

RESOLUTION NO.: 123-2025  
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Thomas

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County General Health District is a general health district as defined under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3709.01 and is endowed with all of the statutory and other authority granted to it by reason of the Ohio Statutes as amended from time to time by the State Legislature;

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORC Section 3709.01, each city in the State constitutes a health district and each county is a "general health district," and as provided for in ORC Sections 3709.051, 3709.07, and 3709.10, there may be a union of a general health district and a city health district;

WHEREAS, ORC Section 3709.08 authorizes cities and villages in Cuyahoga County to enter into an agreement with the board of health of a general health district on certain terms and conditions;

WHEREAS, the District Advisory Council of the Cuyahoga County General Health District, created by ORC 3709.03, after giving due notice by publication as required by law, held a public meeting on March 20, 2025, at which by a majority vote of members representing the townships and villages of said county, did vote affirmatively on the question of providing public health services to the cities in Cuyahoga County, and did authorize the Chairman of the District Advisory Council to enter into agreement with the Mayor of each City for providing public health services therein;

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (the "Board") is engaged in the governance of providing public health services, has the knowledge, skill, and resources to provide such services, and desires to perform such services for or on behalf of the Board for City;

WHEREAS, the City previously entered into an agreement for such public health services for the calendar year 2024 in the total annual sum of \$78,307.00 and for the calendar year 2025 in the total annual sum of \$86,408.00; and

WHEREAS, the City is willing to enter into an agreement with the Board to provide such public health services in accordance with the terms and conditions of Ohio law and the agreement.

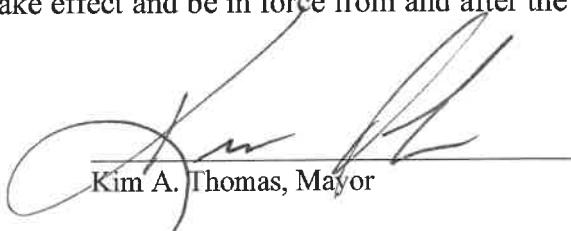
NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The Mayor is authorized to execute a public health services agreement with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, essentially in the form of Exhibit A, attached hereto, under such other terms and conditions as determined to be reasonable by the Mayor and in proper legal form as determined by the Director of Law in the amount of \$96,777.00 for calendar year 2026 and in the amount of \$108,442.00 for calendar year 2027.

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting or meetings of this Council, that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with all legal requirements, including, without limitation, those set forth in Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: October 14, 2025



Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

APPROVED: October 14, 2025

ATTEST: Tracey Blair

Tracey Blair  
Clerk of Council



Bobby Jordan  
President of Council

**EXHIBIT A**



**Your Trusted Source For Public Health Information**

Dear Mayor Thomas:

Please find enclosed a two-year contract for public health services provided by our agency for the 2026 and 2027 calendar years. This contract represents the total cost for service delivery.

Chapter 3709 of the Ohio Revised Code stipulates that each city in the State of Ohio "must provide health services either through a city health district or by a valid contract or union with the county health district or an adjacent city health district."

The Director of the Ohio Department of Health annually certifies this provision of health services. To remain certified, this contract must be approved by your council and returned to our agency by December 31, 2025.

On behalf of our Board and staff, we thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve your community. Please reach out if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roderick Harris".

Roderick Harris, DrPH  
Health Commissioner

Enclosed:

1. 2026-2027 Richmond Heights Public Health Services Contract

**PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
(City with a General Health District - Authority--Sec. 3709.08 O.R.C.)

This Agreement is entered into on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2026 ("Effective Date") by and between the **Cuyahoga County Board of Health** (the "Board"), a separate political subdivision of the State of Ohio organized under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Ohio, and the **City of Richmond Heights**, a political subdivision, with its principal office located at 26789 Highland Road Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143 (the "City"), for and in consideration of the promises, covenants, and conditions hereinafter set forth.

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County Board of Health is a general health district as defined under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3709.01 and is endowed with all of the statutory and other authority granted to it by reason of the Ohio Statutes as amended from time to time by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the City has continued to have a city public health district as required by Ohio law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORC Section 3709.01, each city in the State constitutes a health district and each county is a "general health district," and as provided for in ORC Sections 3709.051, 3709.07, and 3709.10, there may be a union of a general health district and a city health district; and

WHEREAS, ORC Section 3709.08 authorizes cities and villages in Cuyahoga County to enter into an Agreement with the Cuyahoga County General Health District on certain terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the District Advisory Council of the Cuyahoga County General Health District, created by ORC 3709.03, after giving due notice by publication as required by law, held a public meeting on March 20, 2025 at which by a majority vote of members representing the townships and villages of said county, did vote affirmatively on the question of providing public health services to the cities in Cuyahoga County, and did authorize the Chairman of the District Advisory Council to enter into an Agreement with the Mayor of the City for providing public health services therein; and

WHEREAS, the Board is engaged in the governance of providing public health services as described in this Agreement, has the knowledge, skill, and resources to provide such services, and desires to perform such services for or on behalf of the Board for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is willing to enter into an Agreement with the Board to provide such services in accordance with the terms and conditions of Ohio law and this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

**1. EFFECTIVE DATE, TERM AND TERMINATION.**

(a) **Effective Date, Term.** This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date first stated above and shall continue through December 31, 2027, unless earlier terminated pursuant to Section 1(b).

(b) **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated upon the occurrence of one of the following events:

(i) Failure for any reason of the either party to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, after written notice is provided by the non-breaching party of such failure providing at least ninety (90) days for the breaching party to correct any such failure, and if such failure is not corrected within said period, the non-breaching party may give written notice of immediate termination;

(ii) Upon nine (9) months written notice, or on or before April 1 of the year prior to termination by either party for any reason.

**1. THE SERVICES.**

(a) **Scope of Services.** Subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement and its exhibits, the Board will provide to the City and, as applicable, to all persons receiving the direct services provided for herein, the Services that are set forth and described in the Scope of Work (SOW) attached as Exhibit A, which Exhibit is incorporated herein.

(b) Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing, all transactions for Services through Board will be provided in accordance with the provisions of Ohio law and/or this Agreement, including any revisions of the same, as both Parties may from time to time execute to document the addition, revision, or enhancement of Services.

(c) **Standard of Performance of Services.** The Board will devote such time and will use its best efforts as necessary to perform the Services in a professional manner that: (i) is consistent with the standards of its industry and in a good and workmanlike manner, and (ii) utilizes the care, skill, and diligence normally applied by other similar boards of health in the performance of services similar to the Services.

(d) The City shall provide suitable space for the Board employees who make regular visits to the City on a daily or weekly basis.

**2. PAYMENT.**

(a) **Compensation.** Compensation is based on the ten (10) year census population estimate for the City and a per capita rate established by the Board. The per capita rate is the same rate applied to all Villages, Townships in the general health district as well as for all cities that enter into a Public Health Services Agreement with the Board. The most recent ten (10) year census for population in the City dated September 2021, is 10,801 residents. The current per capita rate established by the Board is \$8.96 per capita for calendar year 2026 and \$10.04 per capita for calendar year 2027. The total amount due based on the per capita rate will be Ninety-six thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven dollars (\$96,777.00) for calendar year 2026 and be One hundred and eight thousand, four hundred and forty-two dollars (\$108,442.00) for calendar year 2027. The Board reserves the right to change its per capita rate, as considered on an annual basis, based on current economic conditions and public health needs. In the event that the Board votes to make a change in the per capita rate, said change shall be limited to annual rates effective on January 1 for the following calendar year. The Board shall provide notice of the change in the per capita rate for the coming calendar year on or before October 31st of the current calendar year.

(b) In consideration for the health services described in Exhibit A, which will be provided by the Board to and within the City, the City shall pay to the Board the total annual sum Ninety-six thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven dollars (\$96,777.00) for calendar year 2026 and the total annual sum of One hundred and eight thousand, four hundred and forty-two dollars (\$108,442.00) for calendar year 2027. The City hereby directs the Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County to place to the credit of the Board and the Fiscal Office of Cuyahoga County is hereby authorized and directed to deduct the sum stated above in equal, semi-annual installments of Forty-eight thousand, three hundred and eighty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$48,388.50) from the regular property tax settlement to be made for said City for calendar year 2026 and Fifty-four thousand, two hundred and twenty-one dollars (\$54,221.00) from the regular property tax settlement to be made for said City for calendar year 2027.

#### **4. RECORDS.**

- (a) The Board shall maintain copies of all records created or received by the Board in the performance of the work under this Agreement as required by Ohio's public records law. Any records created or received as a part of this Agreement shall be made available to the City upon request subject to exceptions listed below.
- (b) Any non-private health information in confidential records or information in the records created by the Board or that come into the possession of the Board under this Agreement shall, if provided to the City, be kept confidential by the City.
- (c) The Board is prohibited by State and Federal law from sharing protected health information and said records will not be shared with the City unless there is compliance with the proper method for release of said information.

#### **5. NO ASSIGNMENT, TRANSFER, OR SUBAGREEMENT.**

In performing the services specified under the terms of this Agreement, the Board shall not assign, transfer, or delegate any of the work or services, nor subcontract the work out to any other entity, nor shall any subcontractor commence performance of any part of the work or services included in this Agreement, unless such subcontracting is specified in this Agreement or its Exhibits, or unless prior written consent is provided by the City.

#### **6. INDEPENDENT AGREEMENT.**

- (a) The Board hereby acknowledges that it is an independent contractor and neither it nor its employees or agents are employees of the City. The Board shall be responsible for the payment or withholding of any federal, state or local taxes, including, but not limited to, income, unemployment, and workers' compensation for its employees, and the City will not provide, or contribute to any plan which provides for benefits, including but not limited to unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, retirement benefits, liability insurance or health insurance. All individuals employed by the Board provide personal services to the City are not public employees of the City under Ohio state law.
- (b) No agency, employment, joint venture or partnership has been or will be created between the parties pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Inasmuch as the City is interested in the Board's end product, the City does not control the manner in which the Board performs this Agreement.

#### **7. NOTICES.**

All notices, invoices and correspondence which may be necessary or proper for either party shall be addressed as follows:

##### **TO THE BOARD:**

Cuyahoga County Board of Health  
Attention: Roderick Harris, Health Commissioner  
5550 Venture Drive  
Parma, Ohio 44130

##### **TO THE CITY:**

City of Richmond Heights  
Attention: Mayor Kim Thomas  
26789 Highland Road  
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

And

City of Richmond Heights  
Attention: Director of Law  
26789 Highland Road  
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

#### **5. EFFECT OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE**

By entering into this Agreement, the parties agree that this transaction may be conducted by electronic means, including, without limitation, that all documents requiring signatures by the parties may be executed by electronic means, and that the electronic signatures affixed by the authorized representatives of the parties shall have the same legal effect as if the signatures were manually affixed to a paper version of the documents. The parties also agree to be bound by the provisions of Chapter 1306 of the Ohio Revised Code as it pertains to electronic transactions.

#### **6. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE**

Any and all matters of dispute between the Parties to this Agreement whether arising from the Agreement itself or arising from alleged extra contractual facts prior to, during, or subsequent to the Agreement, including without limitation, fraud, misrepresentation, negligence, or any other alleged tort or violation of the Agreement, will be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the Laws of the State of Ohio, without regard to the conflict of laws or the legal theory upon which such matter is asserted.

#### **7. SEVERABILITY.**

If any provision hereof shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Agreement. Moreover, any provisions that should survive the expiration or termination will survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### **8. AMENDMENT**

This Agreement shall not be modified except by the express written consent by both parties hereto.

#### **9. WAIVER.**

Waiver by either party or the failure by either party to claim a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver or estoppel with respect to any subsequent breach of any provision hereof.

#### **10. FORCE MAJEURE.**

Neither party shall be liable for any delay or failure to perform any duty or obligation it may have pursuant to this Agreement where such delay or failure has been occasioned by any act of God, fire, strike, inevitable accident, war or any cause outside the party's reasonable control.

#### **11. COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original copy, and all of which together shall constitute one Agreement binding on all parties hereto, notwithstanding that all the parties shall not have signed the same counterpart.

**5. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.**

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to its subject matter, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations or understandings, whether written or oral, as to the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representative to be effective as of the Effective Date as specified in Section 1 of this Agreement.

**FOR THE BOARD:**

Approved as to form.  
Cuyahoga County Board of Health  
Office of General Counsel

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor David Smith  
President District Advisory Council

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR THE CITY:**

Approved as to form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Kim Thomas

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Law

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBIT A

### SCOPE OF WORK

The General Health District of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby agrees to provide health services for the City of Richmond Heights for the calendar years 2026 and 2027 as set forth below ("Services").

- The Board shall have full authority to be and act as the public health authority for the City.
- The Services described in the schedule listed below in this Exhibit will be provided by the District Board of Health of Cuyahoga County ("Board") to the City.
- The Services will include all necessary medical, nursing, sanitary, laboratory and such other health services as are required by the Statutes of the State of Ohio.
- Air pollution enforcement services, as described in Chapter 3704 of the Ohio Revised Code ("ORC"), will be conducted through the designated agent, the Cleveland Division of Air Pollution Control, not by the Board. This authorization is contingent upon renewal of the Agreement between the Ohio EPA and the City of Cleveland and satisfactory performance of the Agreement terms and conditions regarding air pollution control in Cuyahoga County. The Board of Health reserves the right to alter, modify or amend this Agreement provision with notice to the City.
- The following specific services shall be a part of the Services provided under this Agreement:

#### List of Functions, Programs and Services

<b>Animal Control and Shelter:</b>
Rabies Surveillance – Animal bite follow up
<b>Environmental Health - State Programs:</b>
Food Service Operation Licensing/ Inspection/Education
Retail Food Establishment Licensing & Inspection.
School Facilities Inspection
Smoke Free Workplace Enforcement
Public Swimming Pool & Spa Licensing & Inspection
Tattoo & Body Piercing Enforcement
Temporary Park Camp Licensing/Inspection/Enforcement
Clean Indoor Air Regulation - complaint based response
Home Day Care Inspections - USDA Inspections Only/Fee for Service
Nuisance & Vector Control
Residential Housing/Commercial Building Inspection - complaint based response
Solid Waste Enforcement
West Nile Virus Prevention/Mosquito Control
Animal Venue Licensing/Inspection/Enforcement
<b>Emergency Preparedness:</b>
Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)
Planning and Cities' Readiness Initiative activities
Emergency Management Committee - participation

Development of Local Emergency Response Plan - participation
Community Outreach and Education
Northeast Ohio Regional Public Health Partnership - participation
<b>Epidemiology, Surveillance, Investigation Services:</b>
Reportable Infectious Disease investigation and follow-up (excluding HIV/AIDS; STD; TB)
Disease Outbreak Management
Regional Infection Control Committee – participation
NEO Regional Epidemiology Response Team – participation
<b>Health Promotion: (As Appropriate)</b>
<b>Immunization Program:</b>
Childhood and Adult Vaccine Administration Services - Fee for Service. Most insurance accepted, by appointment. Charges may be waived for inability to pay.
Seasonal Influenza vaccine clinics - Fee for Service, most insurance accepted.
Immunize Ohio- participation
<b>Jail Inmate Health Services:</b>
Jail Inspection - provided once annually
<b>Lead Poisoning Prevention:</b>
Pediatric blood lead testing - Fee for Service. Charges may be waived for inability to pay
Case management
Environmental Assessment - Limited fee for service
Community Education and Outreach
Greater Cleveland Healthy Homes Advisory Council
<b>Occupational Health:</b>
Immunizations and Tuberculosis screenings - Fee for Service
Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMH) Public Health Nursing Services
<b>Administrative Services:</b>
Administration
Grant Writing & Management
Budget
Records Management
Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable
Data Entry & Program Management
Reports - Financial & Statistical
Payroll

The Board maintains a range of grant funded programs for citizens throughout the County who are income qualified.

**THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND THIS EXHIBIT AT ANYTIME.**