by reference
21 herein as if set forth fully at this point. This RESTATED MOU shall not apply to annexations proposed
22 by CITY which are not in compliance with its terms or which fail to meet The Standards. If a proposed
23 annexation is not in compliance with the terms of this RESTATED MOU, including but not limited to, The
24 Standards, then the property tax exchange provisions of Article III of this RESTATED MOU shall not
25 apply in regards to that proposed non-complying annexation. An exchange of property tax revenues
26 between COUNTY and CITY for any such non-complying annexation shall be handled individually
27 pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code or by the negotiation of a
28 standalone property tax exchange agreement between COUNTY and CITY.

1 2.2 In order to encourage the orderly processing of proposed annexations, CITY shall, at least
2 thirty (30) days prior to filing any annexation proposal with the Fresno County Local Agency Formation
3 Commission (hereinafter "LAFCO"), notify COUNTY of its intention to file such proposal and the date
4 upon which CITY expects such proposal to be filed. Upon COUNTY's request, CITY agrees to meet with
5 COUNTY to review whether its proposed annexation complies with The Standards. Within fifteen (15)
6 days after the date COUNTY receives notice by the CITY of its annexation proposal, COUNTY shall notify
7 CITY in writing if it has determined that the proposed annexation is inconsistent with The Standards.
8 Upon receipt of such notification, CITY may either modify the proposal to address the inconsistencies
9 with the Standards identified in the COUNTY's written notice or adopt a resolution finding that the
10 proposed annexation is, in CITY's determination, consistent with The Standards. If County fails to give
11 such notice within the fifteen-day period, the annexation shall be conclusively deemed consistent with all
12 provisions of this article and The Standards.

13 2.3 If CITY adopts a resolution making the findings described in Section 2.2, above, then
14 COUNTY may challenge such findings by appropriate court action filed within thirty (30) days of receipt
15 of written notice of the adoption of CITYs resolution. The court shall independently review the evidence
16 and determine whether the proposed annexation is consistent with the Standards.

17 As an alternative to a judicial challenge by the COUNTY, the parties may within the aforesaid
18 thirty (30) day period mutually agree in writing to arbitrate their dispute through proceedings conducted
19 in accordance with the rules established by the American Arbitration Association. The parties upon
20 agreeing to arbitrate will proceed with arbitration in a timely manner. The arbitrator hearing the matter
21 shall independently review the evidence and determine whether the proposed annexation is consistent
22 with The Standards.

23 Costs incurred by the prevailing party, either in court proceedings or the arbitration proceedings,
24 shall be paid by the non-prevailing party. The parties agree that CITY shall not proceed to LAFCO with
25 the proposed annexation until the dispute is finally resolved either by court or arbitration proceedings. If
26 CITY attempts to proceed with such proposed annexation prior to the expiration of the period in which
27 COUNTY may file its court action or agree to arbitrate, or prior to the final conclusion of such court or
28 arbitration proceeding, then the property tax exchange provisions of Article III of this RESTATED MOU

1 shall not apply to that proposed annexation.

2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the CITY may proceed to LAFCO under this RESTATED MOU if
3 court or arbitration proceedings are not completed within thirty (30) days after the filing thereof provided,
4 however, that LAFCO in its resolution of approval, at the request of the CITY, conditions such approval
5 upon the Executive Officer's receipt of a certified copy of the document evidencing the finality of the
6 aforesaid court or arbitration proceedings determining that the proposed annexation is consistent with
7 the Standards ""attached hereto, or alternatively, receipt of a written stipulation of the CITY and COUNTY
8 agreeing that the annexation complies with the Standards and permitting the completion of such
9 proposed annexation. If LAFCO declines to conditionally approve the annexation as provided in this
10 paragraph or CITY fails to timely request such conditional approval of the annexation, then the property
11 tax exchange provisions of Article III of this RESTATED MOU shall not apply . If, at the request of the
12 CITY, LAFCo nevertheless approves the annexation over the objections of the County, such approval by
13 LAFCo shall be deemed good cause for the COUNTY at its option to terminate this RESTATED MOU.

14 2.4 For the purpose of promoting economic development and job creation, an Alternate
15 Standard for Annexation for industrial or regional commercial uses is hereby created. In the place of The
16 Standards set forth in Exhibit 1, the Alternate Standard for Annexation shall apply to and govern the
17 review of annexation proposals for industrial or regional commercial uses. Annexation proposals for
18 industrial/regional commercial uses shall include a conceptual development plan, as described herein.
19 The conceptual development plan shall consist of the economic objectives to be achieved, the service
20 and financing strategy and its schedule, and shall include a map of the proposed rezoning. The
21 conceptual development plan's schedule shall include milestones for major project components, to
22 measure the progress of the project. Due to the complexity of such projects the development schedule
23 for planning and implementation may reasonably require a period of five to ten years. The annexation
24 proposal shall be submitted to and reviewed by the COUNTY pursuant to Section 2.2. Annexation
25 proposals that comply with the criteria of this Section 2.4 shall, be deemed to comply with Section 2.1.
26 The annexation application to be submitted to LAFCO shall be considered complete upon adoption of
27 the rezoning by the CITY. COUNTY and CITY agree to meet annually to review the progress toward
28 the achievement of the economic development objectives and to identify ways to promote mutual

1 economic development objectives. The proposed annexation made under this Alternate Standard for
2 Annexation described in this Section 2.4 should not create islands and annexation boundaries must
3 ultimately minimize creation of peninsulas, corridors, or other distortion of boundaries.

4 2.5 Section 2.4 shall not apply if CITY rezones an area that was annexed using the Alternate
5 Standard for Annexation to a zone other than Industrial/Regional Commercial without COUNTYs consent.

6 ARTICLE III

7 EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES TO BE

8 MADE UNDER SECTION 99 OF THE REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE

9 3.1 The property tax revenues collected in relation to annexations covered by the terms of this
10 RESTATED MOU shall be apportioned between CITY and COUNTY as set forth in Sections 3.2 and 3.3
11 below. The parties acknowledge that, pursuant to Sections 54902, 54902.1 and 54903 of Government
12 Code and Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the distribution of such property tax revenues
13 will not be effective until the revenues are collected in the tax year following the calendar year in which
14 the statement of boundary changes and the map or plat is filed with the County Assessor and the State
15 Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

16 3.2 In regards to the annexation of real properties which are not considered substantially
17 developed at the time of annexation, COUNTY will retain all of its base property tax revenue upon
18 annexation. The amount of the property tax increment for special districts whose services are assumed
19 by CITY shall be combined with the property tax increment of the COUNTY, the sum of which shall be
20 allocated between CITY and COUNTY pursuant to the following tax apportionment ratio:

21 COUNTY: 63%

22 CITY: 37%

23 Effective July 1, 2024 these property tax-sharing ratios shall be as shown in Exhibit "2".

24 3.3 In regards to the annexation of real properties which are considered substantially
25 developed at the time of annexation, property tax revenue (base plus increment) will be reallocated as
26 follows: a detaching or dissolving district's property tax revenue (base plus increment) shall be combined
27 with COUNTY's and the sum of which shall be allocated between CITY and COUNTY pursuant to the
28 ratio set forth in Section 3.2.

1 ARTICLE IV

2 DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AND ADJACENT

3 TO CITY'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

4 AND COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FEES

5 4.1 COUNTY shall not approve any discretionary development permits for new urban
6 development within CITY's sphere of influence unless the development shall have first been referred to
7 CITY for consideration of possible annexation. If CITY does not, within sixty (60) days of receipt of notice
8 from COUNTY, adopt a resolution of application to initiate annexation proceedings before LAFCO,
9 COUNTY may approve development permits for that new urban development. COUNTY's approval shall
10 take into consideration CITY's general plan and be consistent with COUNTY's general plan policies,
11 provided, that the development is orderly and does not result in the premature conversion of agricultural
12 lands.

13 4.2 Within the CITY's sphere of influence, COUNTY shall require compliance with
14 development standards that are comparable to CITY's and charge fees reflecting the increased
15 administrative and implementing cost where such CITY standards are more stringent than COUNTY's.
16 These requirements shall apply to discretionary development applications approved by COUNTY. For
17 purposes of this Agreement, "discretionary development applications" shall mean General Plan
18 Amendments, Rezoning, Tentative Tract Maps, Tentative Parcel Maps, Conditional Use Permits, Director
19 Review and Approvals, and Variances.

20 4.3 CITY development fees shall be charged for any discretionary development applications
21 to be approved by the COUNTY within CITY's sphere of influence. To establish or amend CITY
22 development fees, CITY shall conduct a public hearing and notify property owners in accordance with
23 State Law. At the conclusion of that hearing, CITY shall adopt a resolution describing the type, amount,
24 and purpose of CITY fees to be requested for COUNTY adoption.

25 4.4 CITY shall transmit the adopted resolution to the COUNTY for its adoption of the fees.
26 CITY shall include a draft ordinance for COUNTY's adoption with appropriate supporting documentation
27 or findings by the CITY demonstrating that the fees comply with the Mitigation Fee Act (Section 66000,
28 and following, of the Government Code) and other applicable State Law requirements. CITY fees may

1 also include CITY's and COUNTY's increased administrative costs and inspection charges, provided
2 those costs similarly comply with the Mitigation Fee Act and other applicable State Law requirements.

3 4.5 COUNTY shall collect the applicable CITY development fees for infrastructure and
4 facilities at the time of final map approval or issuance of building permits as established by the fee
5 schedule. Or, COUNTY shall require the applicant to present a voucher issued by CITY evidencing the
6 payment of the fees directly to CITY, or written confirmation by CITY that fees are inapplicable. If
7 COUNTY imposes and collects fees on behalf of CITY, COUNTY shall transfer the fees to CITY at the
8 earliest time legally permitted.

9 4.6 CITY shall give COUNTY at least thirty (30) days notice before implementing any new
10 fees or an amendment to existing fees. Notwithstanding this Section 4.6, or any other provision of this
11 RESTATED MOU, CITY shall be solely responsible for determining the amount of the fees and setting
12 them in accordance with law. This Section 4.6 shall not be construed as a representation by COUNTY
13 as to the propriety of the fees or the procedures used in setting them.

14 4.7 CITY shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the COUNTY from all claims, demands,
15 litigation of any kind whatsoever arising from disputes relating to the enactment of or the collection of
16 CITY development fees by the County.

17 4.8 If COUNTY adopts capital improvement fees, CITY shall require that an applicant for any
18 land use entitlement or permit within CITY shall pay all COUNTY public improvement fees applicable to
19 the entitlement or permit. At the COUNTY's request, CITY shall either timely impose and collect all such
20 fees or shall require the applicant to present a voucher issued by COUNTY evidencing the payment of
21 fees directly to COUNTY. If adopted by COUNTY, the fees are to mitigate the impact of development on
22 required COUNTY facilities and services including, but not limited to, the criminal justice system, health,
23 social services, parks, transportation and library. If CITY imposes and collects fees on behalf of COUNTY,
24 CITY shall transfer the fees to COUNTY at the earliest time legally permissible to do so. COUNTY may
25 impose new fees and amend existing fees from time to time in its sole discretion and in accordance with
26 applicable law. COUNTY shall give CITY at least thirty (30) days notice before implementing any new
27 fees or an amendment to existing fees. Notwithstanding this Section 4.8, or any other provision of this
28 RESTATED MOU, COUNTY shall be solely responsible for determining the amount of the fees and

1 setting them in accordance with law. This Section 4.8 shall not be construed as a representation by CITY
2 as to the propriety of the fees or the procedures used in setting them. If COUNTY imposes capital
3 improvement fees and CITY collects capital improvement fees on behalf of COUNTY, this RESTATED
4 MOU serves as a joint powers agreement under Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 (commencing with
5 Section 6500) of the Government Code for the purpose of CITY's collection of capital improvement fees
6 on behalf of COUNTY.

7 4.9 COUNTY shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the CITY from all claims, demands,
8 litigations of any kind whatsoever arising from disputes relating to the enactment or collection of COUNTY
9 capital improvement fees.

10 4.10 COUNTY shall support urban unification and consolidation of urban services. To this end,
11 COUNTY shall oppose the creation of new governmental entities within CITY's sphere of influence,
12 except for such entities that may be necessary to address service requirements that cannot be addressed
13 by annexation to CITY. CITY and COUNTY will support transition agreements with current service
14 providers which recognize the primary role of cities as providers of urban services and where current
15 service providers have participated in service master planning.

16 4.11 Within CITY's sphere of influence and for the two-mile area beyond that sphere of
17 influence, COUNTY and CITY agree that, in the early stages of preparation of zone changes , circulation
18 proposals and general plan amendments for new urban development, they shall consult and formally
19 notify at the staff level in such fashion as to provide meaningful participation in the policy formulation
20 process, and shall likewise consult on other policy changes which may have an impact on growth or the
21 provision of urban services. CITY shall also be given the opportunity to respond to COUNTY before the
22 final document is prepared for presentation to COUNTY's Planning Commission. COUNTY agrees that
23 it will solicit comments from CITY in the preparation of any Initial Study required by the California
24 Environmental Quality Act undertaken within the area. If CITY determines such urban development may
25 have a significant effect on the environment, the COUNTY shall require an Environmental Impact Report
26 to be prepared if a fair argument can be made in support of the CITY's finding.

27 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, because of state-mandated directives, including
28 without limitation, the state Regional Housing Needs Allocation, COUNTY may consider approval of

1 urban development in areas that are not currently planned for urban development, in order to meet its
2 obligations under a state-mandated directive.

3 4.12 City may, at any time during the term of this RESTATED MOU, file the appropriate
4 application with LAFCo to modify or expand the City's sphere of influence. Any change in the CITY's
5 sphere of influence proposed by either COUNTY or CITY which would modify the area depicted in Exhibit
6 "3" requires the mutual consultation of both parties prior to submission to LAFCO.

7 ARTICLE V

8 IMPLEMENTATION OF SALES TAX

9 REVENUE COLLECTION

10 5.1 Pursuant to the Bradley Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, Part 1.5, Division
11 2, of the Revenue and Taxation Code (commencing with Section 7200), CITY shall, concurrent with the
12 execution of this RESTATED MOU, amend its local sales and use tax ordinance, as needed, to comply
13 with the terms of this RESTATED MOU. The amendment of CITY's sales and use tax ordinance
14 (hereinafter referred to as "Ordinance Amendment") described in this Section 5.1 shall be timely
15 forwarded to the State Department of Tax and Fee Administration so that it will become operative as of
16 the first July 1 following the CITY reaching the threshold forth in subsections 5.2.1 and 5.2.2. The
17 Ordinance Amendment shall enable COUNTY, pursuant to its sales and use tax ordinance, to collect a
18 portion of the sales and use tax revenues generated within the incorporated areas of CITY in accordance
19 with the applicable rate set forth on Exhibit 4, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if set
20 forth fully at this point. The format of this amendment by CITY to its local sales and use tax ordinance
21 shall likewise provide as a credit against the payment of taxes due under such ordinance, an amount
22 equal to any sales and use tax due to COUNTY.

23 5.2 Except as otherwise provided herein, CITY further agrees that the Ordinance Amendment
24 shall likewise provide for the periodic reallocation of additional sales tax revenues generated within the
25 incorporated areas of CITY in accordance with the schedule set forth on Exhibit "4". Each subsequent
26 incremental adjustment shall go into effect at the commencement of the fiscal year indicated. These
27 periodic adjustments shall enable COUNTY, pursuant to its sales and use tax ordinance, to collect that
28 portion of the sales and use tax revenues generated within the incorporated areas of CITY equal to the

1 applicable percentage as specified in Exhibit “4”. These periodic adjustments shall automatically go into
2 effect provided that:

3 5.2.1 CITY receives sales tax revenues per capita in an amount greater than fifty percent
4 (50%) of the sales tax revenue per capita collected by all Fresno County cities when taken as
5 a group during the most recent fiscal year for which State Department of Tax and Fee
6 Administration information is available, then it hereby agrees to reallocated sales tax revenues
7 with COUNTY beginning in fiscal year 2024-25 in accordance with the provisions of this article;
8 and

9 5.2.2 CITY’s annual sales tax revenue information is available for the State Department
10 of Tax and Fee Administration allows City to reallocate sales tax revenue at the percentage
11 designated in Exhibit “4” and still have a net increase in its remaining sales tax revenue when
12 compared with the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year described above. The
13 periodic phase in of sales tax reallocation described herein shall be delayed from year-to-year
14 if CITY falls below the sales tax reallocation threshold as identified in Section 5.2. In those
15 years in which CITY does not meet the sales tax reallocation threshold, CITY’s sharing
16 proportion shall continue at the same rate as in the last year in which CITY met or exceeded
17 the threshold. When, in a subsequent year, CITY again meets or exceeds the threshold, the
18 sharing proportion of CITY shall be at the next higher sharing proportion shown on Exhibit “4”,
19 and the annual phase-in shall continue therefrom.

20 5.3 The Ordinance Amendment is intended to reduce CITY’s sales tax rate from its then-
21 existing level to a level which thereby enables COUNTY, pursuant to its sales tax ordinance, to continue
22 collecting those amounts set forth in the previous provisions of this article as well as the applicable
23 percentages set forth on Exhibit “4”. In addition, each periodic adjustment is intended by the parties to
24 enable COUNTY to collect an amount equivalent to the applicable percentage specified in Exhibit “4”.

25 5.4 Whenever CITY proposes an annexation of unincorporated territory which generates
26 “substantial sales tax revenue” (as defined in this section 5.4 below) for COUNTY, CITY, agrees to further
27 amend its local sales and use tax ordinance as set forth in this section. Notwithstanding the language of
28 subsections 5.2.1 and 5.2.2, this additional amendment shall become operative no later than the

1 commencement of the next calendar quarter following the date upon which such annexation is certified
2 as complete by the Executive Officer of LAFCO. This additional amendment shall decrease CITY 's sales
3 tax rate to yield an amount of substantial sales tax revenue being collected by COUNTY in the area to
4 be annexed, thus enabling COUNTY to increase its sales tax rate by a corresponding percentage which
5 shall continue to accrue to COUNTY throughout the term of this RESTATED MOU. Any such additional
6 amendment made by CITY pursuant to this section shall be cumulative and likewise preserve intact any
7 periodic adjustments previously implemented pursuant to this RESTATED MOU. Further, CITY agrees
8 that it shall not split or separate areas into smaller annexations for the purpose of, or having the effect of,
9 creating an annexation or annexations which, individually, do not generate substantial sales tax revenue,
10 but which would generate such revenue if combined. For purposes of this article, the term "substantial
11 sales tax revenue" shall be defined as sales tax revenue derived from taxable sales in the area annexed
12 equal to at least:

13 5.4.1 If only information for less than one fiscal year exists, then \$100,000 in taxable
14 sales in the most recent quarter for which such information from the State Department of Tax
15 and Fee Administration is available in writing or electronic or magnetic media, and projected
16 to a full four quarters, at least \$400,000 in taxable sales.

17 5.4.2 If information for one or more years exist, then \$400,000 in taxable sales in the
18 most recent year for which such information from the State Department of Tax and Fee
19 Administration is available in writing or electronic or magnetic media.

20 5.4.3 Modified Calculation for Area Depicted in Exhibit 5 – Whenever CITY proposes an
21 annexation of unincorporated territory identified in Exhibit 5 which generates substantial sales
22 tax revenue for COUNTY (as defined herein) and CITY uses the provisions and requirements
23 of Section 2.4 of the MOU (An Alternate Standard for Annexation for Industrial and Regional
24 Commercial uses) to process said annexation, the substantial sales tax-sharing provisions for
25 that area shall be modified using the distribution schedule delineated below and phased out
26 over a period of six years as follows:

27 First year. COUNTY receives 5% base plus 100% of local sales tax revenue generated by substantial
28 sales tax generator. CITY receives no revenue from substantial sales tax generator.

1 Second Year. COUNTY receives 5% base plus 80% of local sales tax revenue generated by substantial
2 sales tax generator. CITY receives 20% from substantial sales tax generator.

3 Third Year. COUNTY receives 5% base plus 60% of local sales tax revenue generated by substantial
4 sales tax generator. CITY receives 40% from substantial sales tax generator.

5 Fourth Year. COUNTY receives 5% base plus 40% of local sales tax revenue generated by substantial
6 sales tax generator. CITY receives 60% from substantial sales tax generator.

7 Fifth Year. COUNTY receives 5% base plus 20% of local sales tax revenue generated by substantial
8 sales tax generator. CITY receives 80% from substantial sales tax generator.

9 Sixth Year. COUNTY receives 5% base plus 0% of local sales tax revenue generated by substantial
10 sales tax generator. CITY receives 100% from substantial sales tax generator. This
11 distribution method continues until the end of this RESTATED MOU.

12 This adjustment shall comply with the requirements and procedures of the California Department of Tax
13 and Fee Administration. Any such distribution calculation made by CITY pursuant to this subsection shall
14 take into consideration actual sales tax revenues collected within the substantial sales tax generator area
15 in the last four quarters as reported by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and/or
16 other reliable source to be determined by the Fresno County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector
17 to reflect actual sales tax revenues collected in the annexed area where the substantial sales tax
18 generator is located. The distribution calculation shall reflect an increase or decrease in the revenue to
19 be received by COUNTY in the subsequent year depending on the actual sales tax revenue generated
20 by the substantial sales tax generator in the prior year. Nothing in this subsection 5.4 alters the duties of
21 the parties pursuant to subsections 5.1 through 5.3, inclusive.

22 5.5 If CITY fails to amend its sales tax ordinance as provided in section 5.1, or if the Ordinance
23 Amendment fails to provide for the periodic reallocation of additional sales tax revenues as provided in
24 section 5.2, the subsections therein, and Exhibit "4", or if CITY fails to further amend its sales tax
25 ordinance upon the annexation of unincorporated territory which generates substantial sales tax revenue
26 for COUNTY as provided in section 5.4, or if CITY splits or separates areas into smaller areas as
27 prohibited by section 5.4, then this RESTATED MOU shall immediately terminate and, in particular, no
28 master property tax exchange agreement under subdivision (d) of Section 99 of the Revenue and

1 Taxation Code, shall exist between CITY and COUNTY.

2 5.6 CITY and COUNTY further agree that the annual report of the State Department of Tax
3 and Fee Administration and the Department of Finance Annual Population Estimates shall be used as
4 the data source for the purpose of calculating the per capita sales tax revenue pursuant to this
5 RESTATED MOU.

6 5.7 Application of the formula to be used in the allocation of revenues pursuant to section
7 5.2 is illustrated in Exhibit "6", attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as if set forth fully
8 at this point.

9 ARTICLE VI

10 COUNTY AND CITY ASSURANCES ON USE OF REVENUE

11 6.1 COUNTY recognizes that certain revenue reallocated to it by this RESTATED MOU would
12 otherwise have been appropriated by CITY to meet demands for services. In light therefore, COUNTY
13 agrees to use such new revenue in order to maintain levels of COUNTY services that are supportive of
14 CITY services, unless the Federal or state governments materially reduce the level of funding for such
15 services. Examples of such COUNTY services include, but are not limited to, the criminal justice system,
16 public health, and other similar services.

17 6.2 7 CITY agrees to continue enforcement of laws which result in the collection of fines and
18 forfeitures.

19 ARTICLE VII

20 COOPERATIVE EFFORTS AT LEGISLATIVE REFORM

21 7.1 CITY and COUNTY agree to work jointly for state legislation and appropriations that would
22 improve the fiscal condition of both CITY and COUNTY.

23 ARTICLE VIII

24 GENERAL PROVISIONS

25 8.1 Term of MOU

26 This RESTATED MOU shall commence as of the date of execution by COUNTY and CITY and
27 shall remain in effect for a period of fifteen (15) years, unless terminated prior to that time by mutual
28 agreement of the parties or as otherwise provided by this RESTATED MOU.

1 In addition, should all or any portion of this RESTATED MOU be declared invalid or inoperative
2 by a court of competent jurisdiction, or should any party to this RESTATED MOU fail to perform any of
3 its obligations hereunder as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, or should any party to this
4 RESTATED MOU take any action to frustrate the intentions of the parties as expressed in this
5 RESTATED MOU as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, then in such event, this entire
6 RESTATED MOU, as well as any ancillary documents entered into by the parties in order to fulfill the
7 intent of this RESTATED MOU, shall immediately be of no force and effect and, in particular, no property
8 tax exchange agreement, as required by Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall exist
9 between the CITY and COUNTY as to unincorporated property.

10 8.2 Geographic Application of RESTATED MOU

11 This RESTATED MOU shall apply only to the area identified as the City of Fowler's Sphere of
12 Influence as depicted in Exhibit 3. This RESTATED MOU shall not apply to any sphere of influence
13 beyond the area depicted in Exhibit 3 unless and until the parties mutually agree to amend this
14 RESTATED MOU.

15 8.3 Termination Due to Changes in Law

16 The purpose of this RESTATED MOU is to alleviate in part the revenue shortfall experienced by
17 COUNTY which may result from CITY's annexation of revenue-producing or potentially revenue-
18 producing properties located within the unincorporated area of COUNTY. The purpose of this RESTATED
19 MOU is also to enable CITY to proceed with territorial expansion and economic growth consistent with
20 the terms of existing law as mutually understood by the parties as well as to maximize each party's ability
21 to deliver essential governmental services. In entering into this RESTATED MOU, the parties mutually
22 assume the continuation of the existing statutory scheme for the distribution of available tax revenues to
23 local government and that assumption is a basic tenet of this RESTATED MOU. Accordingly, it is mutually
24 understood and agreed that this RESTATED MOU may, by mutual agreement be terminated should
25 changes occur in statutory law, court decisions or state administrative interpretations which negate the
26 basic tenets of this RESTATED MOU.

1 8.4 Modification

2 This RESTATED MOU and all of the covenants and conditions set forth herein may be modified
3 or amended only by a writing duly authorized and executed by COUNTY and CITY.

4 8.5 Enforcement

5 COUNTY and CITY each acknowledge that this RESTATED MOU cannot bind or limit themselves
6 or each other or their future governing bodies in the exercise of their discretionary legislative power.
7 However, each party agrees that it will insofar as is legally possible fully carry out the intent and purposes
8 of this RESTATED MOU, if necessary by administrative action independent of ordinances, and that this
9 RESTATED MOU may be enforced by injunction to the extent allowed by law.

10 8.6 Entire Agreement and : Supersession

11 With respect to the subject matter hereof, this RESTATED MOU supersedes any and all previous
12 negotiations, proposals, commitments, writings, and understandings of any nature whatsoever between
13 COUNTY and CITY except as otherwise provided herein.

14 8.7 Notice

15 All notices, requests, certifications or other correspondence required to be provided by the parties
16 to this RESTATED MOU shall be in writing and shall be delivered by first class mail or an equal or better
17 form of delivery to the respective parties at the following addresses:

18 **COUNTY**

19 County Administrative Officer
20 County of Fresno
21 Hall of Records, Room 300
22 2281 Tulare Street
23 Fresno, CA 93721

18 **CITY**

19 City Manager
20 City of Fowler
21 City Hall
22 128 South 5th Street
23 Fowler, CA 93625

24 8.8 Renegotiation

25 If COUNTY enters into an agreement or memorandum of understanding, which includes a master
26 property tax exchange agreement under subdivision (d) of Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code,
27 with another city that has terms and conditions more favorable in the aggregate to that city than those
28 terms and conditions contained herein, COUNTY agrees that it will negotiate such terms and conditions
upon written request from CITY, with the intent of offering that more favorable agreement. Negotiations
shall conclude thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of notice by COUNTY and, if agreement is

1 tentatively reached during that period, the legislative bodies of the parties shall approve any such
2 amendment within thirty (30) days following the date of the tentative agreement. COUNTY and CITY are
3 not required to reach agreement.

4 8.9 Notice of Breach

5 Prior to this RESTATED MOU being terminated as expressly provided in this RESTATED MOU,
6 COUNTY shall provide notice to CITY of any breach of this RESTATED MOU by the CITY, and CITY
7 shall comply with the terms and conditions of this RESTATED MOU within thirty (30) days after the date
8 of receipt of notice. If CITY fails to timely comply with the terms and conditions of this RESTATED MOU,
9 this RESTATED MOU shall terminate. During the thirty (30) day notice period and until CITY certifies in
10 writing that it is in compliance with the provisions of this RESTATED MOU and COUNTY agrees in writing,
11 no property tax exchange agreement, as required by Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code,
12 shall exist between COUNTY and CITY with respect to any pending annexations.

13 Prior to this RESTATED MOU being terminated as expressly provided in this RESTATED MOU,
14 CITY shall provide notice to COUNTY of any breach of this RESTATED MOU by the COUNTY, and
15 COUNTY shall comply with the terms and conditions of this RESTATED MOU within thirty (30) days after
16 the date of receipt of notice. If COUNTY fails to timely comply with the terms and conditions of this
17 RESTATED MOU, this RESTATED MOU shall terminate. During the thirty (30) day notice period and
18 until COUNTY certifies in writing that it is in compliance with the provisions of this RESTATED MOU and
19 CITY agrees in writing, at the election of the CITY, no property tax exchange agreement, as required by
20 Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall exist between COUNTY and CITY with respect to
21 any pending annexations.

22 8.10 No Waiver of Government Claims Act

23 For all claims arising from or related to this RESTATED MOU, nothing in this RESTATED MOU
24 establishes, waives, or modifies any claims presentation requirements or procedures provided by law,
25 including the Government Claims Act (Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the Government Code, beginning with
26 section 810).

1 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this RESTATED MOU in the County
2 of Fresno, State of California, on the last date set forth below.

3
4 County of Fresno, a Political
5 Subdivision of the State of California
(COUNTY)

City of Fowler, a Municipal
Corporation of the State of California (CITY)

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7 By: _____

By: _____ 

8 Nathan Magsig, Chairman of the
9 Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX, Mayor, City of Fowler~~
Juan Mejia, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Fowler

10 Date: _____

Date: 6/18/24

11 **Attest:**

12 Bernice E. Seidel
13 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
14 County of Fresno, State of California
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Angela Vasquez
City Clerk

15 By: _____
16 Deputy

By: Angela Vasquez
Angela Vasquez, City Clerk
City of Fowler

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18 Wilma Tucker, City Manager

By: Wilma Tucker
Wilma Tucker, City Manager
City of Fowler

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22 Approved as to Legal Form
City Attorney, City of Fowler

By: Scott Cross
Scott Cross, City Attorney
City of Fowler

EXHIBIT 1
STANDARDS FOR ANNEXATION

- The proposal must be consistent with adopted sphere of influence of the city and not conflict with the goals and policies of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.
- The proposal must be consistent with city general and specific plans, including adopted goals and policies.
- Pursuant to CEQA, the proposal must mitigate any significant adverse effect on continuing agricultural operations on adjacent properties, to the extent reasonable and consistent with the applicable general and specific plan.
- A proposal for annexation is acceptable if one of the following conditions exist:
 1. There is existing substantial development provided the City confines its area requested to that area needed to include the substantial development and create logical boundaries.
 2. Development exists that requires urban services which can be provided by the City.
 3. If no development requiring urban services exists, at least 25% of the area proposed for annexation has:
 - (a) Approved tentative subdivision map (single-family residential)
 - (b) Approved site plan (for uses including multi-family)
 4. The annexation is to fulfill the city's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) obligation which otherwise cannot be accommodated on lands currently within the city's incorporated boundary.
 5. The annexation includes the full width of road right-of-way along the annexation boundary and does not result in the creation of bypassed segments of existing road rights-of-way.
- The proposal would not create islands. Boundaries must ultimately minimize creation of peninsulas and corridors, or other distortion of boundaries.

For any of the following circumstances listed below, a proposal for annexation is presumed to comply with all standards for annexation:

- The request for annexation is by a city for annexation of its own publicly-owned property for public use.
- The request for annexation is by a city in order to facilitate construction of public improvements or public facilities which otherwise could not be constructed.
- The request for annexation is to remove an unincorporated island, substantially surrounded area, or otherwise address existing peninsulas and/or irregular boundaries.
- The annexation is intended to mitigate or otherwise comply with standards/conditions required by another agency with respect to another development/annexation.

EXHIBIT 2

Effective July 1, 2024, the property tax sharing ratios shall be as follows:

County	City	Effective Date
63.0%	37.0%	July 1, 2024
63.0%	37.0%	July 1, 2025
63.0%	37.0%	July 1, 2026
63.0%	37.0%	July 1, 2027
63.0%	37.0%	July 1, 2028
63.0%	37.0%	July 1, 2029
63.0%	37.0%	July 1, 2030
63.0%	37.0%	July 1, 2031
63.0%	37.0%	July 1, 2032
63.0%	37.0%	July 1, 2033
63.0%	37.0%	July 1, 2034
63.0%	37.0%	July 1, 2035
63.0%	37.0%	July 1, 2036
63.0%	37.0%	July 1, 2037
63.0%	37.0%	July 1, 2038

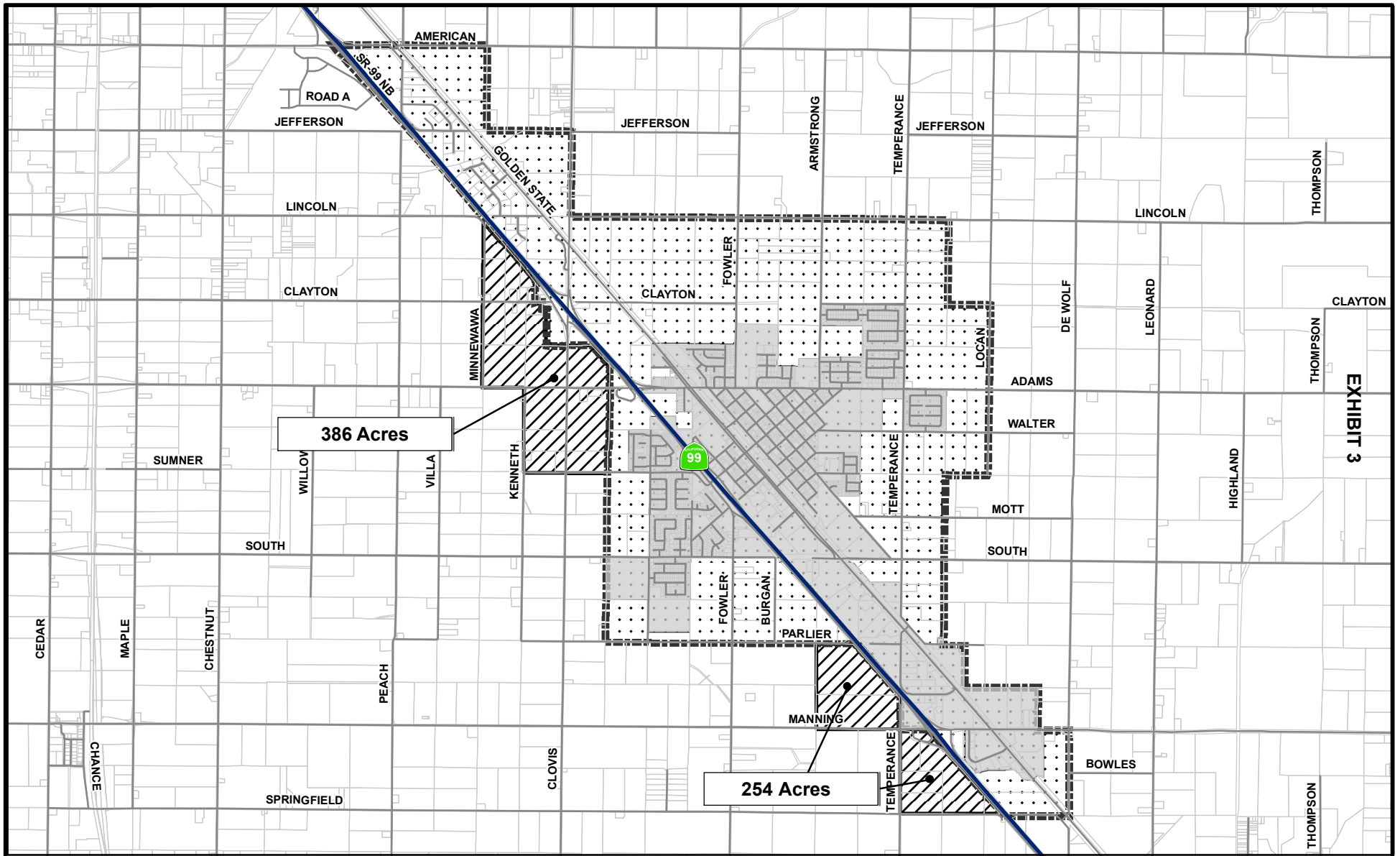





EXHIBIT 3

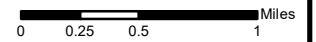


Legend

-  City of Fowler City Limits
-  City Sphere of Influence Future Growth
-  Areas: Approximately 640 Acres

CITY OF FOWLER

Department of Public Works and Planning
Development Services Division



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EXHIBIT 4

Effective July 1, 2024, the Sales Tax Revenue Sharing Proportion shall continue as follows:

YEAR	CITY
1	5%
2	5%
3	5%
4	5%
5	5%
6	5%
7	5%
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14	5%
15	5%

LOCATION MAP

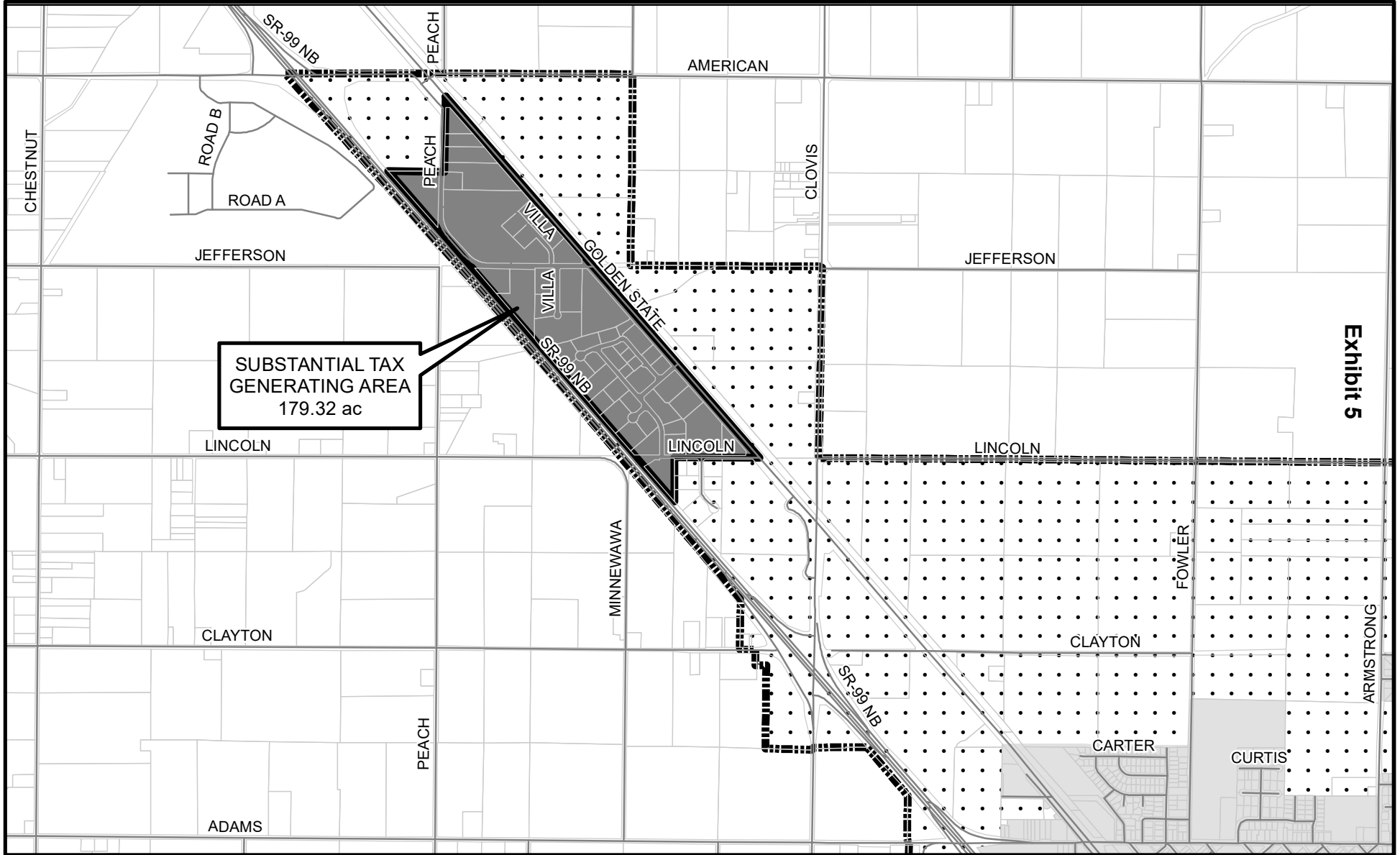




Exhibit 5

CITY OF FOWLER



-  City of Fowler
-  City of Fowler Sphere of Influence

Department of Public Works and Planning
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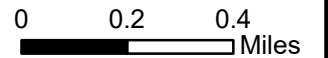


Table 1: Sales Tax Revenue Allocation Application FY 2018-19 Data

City	Sales Tax Revenue 2017 - 2018	Population January 1, 2018	Per Capita Tax Revenue 2017 - 2018	Sales Tax Revenue 2018 - 2019	Population January 1, 2019	Per Capita Tax Revenue 2018 - 2019	Meets 50% Criteria 2017 - 2018	Meets 50% Criteria 2018 - 2019	Growth over 1/2%	Sales Tax Revenue Growth
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	F	I	J
Clovis	\$ 20,088,192	113,501	\$ 176.99	\$ 21,398,962	116,609	\$ 183.51	A	A	Yes	6.53%
Coalinga	\$ 795,842	16,516	\$ 48.19	\$ 946,569	16,944	\$ 55.86	B	B	Yes	18.94%
Firebaugh	\$ 887,447	7,893	\$ 112.43	\$ 825,341	7,980	\$ 103.43	A	A	No	-7.00%
Fowler	\$ 1,290,773	6,161	\$ 209.51	\$ 1,415,099	6,220	\$ 227.51	A	A	Yes	9.63%
Fresno	\$ 86,000,524	536,593	\$ 160.27	\$ 91,798,987	542,012	\$ 169.37	A	A	Yes	6.74%
Huron	\$ 174,745	7,281	\$ 24.00	\$ 182,158	7,302	\$ 24.95	B	B	Yes	4.24%
Kerman	\$ 1,913,749	15,335	\$ 124.80	\$ 1,981,109	15,767	\$ 125.65	A	A	Yes	3.52%
Kingsburg	\$ 975,836	12,397	\$ 78.72	\$ 1,141,664	12,551	\$ 90.96	A	A	Yes	16.99%
Mendota	\$ 611,472	12,201	\$ 50.12	\$ 674,507	12,278	\$ 54.94	B	B	Yes	10.31%
Orange Cove	\$ 176,743	9,443	\$ 18.72	\$ 225,323	9,460	\$ 23.82	B	B	Yes	27.49%
Parlier	\$ 424,544	15,460	\$ 27.46	\$ 444,697	15,658	\$ 28.40	B	B	Yes	4.75%
Reedley	\$ 1,687,854	25,797	\$ 65.43	\$ 1,755,297	25,873	\$ 67.84	B	B	Yes	4.00%
Sanger	\$ 2,320,636	26,418	\$ 87.84	\$ 2,325,388	27,005	\$ 86.11	A	A	No	0.20%
San Joaquin	\$ 185,302	4,124	\$ 44.93	\$ 252,989	4,144	\$ 61.05	B	B	Yes	36.53%
Selma	\$ 5,515,388	24,327	\$ 226.72	\$ 6,482,913	24,402	\$ 265.67	A	A	Yes	17.54%
Sales Tax Revenue										
Total All Cities	\$ 123,049,047	833,447		\$ 131,851,003	844,205					
Per Capita All Cities			\$ 147.64			\$ 156.18				
50% Minimum			\$ 73.82			\$ 78.09				
Unincorporated Population		170,813			170,990					
Total County Population										

Sales Tax Revenues: Columns A & D, Source: State Board of Equalization Annual Report Statistical Appendix; Fiscal Year Data Available in January of Next Calendar Year

Population Data: Columns B & E, Source: Source State Department of Finance January 1, Population Estimates; Available in May of that Calendar Year

Per Capita Sales Tax All Cities (FY 2017-18) Sum Columns A & B. Then divide the column A summed total by the column B summed total. The Result is listed in Column C as "Per Capita Cities"

Per Capita Sales Tax All Cities (FY 2018-19) Sum Columns D & E. Then divide the column D summed total by the column E summed total. The Result is listed in Column F as "Per Capita Cities"

50% Minimum Criteria: The Previous Calculations divided by 2. Then a comparison of this number with the numbers in columns C & F is made. Results are reflected in columns G & H. "A" means above, "B" Below the Criteria.

Sales Tax Revenue Growth: Column J; Compute percentage growth of Sales Tax Revenue: Change in Sales Tax Revenue in Column D compared to Column A.

Growth Criteria: If the Sales Tax Revenues of the city grew by at least 1/2%, the results are reflected in column I with a "YES"