PARKS AND RECREATION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 10th day of May, 2005, by and between the CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, a Florida municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as "City"), and LEON COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (hereinafter referred to as "County").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the City and County wish to enter into a new agreement that will ensure that quality parks and recreation services will continue to be provided to all residents of Leon County in an effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Water and Sewer Agreement the County has permitted the City to increase the permissible surcharge on water and sewer service to 50% pursuant to Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the following mutual promises and covenants, and other good and valuable consideration the sufficiency of which is being acknowledged, the City and County hereby agree as follows:

1. Term. The Term of this Agreement shall commence on October 1, 2005 and shall continue until September 30, 2020, unless earlier terminated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be extended automatically for an unlimited number of additional five (5) year periods unless written notice is provided by either party at least twenty-four (24) months prior to the end of the original or any extended agreement period. The Parks and Recreation Agreement between the Parties dated February 19, 1996 is hereby terminated effective September 30, 2005.

2. Access to Parks and Recreational Facilities. The City agrees to make full and complete access to current and future City parks and recreational facilities and programs available to residents of the unincorporated area of Leon County ("Non-City Residents").

3. Tom Brown and Capital Park. The City will continue to maintain and operate Tom Brown Park and Capital Park.

4. Facility and Participation Fees. Non-City Residents will be charged the same rate as City Residents for use of all facilities and program participation fees.

5. Payment for Services. The County shall pay to the City, in quarterly installments in arrears, the following amounts:

a.	Fiscal Year 2006 (Oct. 1, 2005 - Sept. 30, 2006):	$840,000
b.	Fiscal Year 2007 (Oct. 1, 2006 – Sept. 30, 2007):	$840,000
c.	Fiscal Year 2008 through Fiscal Year 2020:	An additional 4.25% annually.

The amounts set forth above shall be renegotiated, at the City's option, if the City surcharge on water and sewer services outside its corporate limits is reduced below 50% for any reason other than voluntary action by the City, including but not limited to legislation or litigation. This Agreement shall terminate if the parties are not able to successfully renegotiate such amounts within 90 days following the effective date of any such reduction in the surcharge.

6. Termination. If either Party fails to comply with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement or defaults in any of its obligations under this Agreement and shall fail, within thirty (30) calendar days after written notice from the other Party, to correct such default or noncompliance, the non-defaulting Party may, at its option, forthwith terminate this Agreement after Section 7 provisions have been complied with.

7. Dispute Resolution.

a. The Parties shall attempt to resolve any disputes that arise under this Agreement in good faith and in accordance with this Section. The provisions of the "Florida Governmental Conflict Resolution Act" shall not apply to disputes under this Agreement, as an alternative dispute resolution process, is hereby encompassed within Section 7. The aggrieved Party shall give written notice to the other Party, setting forth the nature of the dispute, date of occurrence (if known), and proposed resolution, hereinafter referred to as the "Dispute Notice".

b. The appropriate City and County department heads shall meet at the earliest opportunity, but in any event within 10 days from the date the Dispute Notice is received, to discuss and resolve the dispute. If the dispute is resolved to the mutual satisfaction of both, the department heads shall report their decision, in writing, to the City Manager and the County Administrator.

c. If the department heads are unable to reconcile the dispute, they shall report their impasse to the City Manager and the County Administrator who shall then convene a meeting at their earliest opportunity, but in any event within 20 days following receipt of the Dispute Notice, to attempt to reconcile the dispute.

d. If a dispute is not resolved by the foregoing steps within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Dispute Notice, unless such time is extended by mutual agreement of the Parties, then either Party may require the dispute to be submitted to mediation by delivering written notice thereof (the "Mediation Notice") to the other Party. The mediator shall meet the qualifications set forth in Rule 10.100(c), Florida Rules for Mediators, and shall be selected by the Parties within 10 days following receipt of the Mediation Notice. If agreement on a mediator cannot be reached in that 10-day period, then either Party can request that a mediator be selected by an independent conflict resolution organization, and such selection shall be binding on the Parties. The costs of the mediator shall be borne equally by the Parties.

e. If an amicable resolution of a dispute has not been reached within 60 calendar days following selection of the mediator, or by such later date as may be mutually

agreed upon by the Parties, then such dispute may be referred to binding arbitration by either Party. Such arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the Florida Arbitration Code (Chapter 682, Florida Statutes).

f. Such arbitration shall be initiated by delivery, from one Party (the "Claimant") to the other (the "Respondent"), of a written demand therefor containing a statement of the nature of the dispute and the amount, if any, involved. The Respondent, within ten (10) days following its receipt of such demand, shall deliver an answering statement to the Claimant. After the delivery of such statements, either Party may make new or different claims by providing the other with written notice thereof specifying the nature of such claims and the amount, if any, involved.

g. Within ten (10) days following the delivery of such demand, each Party shall select an arbitrator and shall deliver written notice of that selection to the other. If either Party fails to select an arbitrator within such time, the other Party may make application to the court for such appointment in accordance with the Florida Arbitration Code. Within ten (10) days following delivery of the last of such written notices, the two arbitrators so selected shall confer and shall select a third arbitrator. Each of the arbitrators so appointed shall have experience in local government or parks and recreation issues.

h. The arbitration hearing shall be commenced in Leon County, Florida within sixty (60) days following selection of the third arbitrator. Except as may be specifically provided herein, the arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with Rules R-23 – R-48, of the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association.

8. Indemnification

To the extent permitted by law and subject to the limitations, conditions, and requirements of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, which the Parties do not waive, each Party agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party, their officials, officers, and employees, from and against all liabilities, damages, costs and expenses, resulting from or arising out of any acts or omissions by the indemnifying Party, or its officials, officers, or employees, relating in any way to this Agreement.

9. General Provisions.

a. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Any action to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement must be maintained in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

b. Waiver. Failure to insist upon strict compliance with any term, covenant or condition of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of it. No waiver or relinquishment of a right or power under this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver of that right or power at any other time.

c. Modification. This Agreement shall not be extended, changed or modified, except in writing duly executed by the Parties hereto.

d. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and, subject to below, assigns of the Parties hereto.

e. Assignment. Because of the unique nature of the relationship between the Parties and the terms of this Agreement, neither Party hereto shall have the right to assign this Agreement or any of its rights or responsibilities hereunder to any third Party without the express written consent of the other Party to this Agreement, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld.

f. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the matters contained herein, and all prior agreements or arrangements between them with respect to such matters are superceded by this Agreement.

g. Headings. Headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be used to interpret or construe its provisions.

h. Ambiguity. This Agreement has been negotiated by the Parties with the advise of counsel and, in the event of an ambiguity herein, such ambiguity shall not be construed against any Party as the author hereof.

i. Public Bodies. It is expressly understood between the Parties that the City is a duly incorporated municipal corporation of the State of Florida and that the County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as a waiver or relinquishment by either of the Parties to claim such exemptions, privileges or immunities as may be provided to that Party by law.

j. Force Majeure. A Party shall be excused from performance of an obligation under this Agreement to the extent, and only to the extent, that such performance is affected by a "Force Majeure Event" which term shall mean any cause beyond the reasonable control of the Party affected, except where such Party could have reasonably foreseen and reasonably avoided the occurrence, which materially and adversely affects the performance by such Party of its obligation under this Agreement. Such events shall include, but not be limited to, an act of God, disturbance, hostility, war, or revolution; strike or lockout; epidemic; accident; fire; storm, flood, or other unusually severe weather or act of nature; or any requirements of law.

k. Cost(s) and Attorney Fees. In the event of litigation between the Parties to construe or enforce the terms of this Agreement or otherwise arising out of this Agreement, the prevailing Party in such litigation shall be entitled to recover form the other Party its reasonable costs and attorneys fees incurred in maintaining or defending subject litigation. The term litigation shall include appellate proceedings.

l. Severability. It is intended that each Section of this Agreement shall be viewed as separate and divisible, and in the event that any Section, or Party thereof, shall be held to be invalid, the remaining Sections and parts shall continue to be in full force and effect.

m. Subject to Appropriation. All payment obligations of the Parties as set forth herein shall be subject to appropriation of funding therefore by the applicable legislative bodies; however, failure to appropriate funding adequate to meet such payment obligations shall be deemed a default under this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto, through their duly authorized representative, have executed this Parks and Recreation Agreement as of the date first written above.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

CLIFF THAELL, Chairman
of the Board of County Commissioners

ATTESTED TO:

By: _____

ROBERT B. INZER, Clerk
Leon County, Florida

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
By: _____

HERBERT W.A. THIELE, Esq.
COUNTY ATTORNEY

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

By: _____

JOHN R. MARKS, III, Mayor
of the City of Tallahassee

ATTESTED TO:

By: _____

GARY HERNDON
City Treasurer-Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
By: _____

JAMES R. ENGLISH, Esq.
CITY ATTORNEY

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