

**ORDINANCE NO. O-2021-110**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO TEXAS DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, INC. TO ENGAGE IN THE COLLECTION OF SPECIFIED WASTE MATERIALS FROM NON-RESIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROUND ROCK, TEXAS; ESTABLISHING FRANCHISE FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROUND ROCK, TEXAS:**

**I.**

**FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR  
NON-RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROUND ROCK, TEXAS AND  
TEXAS DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, INC.**

This “Franchise Agreement for Non-Residential Refuse Collection between the City of Round Rock, Texas and Texas Disposal Systems, Inc.” (“Franchise Agreement”) is made by and between the CITY OF ROUND ROCK, TEXAS (the “City”) and TEXAS DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, INC. (the “Grantee”) for the collection of garbage, rubbish, yard waste and solid (non-hazardous) waste from commercial and industrial businesses, institutional and governmental entities, and multi-unit residential complexes located within the City of Round Rock, Texas.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the public welfare of the residents of the service area requires that adequate provisions be made for the regulated collection, removal and disposal of commercial refuse; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to, Chapter 32, Section 32-19 et seq., Code of Ordinances (2018 Edition) of the City of Round Rock, Texas, the City is authorized to enter into nonexclusive franchise agreements for the right to collect and remove all garbage and rubbish; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Grantee previously executed a “Franchise Agreement for Non-Residential Refuse Collection between the City of Round Rock, Texas and Texas Disposal Systems, Inc.” on March 27, 2014, as authorized by Ordinance No. O-2014-1268; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the Franchise Agreement was for five (5) consecutive years, terminating December 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Grantee desire to enter into a Franchise Agreement commencing upon execution of the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the Franchisee Agreement shall expire September 30, 2022, unless terminated sooner as provided in Section 5.02 herein,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and provisions hereof, it is agreed as follows:

**SECTION 1.**  
**DEFINITIONS**

**1.01** For the purposes of this Franchise Agreement, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number, and the use of any gender shall be applicable to all genders whenever the sense requires. The words “shall” and “will” are mandatory, and the word “may” is permissive. Words not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning.

- (A) **Apartment Complex** means a multi-unit residential dwelling of five (5) units or more.
- (B) **Ash** means the material remaining after the incineration of garbage and rubbish, including bottom ash, fly ash and water.
- (C) **City** means the City of Round Rock, Texas, a home-rule municipality.
- (D) **City Council** means the governing body of the City of Round Rock, Texas.
- (E) **Garbage** means animal and vegetable matter, such as waste material and refuse from kitchens, residences, grocery stores, butcher shops, cafes, restaurants, drug stores, hotels, rooming, boarding, and apartment houses, and other deleterious substances, not to include dirt, concrete, tile, plaster, rocks and other substances.
- (F) **Gross Receipts/Gross Revenues** means all receipts and revenues received or derived directly or indirectly by the Grantee, its affiliates, subsidiaries, parent company, and any other person or entity in which the Grantee has a financial interest, from or in connection with the collection and removal of garbage, yard waste, and solid (non-hazardous) waste from commercial and industrial businesses, institutional and governmental entities, construction sites and multi-unit residential complexes located within the service area; and/or the operation of a waste hauling service for commercial and industrial businesses, institutional and governmental entities, and multi-unit residential complexes located within the service area, all pursuant to this Franchise Agreement. Gross receipts/revenues include franchise fees passed through to the Grantee’s customers. Gross receipts/revenues do not include any surcharges imposed directly upon any customer by the state, city or other governmental unit and collected by the Grantee on behalf of such governmental unit.

**(G) Hazardous Waste** means any of the following:

- (1) All waste defined or characterized as hazardous waste by the federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, including the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. Section 6901, et seq.) and all future amendments thereto, or regulations promulgated thereunder;
- (2) All waste defined or characterized as hazardous waste by the principal agencies of the State of Texas having jurisdiction over hazardous waste generated by facilities within such state, and pursuant to any applicable state or local law or ordinance, and all future amendments thereto, or regulations promulgated thereunder;
- (3) Radioactive wastes;
- (4) Those substances or items which require special or extraordinary handling or disposal due to their hazardous, harmful, toxic or dangerous character or quality; and
- (5) Those substances and items which are not normally expected to be disposed of by generally accepted sanitary landfill disposal methods.

“Hazardous Waste” shall be construed to have the broader, more encompassing definition where a conflict exists in the definitions used by two or more governmental agencies having concurrent or overlapping jurisdiction over Hazardous Waste. If any governmental agency or unit having appropriate jurisdiction determines that substances which are, as of the date hereof, considered harmful, toxic, dangerous or hazardous, are not harmful, toxic, dangerous or hazardous, then those substances are not Hazardous Waste for purposes of this Franchise Agreement as of the effective date of such determination. If any governmental agency or unit having appropriate jurisdiction determines that substances which are not, as of the date hereof, considered harmful, toxic, dangerous or hazardous, are harmful, toxic, dangerous or hazardous, then such substances are Hazardous Waste for purposes of this Franchise Agreement as of the effective date of such determination.

**(H) Medical Waste** means waste, including bio hazardous waste and sharps waste, as defined by Texas statute. Medical waste may originate from hospitals, public or private medical clinics, departments or research laboratories, pharmaceutical industries, blood banks, forensic medical departments, mortuaries, veterinary facilities and other similar facilities. Medical waste does not include any such waste which is determined by evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Grantee to have been rendered non-bio hazardous. In any dispute regarding whether a specific type of waste is to be considered medical waste, the decision of the Sanitation Supervisor is final.

- (I) **Recyclable Materials** or **Recyclables** means materials that have been designated by the City to be recovered or diverted from the nonhazardous solid waste stream for the purposes of reuse, recycling or reclamation. Chapter 32, Section 32-34(c), Code of Ordinances (2018 Edition) of the City of Round Rock, Texas, limits Recyclable Materials to the following designated materials: office paper, newsprint, magazines and catalogs, aluminum, steel and tin containers, glass bottles and containers, HDPE and PET plastic bottles #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, and household paper products, including junk mail, envelopes, cereal boxes, boxboard and telephone books.
- (J) **Refuse** means all solid wastes, including garbage and trash.
- (K) **Rubbish** means non-putrescible waste including but not restricted to paper, cardboard, crockery, rubber tires and other inert materials generated by all commercial, industrial, institutional, agricultural and other activities within the City. Rubbish contaminated by garbage is considered garbage. Rubbish does not include hazardous waste, medical waste, ash, or source-separated recyclable materials.
- (L) **Sanitation Supervisor** means the person designated from time to time by the Director of Utilities.
- (M) **Service Rates** means the rates charged to the Service Recipient.
- (N) **Service Recipient** means any business located in the City which subscribes for collection services from the Grantee pursuant to the Grant of Franchise under this Franchise Agreement.
- (O) **Sidewalk** means that portion of a street which is not improved and maintained for vehicular travel.
- (P) **Solid (Non-Hazardous) Waste** means any garbage, refuse, sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility and other discarded materials, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, and agricultural operations and from community activities, but does not include solid or dissolved material in domestic sewage. Examples of such waste may include but are not limited to domestic trash and garbage, such as milk cartons and coffee grounds; other refuse such as metal scrap, wallboard, recyclable materials such as cardboard, plastic, paper and glass; and empty containers; and other discarded materials from industrial operations, such as boiler slag and fly ash.
- (Q) **Street** means a publicly dedicated or maintained right-of-way, a portion of which is open to use by the public for vehicular travel. The term “street” shall also include alleyways.
- (R) **Trash** means rubbish such as feathers, coffee grounds, ashes, tin cans, paper bags, boxes, glass, newspapers, magazines, and other such paper products, grass, shrubs, flowers, yard

cleanings, grass clippings, leaves, and tree trimmings; not to include dirt, concrete, tile, plaster, rocks, and other such substances, including handbills except when such handbills are distributed in a manner prescribed by the City Council and with written permission from the City Manager certifying conformity with the outline requirements of the Council.

- (S) **Yard Waste** means all plant debris including grass clippings, leaves, prunings, brush, branches and tree trunks not exceeding six inches (6”) in diameter and not exceeding twenty-four inches (24”) in length; clean, unpainted and untreated wood no longer than twenty-four inches (24”) in length; and other forms of organic waste generated from landscapes and gardens in a quantity typical for a single-family dwelling, allowing for seasonal variations.

## **SECTION 2.**

### **FRANCHISE REQUIRED; PENALTIES ESTABLISHED**

**2.01** No person or company providing the services herein described shall be allowed to occupy or use the streets of the City or be allowed to operate within the City without a franchise.

**2.02** In accordance with Chapter 32, Section 32-25(a), Code of Ordinances (2018 Edition) of the City of Round Rock, Texas: “It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of collecting refuse from commercial establishments within the city unless he shall have been issued a franchise therefor which is in force and effect. The franchise fee shall be ten percent of gross revenues and payable quarterly.”

**2.03** In addition to any other penalties herein provided, any person or company operating unauthorized without a franchise agreement, or who shall in anywise violate the provisions of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined as provided for in Chapter 1, Section 1-9, Code of Ordinances (2018 Edition) of the City of Round Rock, Texas, that being a fine not exceeding Two Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000.00), and each day any violation of this ordinance or the referenced Code provisions is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

## **SECTION 3.**

### **GRANT OF FRANCHISE RENEWAL**

**3.01** The Grantee, and its successors and assigns, shall continue to have a non-exclusive franchise to collect and remove garbage, rubbish, yard waste, and solid (non-hazardous) waste, including recyclables, from commercial and industrial businesses, institutional and governmental entities, and multi-unit residential complexes located within the City of Round Rock, Texas.

**3.02** The Grantee, and its successors and assigns, shall continue to have the right, privilege, and franchise to have, use and operate in the entire area of the City its waste hauling service; and to have, use and operate its vehicles and equipment in, over, under, along, and across the present and future streets and alleyways of the City to the extent necessary to perform the Grantee’s obligations specified herein.

**3.03** This Grant of Franchise is non-exclusive and does not establish priority for use over other franchise holders, permit holders, and/or the City's or the public's use of public property. The Grantee's use of the City's streets and alleyways shall be subject to and in accordance with the City's policies and procedures governing same, as they currently exist or as they may be hereafter amended.

#### **SECTION 4.** **ACCEPTANCE OF FRANCHISE**

**4.01** Within thirty (30) days following adoption of the ordinance renewing the Franchise Agreement, and simultaneous with proper execution by the Grantee of this Franchise Agreement, the Grantee agrees to unconditionally accept and continue to be bound by all of the terms and conditions contained herein, thereby promising to comply with and abide by all of the provisions, terms, and conditions contained in this Franchise Agreement.

**4.02** In accepting this Franchise Agreement, the Grantee acknowledges that its rights hereunder are subject to the police power of the City to adopt, enact and enforce Charter provisions, ordinances and resolutions necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the public.

#### **SECTION 5.** **TERM**

**5.01** This Franchise Agreement shall be effective upon execution and shall continue in effect through September 30, 2022.

**5.02** Regardless of anything contained herein to the contrary, the City may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Franchise Agreement at any time beginning December 1, 2021, upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the Grantee.

**5.03** This Franchise Agreement supersedes and replaces any previous franchise agreements and any express or implied renewal or extension of any previous franchise agreements between the City and the Grantee.

#### **SECTION 6.** **RENEWALS**

**6.01** This Franchise Agreement may be renewed at the City's sole discretion upon application of the Grantee pursuant to procedures established in this Section 6, and in accordance with then applicable laws:

- (A)** At least twelve (12) months prior to the expiration of the term of this Franchise Agreement, the Grantee shall inform the City in writing of its intent to seek a renewal of the franchise.

- (B) After giving appropriate public notice, the City Council shall proceed to determine whether the Grantee has satisfactorily performed its obligations under this Franchise Agreement.
- (C) If the City Council finds that a renewal of the franchise with the Grantee is in the public interest, and finds that the Grantee has satisfactorily performed its obligations under this Franchise Agreement, then the City may at its sole option enter into a renewal of the Franchise Agreement with the Grantee under appropriate terms and conditions, and such renewal may be for any period from one (1) to five (5) years.
- (D) Additional renewals may be applied for by the Grantee under the provisions of this Section 6.
- (E) The Grantee shall never have any express or implied right of renewal of this franchise. Any such renewal determination shall rest solely with the City Council, and its decision thereon shall be final.

## **SECTION 7.** **FRANCHISE FEES**

**7.01** The parties acknowledge that the streets and public easements to be used by the Grantee in the operation of its services hereunder are valuable public properties acquired and maintained by the City at substantial expense to its taxpayers, and further acknowledge that the Grant of Franchise to the Grantee for the use of said streets and alleyways is a valuable right without which the Grantee would be required to invest substantial capital in costs and acquisitions, and further acknowledge that the City will incur costs in regulating and administering this Franchise Agreement.

**7.02** Therefore, the Grantee shall pay quarterly to the City a franchise fee calculated as a percentage of the Gross Receipts derived during the preceding quarter by the Grantee from or in connection with the operation of its services within the City of Round Rock, Texas. As of the commencement date of this Franchise Agreement, the franchise fee established by the City is ten percent (10%) of Gross Receipts so derived.

**7.03** The City reserves the right to review and modify the franchise fee percentage on an annual basis. The Grantee shall be given thirty (30) days' written notice prior to any increase in the franchise fee. Any change in the franchise fee must be established by resolution or ordinance of the City Council of the City of Round Rock, Texas, and by amendment to this Franchise Agreement.

**7.04** The franchise fee and any other costs or penalties assessed shall be paid quarterly to the City on or before the last day of the month following the end of the quarterly period for which said payment is due. The franchise fee payment shall be delivered to the City's Director of Finance, along with a City-approved form entitled "Commercial Garbage Collection Franchise Fee Quarterly Statement" showing the calculations of the amount of such quarterly payment, and such form shall be certified by an officer of the Grantee.

**7.05** Franchise fee payments not received on a timely basis, that being within thirty (30) days of the due date, are subject to a ten percent (10%) late penalty. Commencing thirty (30) days from the original due date, an additional one percent (1%) penalty will be added for every month or portion thereof that said payment is late.

**7.06** Annually, not later than four (4) months after the end of the Grantee's fiscal year (September 30), the Grantee shall file with the City's Director of Finance either an audited statement or a sworn statement signed by an officer of the Grantee, and such audited or sworn statement shall show the revenues attributable to the operations of its services within the City pursuant to this Franchise Agreement. Such statement shall present, in a form approved by the City's Finance Director, a detailed breakdown of Gross Receipts/Gross Revenues as herein defined. If the Grantee elects to provide an audited statement, such statement shall have been audited by an independent Certified Public Accountant whose report shall accompany the statement.

**7.07** The City shall have the right at any time to review or audit the Grantee's franchise fee statements and statements of revenues and other books and records directly relating to such matters, and to recompute any amounts determined to be payable under this Franchise Agreement, and the Grantee shall be under the continuing obligation to make all such records available to the City; provided, however, that any such review or audit shall take place within thirty-six (36) months following the close of the fiscal year covered by such statements. Any additional amount due to the City as a result of the City's review or audit shall be paid within thirty (30) days following written notice to the Grantee by the City. In addition to the right to review such records, the City shall have the right at any time to select an independent accounting firm to audit such books and records of the Grantee to determine compliance with this Franchise Agreement and any related ordinances. If such audit is requested by the City, then the costs of the audit shall be paid by the City unless the audit reveals an error in the Grantee's reporting of Gross Receipts/Gross Revenues by a margin of greater than three percent (3%), in which case the cost of the audit shall be paid by the Grantee.

## **SECTION 8.**

### **REQUIREMENTS OF GRANTEE**

The Grantee shall comply with each of the following requirements:

**8.01 Performance.** The collection and removal of garbage, rubbish, yard waste, and solid (non-hazardous) waste by the Grantee will at all times during the term of this Franchise Agreement be performed to the reasonable satisfaction of the Sanitation Supervisor. The collection and removal of materials hereunder will be done in a prompt, thorough, lawful and workmanlike manner.

**8.02 Authority of Sanitation Supervisor.** The Grantee will at all times during the term of this Franchise Agreement operate under the acknowledgment that the Sanitation Supervisor has the right to issue orders, directions and instructions to the Grantee with respect to the collection and removal of materials hereunder, the performance of Grantee's services hereunder, and Grantee's compliance with the provisions of City ordinances and resolutions as they now exist or may from time to time be amended. The Grantee agrees to comply therewith; provided, however, that the orders, directions and instructions of the Sanitation Supervisor shall be reasonably related to carrying out the purposes and intent of this Franchise Agreement.



**8.03 Illegal Dumping.** The Grantee will require its drivers to write down locations where seemingly illegal dumping has occurred. Information on such locations shall be conveyed to the Sanitation Supervisor within forty-eight (48) hours of observation.

**8.04 Collection Equipment.** The Grantee shall at its sole expense purchase, operate and maintain collection equipment. Dumpsters and any of the Grantee's other collection equipment shall be clearly labeled with the name of the Grantee. The Grantee at its sole expense shall replace or repair any collection equipment that fails to operate properly or is damaged beyond normal wear and tear.

**8.05 Litter Control.** The Grantee will not litter any premises or public property in making collections pursuant to this Franchise Agreement, nor will any materials be allowed to leak, blow or fall from collection vehicles. Any materials dropped or spilled in collection, transfer or transportation will be immediately cleaned up by the Grantee.

**8.06 Vehicle Inventory.** The Grantee will furnish the Sanitation Supervisor with an inventory of collection vehicles used by the Grantee under this Franchise Agreement and shall keep such inventory current. The inventory shall indicate the type, make, capacity, vehicle identification number and license number of each vehicle.

## **SECTION 9.** **REPORTS**

**9.01 Operations Reports.** The Grantee must maintain at its place of business current, accurate and complete tonnage records relating to services provided under this Franchise Agreement. Such reports shall contain information summarized by month, and shall contain data on the tonnage of garbage, rubbish, yard waste, and solid (non-hazardous) waste collected. Upon written notice to the Grantee by the City, and not more frequently than once per quarter, the City has the right to inspect all such operations reports. The City may at any time review any other records of the Grantee reasonably and directly necessary for the City's review, approval or enforcement of this Franchise Agreement.

**9.02** Operations reports required by the City will be made available for inspection by the Grantee at no expense to the City and will be prepared in the manner and form reasonably prescribed by the City.

## **SECTION 10.** **ACCOUNTING PROVISIONS**

**10.01** The Grantee must maintain current, accurate and complete financial and accounting records relating to services provided under this Franchise Agreement. All records will be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The City's Director of Finance or his/her designee has the right to audit and inspect all financial records pertaining to the City's Agreement-related account and may at any time review any other records of the Grantee reasonably and directly necessary for the City's review, approval or enforcement of this Franchise Agreement.

**10.02** Financial reports and operating data required by the City for the purpose of any service rate review will be furnished by the Grantee at no expense to the City and will be prepared in the manner and the form reasonably prescribed by the City.

**SECTION 11.**  
**INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**11.01 Indemnity.** The Grantee shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents and employees from any claim, liability, loss, injury or damage arising out of, or in connection with, performance of this Franchise Agreement by the Grantee and/or its agents, employees or subcontractors to the extent caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Grantee. It is the intent of the parties to this Franchise Agreement to provide the broadest possible coverage for the City. The Grantee shall reimburse the City for all costs, attorneys' fees, expenses and liabilities incurred with respect to any litigation in which the Grantee is obligated to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City under this Franchise Agreement.

**11.02 Insurance.** Without limiting the Grantee's indemnification of the City, the Grantee shall provide and maintain at its own expense during the term of this Franchise Agreement, or as may be further required herein, the following insurance coverage and provisions:

- (A) Extended coverage and general liability insurance with an insurance company licensed to do business in the state of Texas, acceptable to the City, and such insurance shall insure against claims for liability and damages. Extended coverage insurance under this Section 11 shall be for a minimum of One Million and No/100 Dollars for the protection of the public in connection with:
  - (1) Liability to persons or damages to property, in any way arising out of or through the acts or omissions of the Grantee, its servants, agents, or employees or to which the Grantee's negligence shall in any way contribute; and
  - (2) Arising out of the Grantee's operations and relationships with any independent contractor or subcontractor.
- (B) The insurance policy obtained by the Grantee in compliance with this Section 11 shall be approved by the City Attorney, and such insurance policy, along with written evidence of payment of required premiums, shall be filed and maintained with the City during the entire term of this Franchise Agreement and any renewal periods, and shall be changed from time to time to reflect changing liability limits as reasonably required by the City. The Grantee shall immediately advise the City Attorney of any significant litigation, actual or potential, that may develop which would affect this insurance.
- (C) All insurance policies maintained pursuant to this Franchise Agreement shall contain the following conditions by endorsement:
  - (1) The City of Round Rock shall be named as an additional insured and the term "Owner" or "City" shall include all authorities, boards, bureaus, commissions,

division, departments, and offices of the City and the individual members, employees, and agents thereof in their official capacities and/or while acting on behalf of the City.

- (2) Each policy shall require that written notice shall be given to the City by certified mail at least thirty (30) days prior to the cancellation of or the making of any material change in the policies.
  - (3) Insurers shall have no right of recovery against the City; it being the intention that the insurance policies shall protect the Grantee and the City and shall be primary coverage for all losses covered by the policies.
  - (4) The policy clause "Other Insurance" shall not apply to the City of Round Rock where the City is an additional insured on the policy.
  - (5) Companies issuing the insurance policies shall not have recourse against the City for payment of any premiums or assessments, which all are set at the sole risk of the Grantee.
- (D) A Certificate of Insurance on the City's form shall be filed with the City as acceptable evidence of insurance coverage.

## **SECTION 12.**

### **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

**12.01** The Grantee shall comply with all laws and regulations of applicable federal, state and local governments. The Grantee and the City agree to be bound by all ordinance provisions or any amendments thereto, or other legal requirements that might affect the collection or disposal of the materials delineated hereunder. It is understood and agreed by and between the parties that ordinances are intended to be minimum standards and that higher standards and regulations may be required under this Franchise Agreement.

## **SECTION 13.**

### **ASSIGNMENT**

**13.01** For purposes hereof, the term "assignment" includes but is not limited to:

- (A) A sale, exchange or other transfer to a third party of substantially all of the Grantee's assets dedicated to service under this Franchise Agreement; and/or
- (B) The issuance of new stock to or the sale, exchange, or other transfer of thirty percent (30%) or more of the then outstanding common stock of the Grantee to a person other than the shareholders owning said stock at the date of this Agreement.

**13.02** The Grantee shall not assign this Agreement, or any interest, privilege or right granted herein, without the express written consent of the City, and then only to a person or persons approved by the City on such terms and conditions as the City may require. Consent to one assignment shall not be deemed to be consent to any subsequent assignment. Any assignment without such consent is null and void and shall terminate this Franchise Agreement.

#### **SECTION 14.** **SUBCONTRACTING**

**14.01** The Grantee shall not subcontract all or any portion of the work or business of this Franchise Agreement without the express written consent of the City.

#### **SECTION 15.** **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

**15.01** The Grantee shall perform all work and services described hereunder as an independent contractor and not as an officer, agent, servant, or employee of the City. The Grantee is solely responsible for acts and omissions of its officers, agents, employees, contractors, and subcontractors, if any. Nothing herein shall be considered as creating a partnership or joint venture between the City and the Grantee. No person performing any of the work or services described hereunder shall be considered an officer, agent, servant, or employee of the City, nor will any such person be entitled to any benefits available or granted to employees of the City.

#### **SECTION 16.** **TERMINATION**

**16.01** The City may terminate this Franchise Agreement for substantive default by the Grantee in its performance under this Agreement.

**16.02** Prior to terminating this Franchise Agreement, the City shall give the Grantee thirty (30) days' written notice with the opportunity to correct the default to the satisfaction of the City within the said thirty (30) days. In the event the Grantee fails to correct the default to the satisfaction of the City within the thirty (30) day period, then the City may terminate this Franchise Agreement without further notice.

**16.03** It is not the intention of the parties hereto to authorize repeated violations of this Franchise Agreement. Continued violations in the areas specifically described in the notice shall be grounds for termination without opportunity to correct default.

#### **SECTION 17.** **CANCELLATION FOR RECEIVERSHIP OR BANKRUPTCY**

**17.01** The City shall have the right to cancel this Franchise Agreement immediately should the Grantee come under the appointment of a receiver, liquidate, become insolvent, bankrupt, make a transfer for the benefit of creditors, reorganize and enter into an arrangement for the benefit of creditors, or file a

voluntary petition under any section or chapter of the National Bankruptcy Act, as amended, or under any similar law or statute of the United States; or should an involuntary petition in bankruptcy be filed against the Grantee and not be dismissed within one hundred twenty (120) days after the date of first filing.

**SECTION 18.**  
**NOTICE**

**18.01** Any notices required hereunder must be in writing and must be given personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the respective parties as follows:

GRANTEE: Texas Disposal Systems, Inc.  
Post Office Box 17126  
Austin, TX 78760-7126

CITY:	City Manager	and to:	City Attorney
	221 East Main Street		309 East Main Street
	Round Rock, TX 78664		Round Rock, TX 78664

or to such other addresses as either party may from time to time designate in writing.

**SECTION 19.**  
**AMENDMENT**

**19.01** Amendment to or modification of the terms and conditions of this Franchise Agreement shall be effective only upon the mutual agreement in writing of both parties hereto.

**SECTION 20.**  
**CONTROLLING LAW**

**20.01** This Franchise Agreement is governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and venue for any legal action shall lie exclusively in Williamson County, Texas.

**SECTION 21.**  
**ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

**21.01** This document embodies the entire and integrated agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. All prior negotiations, written agreements, and oral agreements between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement are merged into this document.

**SECTION 22.**  
**SEVERABILITY**

**22.01** Should any portion or part of this Franchise Agreement be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability will not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement which shall continue in full force and effect; provided that the remainder

of this Agreement can, absent the excised portion, be reasonably interpreted to give effect to the intentions of the parties.

**SECTION 23.**  
**FRANCHISE AGREEMENT DULY EXECUTED**

**23.01** The person signing this Franchise Agreement on behalf of the Grantee has been authorized by the Grantee to do so, and this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Grantee in accordance with the authorization of its governing body, and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Grantee, enforceable against the Grantee in accordance with its terms.

**II.**

- A.** All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or resolutions in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.
- B.** The invalidity of any section or provision of this ordinance shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.
- C.** The City Council hereby finds and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was posted and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter hereof were discussed, considered and formally acted upon, all as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

READ and APPROVED on first reading this the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

READ, APPROVED and ADOPTED on second reading this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Craig Morgan, Mayor  
City of Round Rock

ATTEST:

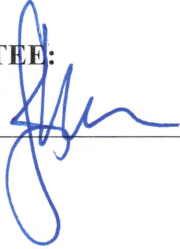
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SARA L. WHITE, City Clerk

**ACCEPTANCE BY GRANTEE**

The Grantee accepts and hereby agrees to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of this Franchise Agreement and Ordinance.

**GRANTEE:**

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



**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

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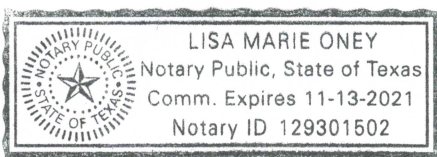
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jay Howard (name), \_\_\_\_\_ (title) of Texas Disposal Systems, Inc., known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity therein stated, and as the act and deed of said entity.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE on this the 6 day of the month of May, 2021.



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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas