

**USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BROKEN ARROW  
AND THE BROKEN ARROW VETERANS CENTER, INC.**

This Agreement is entered , by and between the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, a municipal corporation (**City**) and the Broken Arrow Veterans Center, Inc. (**Licensee**). The **Licensee** is currently comprised of five entities consisting of American Legion Post 110, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10887, Blue Star Mothers Chapter 5, Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 589 and Vietnam Veterans of America Post 216.

**I. LICENSE**

City grants a non-exclusive license and agrees to allow **Licensee** to use facilities in the City of Broken Arrow popularly known as the **Broken Arrow Veteran's Center** located at 1117 South Main Street, Broken Arrow, OK. (**Premises**).

**City** agrees to pay for the electrical, natural gas, water and sewer costs on behalf of the **Premises** during the full term of this Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Licensee shall be solely responsible for any amounts over the allotted amount above. All utility usage must be reasonable. Any unreasonable or illegal utility usage shall be the sole expense of the Licensee.

**Licensee** shall provide at least one individual belonging to the organization to monitor the **Premises** during operating hours and all **Licensee** activities.

Within its limitations as a non-profit 501C3 organization, **Licensee** may charge an annual membership fee, activities/user fees, and hold periodic fundraiser events in order to cover its operating expenses. In order to assure compliance with **Licensee's** status, the **City** reserves the right to examine **Licensee's** financial statements upon request.

In accordance with City of Broken Arrow Code of Ordinances and Oklahoma State Law, the **Broken Arrow Veteran's Center** is permitted to serve/sell alcohol, subject to licensing by the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission (ABLE). The Broken Arrow Veteran's Center shall gain appropriate Special Event licensing from the ABLE Commission for such permission. A copy of such license shall be provided to the City of Broken Arrow. The Broken Arrow Veteran's Center shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits from the City, County and State to serve/sell alcohol and/or beer.

Licensee shall appoint a sitting member of the Broken Arrow City Council to Licensee's Board of Directors (or Licensees equivalent Board), to serve terms concurrent with the term of this agreement. The member of the City's City Council shall be determined by the City. In the event that an appointed City Council member is removed or vacates office during the term of this agreement, Licensee shall remove such individual from the Licensee's Board of Directors and replace the individual with another sitting member of the City's City Council chosen by the City, to serve the remainder of the Board term. Licensee has the sole obligation to ensure Licensee's bylaws and other governing documents are amended to comply with all governing law to accommodate and enforce this provision.

The **City** retains the right to use any extra space, including the large meeting room, at no charge to the **City**.

The **Licensee** agrees to allow **City** personnel access to and use of all of its technological equipment.

Licensee shall comply with all laws governing the possession and/or use of firearms applicable to the Premises and shall require compliance of same from Licensee's invitees, guests, membership, and users. This includes 21 § 1277 (A)(1) that makes it unlawful for any person, including a person in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, to carry any concealed or unconcealed firearm into any structure, building, or office space which is owned or leased by a city, town, county, state or federal governmental authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public. Pursuant to Title 21 § 1277, no person shall carry a firearm either concealed or unconcealed whether loaded or unloaded into the Premises. Nothing contained herein shall prevent an individual from transporting or storing a firearm in a locked motor vehicle while parked in the user group's parking lot or on any property set aside for any motor vehicle.

Licensee shall present an organizational update at least one time per year at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting. The schedule of appearance shall be coordinated by the Community Relations Liaison of the City of Broken Arrow, or its representative. Licensee shall send a representative of the organization having knowledge of operations (for example board president, board member, or executive director of the organization) to speak on behalf of the organization and update the City Council.

As consideration herein, any fee or cost regarding any extracurricular event put on by the **Licensee** shall be waived by the **Licensee** with respect to all city council and personnel either sitting on the Board or acting as a liaison to the **Licensee**.

All City employees interacting with the non-profit shall be subject to the City of Broken Arrow's policies on Sexual Harassment, Conflict of Interest and the Loyalty Oath. Any violation of said policies and related discipline shall be solely determined by the City Manager of the City of Broken Arrow. All employees shall make any and all reasonable efforts to abide by the policies and rules of the non-profit board to which they are involved. As for Officers, City Council members shall be subject to any and all organizational policies and Oklahoma State law.

## **II. TERM**

The term of this license shall commence beginning on June 30, 2025, and shall expire on June 30, 2026, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement. This agreement does not renew automatically.

### **III. IMPROVEMENTS**

The Premises shall remain the property of the City, and may not be modified, altered, or destroyed without the prior written permission of the City Manager. No other improvements, structures or fixtures of any kind may be built or brought upon said property without the prior written permission of the City Manager. The City shall have the absolute right to both choose and approve any contractor selected to perform any construction or alterations of the premises.

**Licensee** shall follow all Oklahoma State laws and City of Broken Arrow ordinances regarding improvements made to the premises. **Licensee** agrees to comply with the City of Broken Arrow's purchasing manual and all Oklahoma State and City of Broken Arrow competitive bidding and construction laws.

**Licensee** shall contract directly with the telephone company for monthly service and telephone installation on the **Premises**. The cost of all telephone, cable and internet charges shall be borne by the **Licensee**.

Any improvements, structures, or fixtures of any kind, which are built or brought upon said property, shall become the property of the **City** upon the termination of this Agreement unless the **City** gives prior written permission for their removal. The structures involved in displaying artifacts in the exhibit gallery shall remain the property of the Broken Arrow Veteran's Center. Any additions or modifications authorized to be removed shall be removed in a manner approved by the **Liaison** immediately upon termination of the Agreement and **Licensee** shall restore the **Premises** to the condition that existed prior to the additions or modifications.

**Licensee** may not have, remove, or change any locks on the **Premises** without the prior approval of the **Liaison** and without first supplying the **Liaison** with combination or key to all locks. The **Licensee** has been provided two keys. Any replacement or duplicate keys shall be the sole expense of the **Licensee**.

### **IV. MAINTENANCE AND USE**

**Licensee** acknowledges that it has inspected the **Premises** thoroughly and has full knowledge of the conditions of the **Premises**. The **City** makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, as to the condition of the **Premises**.

**Licensee** shall inspect the **Premises** immediately before and immediately after each use and shall immediately notify the **Liaison** of any damages or of any repairs, which may be required. In the event that any defect may threaten the safety and welfare of participants or the general public, **Licensee** shall not allow individuals to utilize the **Premises** until the defective portion of the **Premises** has been repaired or replaced.

**Licensee** agrees to take all reasonable precautions to prevent waste, damage or injury to the **Premises** by **Licensee** or by any competitors, volunteers, guests, invitees or others who may be on the **Premises** that the **Licensee** has allowed use of the **Premises**.

**Licensee** acknowledges that access to mechanical rooms and the equipment therein is restricted to qualified **City** personnel and approved contractors. These areas are to remain locked and free from obstruction.

The **City** shall maintain, replace, or repair any major maintenance item that is not considered routine in nature of the **Premises** in need of such service due to normal and routine wear and tear, which may include the plumbing, electrical, HVAC systems and structural components of the **Premises**, and the parking areas and outdoor lighting fixtures. The **Licensee** shall maintain, replace or repair any minor maintenance item that is considered routine in nature of the **Premises**, which may include the plumbing (unstopping sinks and lavatories), electrical (replacing light bulbs; operation of security system), and structural components (pest control) of the **Premises**. The **Licensee** will be responsible for the replacement or repair of any portion of the actual structures involved in displaying artifacts in the exhibit gallery. All artifacts displayed shall be non-operable.

**Licensee** shall perform all custodial duties of the **Premises** as needed, and on a regular basis to ensure cleanliness of facility. **Licensee** shall pick up all trash and is responsible for the payment of all trash service.

**Licensee** shall maintain climate control devices at reasonable levels. **Licensee** shall keep the lights turned off in areas not being used and turn off all lights when leaving the **Premises**.

**Licensee** shall lock and secure the **Premises** after each use.

**Licensee** shall promptly reimburse the **City** for the cost of parts and labor for any replacement or repair on the **Premises** as a result of the negligent acts of **Licensee** or by its competitors, volunteers, guests, or invitees, and for the **City's** cost in performing any of **Licensee's** contractual duties.

The **City** shall mow and fertilize the outdoor area surrounding the **Premises**.

The **City** shall maintain all fire suppression and extinguisher systems and conduct all required inspections and maintenance.

The **City** shall be responsible for all snow and ice removal of the parking lot and sidewalks.

The **City** shall be responsible for window washing.

The **City** retains the right to enter any portion of the **Premises** at any and all times, with reasonable notice, to inspect the **Premises** or to conduct maintenance or repairs, or for the purpose of determining whether **Licensee** is complying with the terms and conditions hereof, or

for any other purpose incidental to the rights of the **City** under this Agreement. In the event of an emergency, no notice shall be required to enter or repair the premises.

In the event any landscaping is installed by the Licensee, the Licensee shall be responsible for maintenance and upkeep. Any landscaping installed by the City, shall be the City's responsibility for maintenance and upkeep.

All outside maintenance including painting, cleaning of windows, flashing and façade shall be the responsibility of the City and shall be maintained at the City's sole discretion.

All maintenance, repair, cleaning or services provided by the City herein shall be at its sole discretion and timing.

**Licensee** shall be responsible for ensuring adherence to all Fire Life Safety codes and ensuring a safe environment. Licensee agrees to allow the Broken Arrow Fire Department access to the building for the purposes of inspection and/or safety review and Licensee agrees to be solely responsible for any remediation required. The opinion of the Fire Chief or his or her designee shall be conclusive evidence of the need for remediation and all remediation shall be considered a condition for the continued use of the premises.

## **V. MILITARY EQUIPMENT (NON-OPERATIONAL)**

**Licensee** may install and display non-operational military equipment and non-operational firearms at its own risk and expense, either inside or outside the building, as a means of increasing public awareness of the Broken Arrow Veteran's Center. Before any non-operational military equipment can be displayed outside of the building, the City Manager or his designee must approve of the proposed display. If installed outdoors, this non-operational equipment shall be secured with suitable anchors to the ground or concrete pad to discourage theft and protect against injury.

## **VI. INDEMNIFICATION**

**Licensee** is an independent contractor under this Agreement. This Agreement shall not be construed to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association as between the **City** and **Licensee** or its officers, employees, contractors or representatives for any purpose. **Licensee** understands that all persons furnishing services in implementing this Agreement are employees, independent contractors and volunteers, solely of **Licensee**, and **Licensee** shall bear the sole responsibility and liability for furnishing and shall furnish Workers' Compensation benefits for injuries from or connected with services performed pursuant to this Agreement. This provision does not include Broken Arrow City Employees.

As partial consideration for this Agreement, **Licensee** agrees to indemnify, defend (at the **City's** option), and hold harmless the **City**, its employees, officials, agents, representatives and volunteers from and against any and all liabilities, damages, injuries (including death), property damage (including loss of use), claims, liens, judgments, costs, expenses, suits, actions, or proceedings, reasonable attorney's fees, and actual damages of any kind or nature, arising out of or in connection with any aspect of the acts, omissions, negligence or misconduct of **Licensee**, its competitors, guests, invitees, licensees, members, volunteers, representatives, employees, agents, officers, contractors or subcontractors, including but not limited to any injury or damage that occurs relating to **Licensee** activities, or **Licensee's** performance or failure to perform the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Such obligation shall exclude only such liability actions as arise directly out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the **City** and in accordance with the terms, conditions and exceptions in the Governmental Tort Claims Act. The indemnification and defense obligations set forth herein shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

**Licensee** shall provide the **City** with prompt written notice of any serious injuries (serious injuries include all injuries which require medical treatment), written or oral complaints received, and actual or anticipated disputes with or claims by any individual.

## **VII. INSURANCE AND WAIVER OF SUBROGATION**

Without limiting the **City's** right to indemnification, **Licensee** and each of its contractors, shall obtain insurance in no less than or in terms more restrictive than the following: General Liability Insurance covering all premises and activities, with an applicable limit of liability not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per claimant, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) annual aggregate; and Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance applicable to all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles in an amount not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence; and Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage in compliance with the Worker's Compensation Laws of the State of Oklahoma. **Licensee** shall include the **City** as an Additional Insured on all required insurance policies. **Licensee** shall also require its contractors to list the **City** as an Additional Insured. **Licensee** shall submit certificates of insurance to the **City's** Risk Manager for approval before allowing any individuals, including but not limited to any contractors, to commence work or engage in any activities under this Agreement. **Licensee** and its contractors shall maintain the required insurance with insurers that carry a Best's "A" rating, and which are licensed and admitted to write insurance business in Oklahoma. Failure of **Licensee** or its contractors to obtain and maintain any required insurance does not relieve **Licensee** from any liability hereunder.

## **VIII. DEFAULT/TERMINATION**

This Agreement shall be subject to termination upon the failure of **Licensee** to keep, perform and observe all promises, covenants, conditions and agreements set forth in this Agreement. The right to terminate this Agreement upon default of **Licensee** is not exclusive and is in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement. Any waiver of any breach of any one or more of the covenants, conditions, terms and agreements herein contained shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or of any

other covenant, condition, term or agreement herein contained, nor shall failure to require exact, full, and complete compliance with any of the covenants, conditions, terms or agreements herein contained be construed as in any manner changing the terms of this Agreement or stopping the **City** from enforcing the full provisions thereof.

Neither this Agreement, nor any of the rights hereunder, shall be sold, assigned, or encumbered by **Licensee**. The Licensee is permitted to sublease part of the leased premises to the Oklahoma Department of Veteran's Affairs as detailed in the sublease attached in "Exhibit A" hereto and specifically approved and incorporated herein.

This Agreement is not a waiver of any permit or other legal requirements and does not assure approval based upon any circumstances other than compliance with the law.

This Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Oklahoma. Exclusive Original Jurisdiction and venue for any action relating to this Agreement shall be solely in the Tulsa County District Courts of Oklahoma. **Licensee** shall conform to and abide by all Federal, State and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to all laws regarding employment of aliens, and that no person shall be subjected to discrimination under a project, program or activity supported by this Agreement.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all proposals, oral or written, and all other communications between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.

This document may be modified only by further written agreement between the parties. Any such modification shall not be effective unless and until executed by the parties.

City of Broken Arrow

By: Michael Spurgeon 5/13/2025  
Michael L. Spurgeon, City Manager

ATTEST:

Curtis Green

5/13/2025

City Clerk / Seal




APPROVED AS TO FORM:



5/13/2025

Deputy City Attorney

Broken Arrow Veterans Center, Inc.

By:  5/12/2025  
Director

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (other than the premises address):  
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