RESOLUTION NO. 15-19

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SPECIAL DISTRICT REVIEW FEES AND INCLUDING THE CITY'S SPECIAL DISTRICT POLICY AND MODEL SERVICE PLANS

WHEREAS, financially sound, well-planned special districts can further the long-term development goals of the city; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to exercise its authority as a Home Rule Charter City to recover the costs of processing applications relating to districts authorized under Titles 31 and 32 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, or under the City Code of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, the fees specified in Exhibit C are reasonable and based on a general evaluation of the cost of service associated these processes; and

WHEREAS, The City's current Special District Policy was approved by Resolution No.09-06 which also established fees for review of special district applications; and

WHEREAS, The City's current Model Service Plans for metropolitan districts were also was approved by Resolution No. 09-06 and then subsequently amended by Resolution No.12-113.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

- Section 1. That Resolution No. 10-06 pertaining to fees and charges for the review of special district applications is rescinded.
- Section 2. The fees and charges set forth in Exhibit C, attached and made a part of this Resolution, are hereby established for the processing and review of development applications.
 - Section 3. Resolution No. 09-06 is hereby rescinded.
- Section 4. Exhibit A to this resolution carries forward and reestablishes the City's Special District Policy as originally adopted by Resolution No. 09-06.
- Section 5. Exhibit B to this resolution carries forward and reestablishes the City's Model Service Plans as originally adopted by Resolution No. 09-06 and subsequently

amended by Resolution No. 12-113.

Section 6. These fees shall be effective as of March 1, 2019, and shall remain effective until amended by subsequent Resolution of the City Council.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 12th day of February, 2019.

Council Presiden

ATTEST:

Special District Policy Approved January 24, 2006

- 1. This policy applies to Business Improvement Districts (BID), General Improvement Districts (GID), and Metropolitan Service Districts as allowed under Colorado Revised Statutes Titles 31 and 32.
- 2. Applicants must complete and submit a Titles 31 and 32 Special District Transmittal Form and applicants for Title 32 Metropolitan Districts must complete and submit a Service Plan. Any deviation from the Metropolitan District Model Service Plan will be reviewed by City Staff and, if deemed material by Staff, will require specific City Council review and approval as a Service Plan modification. For Title 32 Metropolitan Districts, the Model Service Plan contains the complete and comprehensive description of all Policy components.
- 3. In accordance with 7-100 of the City Charter, the District shall not issue any debt instrument for any purpose other than construction of capital improvements with a public purpose necessary for development.
- 4. As set forth in 7-100 of the City Charter, the total debt of any proposed District shall not exceed 10 percent of the total assessed valuation of the taxable property within the District unless approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the entire City Council.
- 5. Any proposed District must commit to the City that its mill levy dedicated to repaying any bonded debt will not exceed the greater of 30 mills for residential properties or 50 mills for commercial properties and may be Gallagher adjusted (or otherwise adjusted) to the extent permitted by law. The maximum allowed for operating is 10 mills for both residential and commercial properties which may be Gallagher adjusted (or otherwise adjusted) to the extent permitted by law.
- 6. The District shall not consent to the organization of any other district organized under the Special District Act within the Service Area which will overlap the boundaries of the District unless the aggregate mill levy for payment of Debt of such proposed districts will not at any time exceed the Maximum Debt Mill Levy of the District.
- 7. Districts shall not impose a debt service mill levy on any District initially established as a Residential District which exceeds 40 years after the year of the initial imposition of such debt service mill levy unless: (1) a majority of the Board of Directors of the District imposing the mill levy are residents of such District and (2) such Board has voted in favor of issuing debt with a term which requires or contemplates the imposition of a debt service mill levy for a longer period of time than the limitation contained herein.

- 8. The District cannot issue debt or certify a debt service mill levy until the property included within the District has a City approved Master Plan and other more detailed land use approvals.
- 9. Limited tax general obligation bonds issued by a District shall be structured and/or credit enhancements provided such that the bonds cannot default as long as the District is imposing the required maximum allowed mill levy.
- 10. Prior to the issuance of any privately placed debt for capital related costs, the District shall obtain the certification of an External Financial Advisor regarding the fairness and feasibility of the interest rate and the structure of the debt.
- 11. The bonds or other debt instruments of Districts will be limited to those that are payable either from ad valorem property taxes, assessments, permitted user fees, reimbursements and interest earnings of the District, and from other revenues made available to the District. No District will be allowed to impose a sales tax.
- 12. The debt of any District will not constitute a debt or obligation of the City in any manner. The faith and credit of the City will not be pledged for the repayment of the debt of any District. This will be clearly stated on all offering circulars, prospectus, or disclosure statements associated with any securities issued by the District. Districts formed under Title 32, CRS shall not utilize the City of Colorado Springs' name in the name of the District.
- 13. The issuance of all bonds or other debt instruments of Districts shall be subject to the approval of the City Council. City Council's review of the bonds or other debt instruments of the Districts shall be conducted to ensure compliance with the Service Plan and all applicable laws.
- 14. All District bonds or other debt instrument, if not rated as investment grade, must be issued in minimum denominations of \$100,000 and sold only to either accredited investors as defined in rule 501 (a) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933 or to the developer(s) of property within the District.
- 15. Proceeds from the sale of debt instruments and other revenue of Districts may not be used to pay landowners within the District for any real property required to be dedicated for public use by annexation agreements or land use codes. Examples of ineligible reimbursements include but are not limited to: the acquisition of rights of way, easements, water rights, land for prudent line drainage, parkland, or open space unless consent from the City Council is given. Proceeds from the sale of debt instruments and other revenue of Districts also may not be used to pay for the construction of any utility infrastructure except for those categories of utility infrastructure covered by utility tariffs, rules, and regulations. Additionally, if the landowner/developer constructs the public infrastructure and conveys it to the District in return for a reimbursement obligation from the District, prior to making such reimbursement for such amounts, the District must receive the report of an independent engineer or accountant confirming that the amount of the reimbursement is reasonable.

- 16. Should the District construct infrastructure subject to a recovery agreement with the City or other entity, the District retains all benefits under the recovery agreement. Any such reimbursements for public improvements installed or financed by a District will remain the property of the District and be applied towards the repayment of its bonded debt, if any. Any reimbursement revenue not necessary to repay District bonded debt may be utilized by the District to construct additional public improvements as approved by City Council. The above provisions also apply in their entirety to circumstances where the public infrastructure has been constructed by the landowner/developer and subsequently conveyed to the District in return for a reimbursement obligation from the District; under those circumstances all applicable recovery agreements will be assigned to the District.
- 17. The existence of the District will not be considered a substitute for a financial assurance.
- 18. The City will establish and charge review and filing fees commensurate with the actual cost of processing and reviewing new and amended plans. Such fees are established by separate Council resolution and made available to all Service Plan applicants.
- 19. Districts shall take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure adequate disclosure of the existence, financial condition, and status of the District to all property owners within its boundaries. Specific written disclosure will be provided to all buyers of property within the District as required in 38-35.7-101 CRS. As required by 7-100 of the City Charter, the City will make available to the public all information regarding the financial condition and status of all General Improvement Districts within the City. Within 90 days of District formation, the District will record the approved Disclosure form included as an Exhibit in the approved Service Plan with the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder against all property included in the District.
- 20. All BIDs are required to submit an annual audit by March 31 performed by an independent certified public accounting firm.
- 21. No District shall have the authority of eminent domain or dominant eminent domain without prior City Council approval.
- 22. The Districts shall not include within any of their boundaries any property outside the Service Area (as described in the Service Plan) without the prior written consent of the City Council.

[SINGLE DISTRICT PLAN]

MODEL SERVICE PLAN FOR

__ METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. _____

IN THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Prepared

by

[NAME OF PERSON OR ENTITY]
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I. INTRODUCTION

A. <u>Purpose and Intent</u>

The District is an independent unit of local government, separate and distinct from the City, and, except as may otherwise be provided for by State or local law or this Service Plan, its activities are subject to review by the City only insofar as they may deviate in a material matter from the requirements of the Service Plan. It is intended that the District will provide a part or all of the Public Improvements for the use and benefit of all anticipated inhabitants and taxpayers of the District. The primary purpose of the District will be to finance the construction of these Public Improvements.

The District is not being created to provide ongoing operations and maintenance services other than those specifically set forth in Exhibit D to this Service Plan.

B. Need for the District

There are currently no other governmental entities, including the City, located in the immediate vicinity of the District that consider it desirable, feasible or practical to undertake the planning, design, acquisition, construction installation, relocation, redevelopment, and financing of the Public Improvements needed for the Project. Formation of the District is therefore necessary in order for the Public Improvements required for the Project to be provided in the most economic manner possible.

C. Objective of the City Regarding District Service Plan

The City's objective in approving the Service Plan for the District is to authorize the District to provide for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, installation, relocation, and redevelopment of the Public Improvements from the proceeds of Debt to be issued by the District. All Debt is expected to be repaid by taxes imposed and collected for no longer than the Maximum Debt Mill Levy Imposition Term for residential properties and at a tax mill levy no higher than the Maximum Debt Mill Levy for commercial and residential properties, and/or repaid by Fees, as long as such Fees are not imposed upon or collected from Taxable Property owned or occupied by an End User for the purpose of creating a capital cost payment obligation as further described in Section V.A.11. Debt which is issued within these parameters and, as further described in the Financial Plan, will insulate property owners from excessive tax and Fee burdens to support the servicing of the Debt and will result in a timely and reasonable discharge of the Debt.

This Service Plan is intended to establish a limited purpose for the District and explicit financial constraints that are not to be violated under any circumstances. The primary purpose is to provide for the Public Improvements associated with development and regional needs. Operational activities are allowed but only as specified in Exhibit D to this Service Plan.

It is the intent of the District to dissolve upon payment or defeasance of all Debt incurred or upon a court determination that adequate provision has been made for the payment of all Debt, and if any District has authorized operating functions under an intergovernmental

property of the District, as such actual market valuation is certified from time to time by the appropriate county assessor.

<u>District</u>: the _____ Metropolitan District.

{Note: A District is not permitted to use the name "City of Colorado Springs" in the name of the District}

End User: means any owner, or tenant of any owner, of any taxable improvement within the District, who is intended to become burdened by the imposition of ad valorem property taxes subject to the Maximum Debt Mill Levy. By way of illustration, a resident homeowner, renter, commercial property owner, or commercial tenant is an End User. The business entity that constructs homes or commercial structures is not an End User.

External Financial Advisor: a consultant that (1) advises Colorado governmental entities on matters relating to the issuance of securities by Colorado governmental entities, including matters such as the pricing, sales and marketing of such securities and the procuring of bond ratings, credit enhancement and insurance in respect of such securities; (2) shall be an underwriter, investment banker, or individual listed as a public finance advisor in the Bond Buyer's Municipal Market Place; and (3) is not an officer of the District.

<u>Fees</u>: means any fee imposed by the District for services, programs or facilities provided by the District, as described in Section V.A.11. below.

<u>Financial Plan</u>: the Financial Plan described in Section VI which describes (a) how the Public Improvements are to be financed; (b) how the Debt is expected to be incurred; and (c) the estimated operating revenue derived from property taxes for the first budget year.

<u>Inclusion Area Boundaries</u>: the boundaries of the area described in the Inclusion Area Boundary Map.

<u>Inclusion Area Boundary Map</u>: the map attached hereto as Exhibit C-2, describing the property proposed for inclusion within the District.

<u>Initial District Boundaries</u>: the boundaries of the area described in the <u>Initial District Boundary Map.</u>

<u>Initial District Boundary Map</u>: the map attached hereto as Exhibit C-1, describing the District's initial boundaries.

<u>Maximum Debt Mill Levy</u>: the maximum mill levy of the District is permitted to impose for payment of Debt as set forth in Section VI.E below.

<u>Maximum Debt Mill Levy Imposition Term</u>: the maximum term for imposition of a Debt Service mill levy in a Residential District as set forth in Section VI.F below.

Plan. The population of the District at build-out is estimated to be approximately ______people.

Approval of this Service Plan by the City does not imply approval of the development of a specific area within the District, nor does it imply approval of the number of residential units or the total site/floor area of commercial or industrial buildings identified in this Service Plan or any of the exhibits attached thereto, unless the same is contained within an Approved Development Plan.

V. <u>DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED POWERS, IMPROVEMENTS AND SERVICES</u>

A. Powers of the District and Service Plan Amendment

The District shall have the power and authority to provide the Public Improvements and related operation and maintenance services within and without the boundaries of the District as such power and authority is described in the Special District Act, and other applicable statutes, common law and the Constitution, subject to the limitations set forth herein.

- Operations and Maintenance Limitation. The purpose of the District is to plan for, design, acquire, construct, install, relocate, redevelop, and finance the Public Improvements. The District shall dedicate the Public Improvements to the City or other appropriate jurisdiction or owners association in a manner consistent with the Approved Development Plan and other rules and regulations of the City and applicable provisions of the City Code. The District shall not be authorized to operate and maintain any part or all of the Public Improvements after such dedication, including park and recreation improvements, unless the provision of such ongoing operation and maintenance is specifically identified in Exhibit D attached hereto. In the City's sole discretion, an IGA between the City and the District may be required in order to better describe the conditions under which these permitted services will be provided by the District. If the District is authorized to operate and maintain certain park and recreation improvements set forth in Exhibit D, any fee imposed by the District for access to such park and recreation improvements shall not result in non-District Colorado Springs residents paying a user fee that is greater than, or otherwise disproportionate to, similar Fees and taxes paid by residents of the District. However, the District shall be entitled to impose an administrative fee as necessary to cover additional expenses associated with non-District Colorado Springs residents to ensure that such costs are not the responsibility of the District residents. All such Fees shall be based upon the determination of the District imposing such fee that such fee does not exceed a reasonable annual market fee for users of such facilities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all parks and trails shall be open to the general public including non-District Colorado Springs residents free of charge.
- 2. <u>City Charter Limitations</u>. In accordance with Article 7-100 of the City Charter, the District shall not issue any Debt instrument for any purpose other than construction of capital improvements with a public purpose necessary for development.

As further set forth in Article 7-100 of the City Charter, the total Debt of any proposed District shall not exceed 10 percent of the total assessed valuation of the taxable property within the District unless approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the entire City Council.

- 8. Overlap Limitation. The District shall not consent to the organization of any other district organized under the Special District Act within the Service Area which will overlap the boundaries of the District unless the aggregate mill levy for payment of Debt of such proposed districts will not at any time exceed the Maximum Debt Mill Levy of the District.
 - 9. <u>Initial Debt Limitation</u>. On or before the date on which there is an Approved Development Plan, the District shall not (a) issue any Debt; (b) impose a mill levy for the payment of Debt by direct imposition or by transfer of funds from the operating fund to the Debt service funds; or (c) impose and collect any Fees used for the purpose of repayment of Debt.
- 11. <u>Fee Limitation.</u> The District may impose and collect Fees as a source of revenue for repayment of debt, capital costs, and/or for operations and maintenance. No Fee related to the funding of costs of a capital nature shall be authorized to be imposed upon or collected from Taxable Property owned or occupied by an End User which has the effect, intentional or otherwise, of creating a capital cost payment obligation in any year on any Taxable Property owned or occupied by an End User. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the restrictions in this definition shall not apply to any Fee imposed upon or collected from Taxable Property for the purpose of funding operation and maintenance costs of the District.
- 12. Monies from Other Governmental Sources. The District shall not apply for or accept Conservation Trust Funds, Great Outdoors Colorado Funds, or other funds available from or through governmental or nonprofit entities that the City is eligible to apply for, except pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the City. This Section shall not apply to specific ownership taxes which shall be distributed to and a revenue source for the District without any limitation.
- 13. <u>Consolidation Limitation</u>. The District shall not file a request with any court to consolidate with another Title 32 district without the prior written consent of the City.
- 14. <u>Bankruptcy Limitation</u>. All of the limitations contained in this Service Plan, including, but not limited to, those pertaining to the Maximum Debt Mill Levy and the Maximum Debt Mill Levy Imposition Term have been established under the authority of the City to approve a Service Plan with conditions pursuant to Section 32-1-204.5, CRS. It is expressly intended that such limitations:
- (a) Shall not be subject to set-aside for any reason or by any court of competent jurisdiction, absent a Service Plan Amendment; and

descriptions of the Public Improvements to be constructed, and their related costs, are estimates only and are subject to modification as engineering, development plans, economics, the City's requirements, and construction scheduling may require. Upon approval of this Service Plan, the District will continue to develop and refine cost estimates contained herein and prepare for issuance of Debt. All cost estimates will be inflated to then-current dollars at the time of the issuance of Debt and construction. All construction cost estimates assume construction to applicable local, State or Federal requirements.

VI. <u>FINANCIAL PLAN</u>

A. General

The District shall be authorized to provide for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, installation, relocation and/or redevelopment of the Public Improvements from its revenue and by and through the proceeds of Debt to be issued by the District. The Financial Plan for the District shall be to issue such Debt as the District can reasonably pay from revenue derived from the Maximum Debt Mill Levy and other legally available revenue, within the Maximum Debt Mill Levy Term for Residential Districts. The total Debt that the District shall be permitted to issue shall not exceed the total Debt issuance limitation set forth in Section V.A.10 hereof, and shall be permitted to be issued on a schedule and in such year or years as the District determine shall meet the needs of the Financial Plan referenced above and phased to serve development as it occurs. All bonds and other Debt issued by the District may be payable from any and all legally available revenue of the District, including general ad valorem taxes and Fees to be imposed upon all taxable property of the District. The District will also rely upon various other revenue sources authorized by law. These will include the power to assess Fees, rates, tolls, penalties, or charges as provided in the Special District Act or other State statutes. No District will be allowed to impose a sales tax.

B. <u>Maximum Voted Interest Rate and Maximum Underwriting Discount</u>

The interest rate on any Debt is expected to be the market rate at the time the Debt is issued. The proposed maximum interest rate on any Debt is not expected to exceed 18%. The proposed maximum underwriting discount will be 5%. Debt, when issued, will comply with all relevant requirements of this Service Plan, State law and Federal law as then applicable to the issuance of public securities.

C. No-Default Provisions

Debt issued by a District shall be structured so that failure to pay debt service when due shall not of itself constitute an event of default or result in the exercise of remedies. The foregoing shall not be construed to prohibit events of default and remedies for other occurrences including, without limitation, (1) failure to impose or collect the Maximum Debt Mill Levy or such portion thereof as may be pledged thereto, or to apply the same in accordance with the terms of the Debt, (2) failure to impose or collect other revenue sources lawfully pledged to the payment thereof or to apply the same in accordance with the terms of the Debt, (3) failure to abide by other covenants made in connection with such Debt, or (4) filing by a District as a debtor under any bankruptcy or other applicable insolvency laws. Notwithstanding the

and final) so that to the extent possible, the actual tax revenue generated by the mill levy, as adjusted for changes occurring after January 1, 2006, are neither diminished nor enhanced as a result of such changes. For purposes of the foregoing, a change in the ratio of actual valuation shall be deemed to be a change in the method of calculating assessed valuation.

To the extent that the District is composed of or subsequently organized into one or more sub districts as permitted under Section 32-1-1101, CRS, the term "District" as used in this Section VI.E. shall be deemed to refer to the District and to each such sub district separately, so that each of the sub districts shall be treated as a separate, independent district for purposes of the application of this Section VI.E.

F. Maximum Debt Mill Levy Imposition Term

Residential Districts shall not impose a Debt Service mill levy which exceeds 40 years after the year of the initial imposition of such Debt Service mill levy unless (1) a majority of the Board of Directors of the District imposing the mill levy are residents of such District, and (2) such Board has voted in favor of issuing Debt with a term which requires or contemplates the imposition of a Debt service mill levy for a longer period of time than the limitation contained herein. There shall be no Maximum Debt Mill Levy Imposition Term in Commercial Districts.

G. Debt Repayment Sources

Each District may impose a mill levy on taxable property within its boundaries as a primary source of revenue for repayment of debt service and for operations and maintenance. The District may also rely upon various other revenue sources authorized by law. At the District's discretion, these may include the power to assess Fees, rates, tolls, penalties, or charges as provided in Section 32-1-1001(l), CRS, as amended from time to time. In no event shall the debt service mill levy in any District exceed the Maximum Debt Mill Levy or, for a Residential District, the Maximum Debt Mill Levy Imposition Term.

H. <u>Debt Instrument Disclosure Requirement</u>

In the text of each Bond and any other instrument representing and constituting Debt, the District shall set forth a statement in substantially the following form:

By acceptance of this instrument, the owner of this Bond agrees and consents to all of the limitations in respect of the payment of the principal of and interest on this Bond contained herein, in the resolution of the District authorizing the issuance of this Bond and in the Service Plan for the District.

Similar language describing the limitations in respect of the payment of the principal of and interest on Debt set forth in this Service Plan shall be included in any document

B. Reporting of Significant Events

The annual report shall include information as to any of the following:

- 1. Boundary changes made or proposed to the District's boundary as of December 31 of the prior year.
- 2. Intergovernmental agreements with other governmental entities, either entered into or proposed as of December 31 of the prior year.
- 3. Copies of the District's rules and regulations, if any, as of December 31 of the prior year.
- 4. A summary of any litigation which involves the any District's Public Improvements as of December 31 of the prior year.
- 5. Status of the District's construction of the Public Improvements as of December 31 of the prior year.
- 6. A list of all facilities and improvements constructed by the District that have been dedicated to and accepted by the City as of December 31 of the prior year.
 - 7. The assessed valuation of the District for the current year.
- 8. Current year budget including a description of the Public Improvements to be constructed in such year.
- 9. Audit of the District financial statements for the year ending December 31 of the previous year prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or audit exemption, if applicable.
- 10. Notice of any uncured events of noncompliance by the District under any Debt instrument, which continue beyond a 90-day period.
- 11. Any inability of the District to pay their obligations as they come due, in accordance with the terms of such obligations, which continue beyond a 90-day period.
- 12. Copies of any Certifications of an External Financial Advisor provided as required by the Privately Placed Debt Limitation provision.

VIII. <u>DISSOLUTION</u>

Upon an independent determination of the City Council that the purposes for which the District was created have been accomplished, the District agrees to file petitions in the appropriate District Court for dissolution pursuant to the applicable State statutes. In no event shall a dissolution occur until the District has provided for the payment or discharge of all of its outstanding indebtedness and other financial obligations as required pursuant to State statutes.

EXHIBIT A

Legal Descriptions

EXHIBIT C-1

Initial District Boundary Map

EXHIBIT D

Description of Permitted Services to be Provided by the District

Description of Services

IGA Required (Yes or No)

[MULTIPLE DISTRICT PLAN]

MODEL SERVICE PLAN FOR

_ METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. ___

IN THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Prepared

by

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District No. 1: the	Metropolitan District No. 1.
District No. : the	Metropolitan District No
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District or Districts: any one or all o	f the District Nos. 1 through inclusive.

<u>{Note</u>: complete the above for all Districts to be organized. Districts are not permitted to use the name "City of Colorado Springs" in the name of the District}

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<u>Inclusion Area Boundaries</u>: the boundaries of the area described in the Inclusion Area Boundary Map.

<u>Inclusion Area Boundary Map</u>: the map attached hereto as Exhibit C-2, describing the property proposed for inclusion within one, but not any more than one, of the boundaries of the Districts.

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<u>Initial District Boundary Map</u>: the map attached hereto as Exhibit C-1, describing the District's initial boundaries.

IV. PROPOSED LAND USE/POPULATION PROJECTIONS/ASSESSED VALUATION

The Service Area consists of approximately acres of	land.	The
current assessed valuation of the Service Area is \$0.00 for purposes of this Service	e Plan	and, at
build out, is expected to be sufficient to reasonably discharge the Debt under the		ial Plan
The population of the Districts at build-out is estimated to be approximately	pe	eople.

Approval of this Service Plan by the City does not imply approval of the development of a specific area within the Districts nor does it imply approval of the number of residential units or the total site/floor area of commercial or industrial buildings identified in this Service Plan or any of the exhibits attached thereto, unless the same is contained within an Approved Development Plan.

V. <u>DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED POWERS, IMPROVEMENTS AND SERVICES</u>

A. Powers of the Districts and Service Plan Amendment

The Districts shall have the power and authority to provide the Public Improvements and related operation and maintenance services within and without the boundaries of the Districts as such power and authority is described in the Special District Act, and other applicable statutes, common law and the Constitution, subject to the limitations set forth herein.

- 1. Operations and Maintenance Limitation. The purpose of the Districts is to plan for, design, acquire, construct, install, relocate, redevelop, and finance the Public Improvements. The Districts shall dedicate the Public Improvements to the City or other appropriate jurisdiction or owners association in a manner consistent with the Approved Development Plan and other rules and regulations of the City and applicable provisions of the City Code. The Districts shall not be authorized to operate and maintain any part or all of the Public Improvements after such dedication, including park and recreation improvements, unless the provision of such ongoing operation and maintenance is specifically identified in Exhibit D attached hereto. In the City's sole discretion, an IGA between the City and the District may be required in order to better describe the conditions under which these permitted services will be provided by the District. If the Districts are authorized to operate and maintain certain park and recreation improvements set forth in Exhibit D, any fee imposed by the Districts for access to such park and recreation improvements shall not result in non-District residents paying a user fee that is greater than, or otherwise disproportionate to, similar Fees and taxes paid by residents of the Districts. However, the Districts shall be entitled to impose an administrative fee as necessary to cover additional expenses associated with non-District residents to ensure that such costs are not the responsibility of the Districts residents. All such Fees shall be based upon the determination of the District imposing such fee that such fee does not exceed a reasonable annual market fee for users of such facilities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all parks and trails shall be open to the general public including non-District residents free of charge.
- 2. <u>City Charter Limitations</u>. In accordance with Article 7-100 of the City Charter, the Districts shall not issue any Debt instrument for any purpose other than construction of capital improvements with a public purpose necessary for development.

- 7. <u>Inclusion Limitation</u>. The Districts shall not include within any of their boundaries any property outside the Service Area without the prior written consent of the City Council.
- 8. Overlap Limitation. The boundaries of the Districts shall not overlap unless the aggregate mill levy for payment of Debt of the overlapping Districts will not at any time exceed the Maximum Debt Mill Levy of the Districts. Additionally, the Districts shall not consent to the organization of any other district organized under the Special District Act within the Service Area which will overlap the boundaries of the Districts unless the aggregate mill levy for payment of Debt of such proposed districts will not at any time exceed the Maximum Debt Mill Levy of the Districts.
 - 9. <u>Initial Debt Limitation</u>. On or before the date on which there is an Approved Development Plan, the District shall not (a) issue any Debt, (b) impose a mill levy for the payment of Debt by direct imposition or by transfer of funds from the operating fund to the Debt service funds, or (c) impose and collect any Fees used for the purpose of repayment of Debt.

10. Total Debt Issuance Limitation. The issuance of all bonds or other debt			
instruments of Districts shall be subject to the approval of the City Council. City Council'	S		
review of the bonds or other debt instruments of the Districts shall be conducted to ensure			
compliance with the Service Plan and all applicable laws. The Districts shall not issue De	bt in		
an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$, provided that the foregoing	shall		
not include the principal amount of Debt issued for the purpose of refunding or refinancing	3		
lawfully issued Debt.			

OR

District No. ___ shall not issue Debt in an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$____, District No. ___ shall not issue Debt in an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$____, provided that the foregoing shall not include the principal amount of Debt issued for the purpose of refunding or refinancing lawfully issued Debt.

- 11. Fee Limitation. The District may impose and collect Fees as a source of revenue for repayment of debt, capital costs, and/or for operations and maintenance. No Fee related to the funding of costs of a capital nature shall be authorized to be imposed upon or collected from Taxable Property owned or occupied by an End User which has the effect, intentional or otherwise, of creating a capital cost payment obligation in any year on any Taxable Property owned or occupied by an End User. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the restrictions in this definition shall not apply to any Fee imposed upon or collected from Taxable Property for the purpose of funding operation and maintenance costs of the District.
- 12. <u>Monies from Other Governmental Sources</u>. The Districts shall not apply for or accept Conservation Trust Funds, Great Outdoors Colorado Funds, or other funds available from or through governmental or nonprofit entities that the City is eligible to apply for, except pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the City. This Section shall not apply to

B. <u>Preliminary Engineering Survey</u>

The Districts shall have authority to provide for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, installation, relocation, redevelopment, maintenance, and financing of the Public Improvements within and without the boundaries of the Districts, to be more specifically defined in an Approved Development Plan. An estimate of the costs of the Public Improvements which may be planned for, designed, acquired, constructed, installed, relocated, redeveloped, maintained or financed was prepared based upon a preliminary engineering survey and estimates derived from the Approved Development Plan on the property in the Service Area and is approximately \$_______.

The Districts shall be permitted to allocate costs between such categories of the Public Improvements as deemed necessary in their discretion.

All of the Public Improvements described herein will be designed in such a way as to assure that the Public Improvements standards will be compatible with those of the City and shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Approved Development Plan. All descriptions of the Public Improvements to be constructed, and their related costs, are estimates only and are subject to modification as engineering, development plans, economics, the City's requirements, and construction scheduling may require. Upon approval of this Service Plan, the Districts will continue to develop and refine cost estimates contained herein and prepare for issuance of Debt. All cost estimates will be inflated to then-current dollars at the time of the issuance of Debt and construction. All construction cost estimates assume construction to applicable local, State or Federal requirements.

C. <u>Multiple District Structure.</u>

It is anticipated that the Districts, collectively, will undertake the financing and construction of the Public Improvements. The nature of the functions and services to be provided by each District shall be clarified in an IGA between and among the Districts. The maximum term of such IGA shall be forty (40) years from its effective date. All such agreements will be designed to help assure the orderly development of the Public Improvements and essential services in accordance with the requirements of this Service Plan. Implementation of such IGA is essential to the orderly implementation of this Service Plan. Accordingly, except as may be otherwise provided in such IGA, any determination of any one of the Board of Directors to set aside at the Agreement without the consent of all of the Board of Directors of the other Districts shall be a material modification of the Service Plan. Said IGA may be amended by mutual agreement of the Districts without the need to amend this Service Plan.

VI. FINANCIAL PLAN

A. General

The Districts shall be authorized to provide for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, installation, relocation and/or redevelopment of the Public Improvements from its revenue and by and through the proceeds of Debt to be issued by the Districts. The Financial Plan for the Districts shall be to issue such Debt as the Districts can reasonably pay from revenue derived from the Maximum Debt Mill Levy and other legally available revenue, within the

- 1. For Residential Districts the Maximum Debt Mill Levy shall be calculated as follows:
- (a) The Maximum Debt Mill Levy shall be 30 mills; provided that if, on or after January 1, 2006, there are changes in the method of calculating assessed valuation or any constitutionally mandated tax credit, cut or abatement; the mill levy limitation applicable to such Debt may be increased or decreased to reflect such changes, such increases or decreases to be determined by the Board of the issuing District in good faith (such determination to be binding and final) so that to the extent possible, the actual tax revenue generated by the mill levy, as adjusted for changes occurring after January 1, 2006, are neither diminished nor enhanced as a result of such changes. For purposes of the foregoing, a change in the ratio of actual valuation shall be deemed to be a change in the method of calculating assessed valuation.
- (b) At such time as the Debt to Actual Market Value Ratio within a Residential District is equal to or less than three percent (3%), the Board of that Residential District may request City Council approval for the right to pledge such mill levy as is necessary to pay the Debt service on such Debt, without limitation of rate. At the time of such request, a majority of the members of the Board must consist of homeowners owning property within the District. Once Debt has been determined to meet the above criterion, so that the District is entitled to pledge to its payment an unlimited ad valorem mill levy, such District may provide that such Debt shall remain secured by such unlimited mill levy, notwithstanding any subsequent change in such District's Debt to Actual Market Value Ratio.
- 2. For Commercial Districts the Maximum Debt Mill Levy shall be calculated as follows:
- (a) The Maximum Debt Mill Levy shall be 50 mills; provided that if, on or after January 1, 2006, there are changes in the method of calculating assessed valuation or any constitutionally mandated tax credit, cut or abatement; the mill levy limitation applicable to such Debt may be increased or decreased to reflect such changes, such increases or decreases to be determined by the Board of the issuing District in good faith (such determination to be binding and final) so that to the extent possible, the actual tax revenue generated by the mill levy, as adjusted for changes occurring after January 1, 2006, are neither diminished nor enhanced as a result of such changes. For purposes of the foregoing, a change in the ratio of actual valuation shall be deemed to be a change in the method of calculating assessed valuation.

To the extent that the Districts are composed of or subsequently organized into one or more subdistricts as permitted under Section 32-1-1101, CRS, the term "District" as used in this Section VI.E. shall be deemed to refer to the District and to each such sub district separately, so that each of the subdistricts shall be treated as a separate, independent district for purposes of the application of this Section VI.E.

F. Maximum Debt Mill Levy Imposition Term

Residential Districts shall not impose a Debt Service mill levy which exceeds 40 years after the year of the initial imposition of such Debt Service mill levy unless (1) a majority

H. <u>Debt Instrument Disclosure Requirement</u>

In the text of each Bond and any other instrument representing and constituting Debt, the District shall set forth a statement in substantially the following form:

By acceptance of this instrument, the owner of this Bond agrees and consents to all of the limitations in respect of the payment of the principal of and interest on this Bond contained herein, in the resolution of the District authorizing the issuance of this Bond and in the Service Plan for the District.

Similar language describing the limitations in respect of the payment of the principal of and interest on Debt set forth in this Service Plan shall be included in any document used for the offering of the Debt for sale to persons including, but not limited to, a developer of property within the boundaries of the Districts.

I. Security for Debt

No Debt or other financial obligation of any Districts will constitute a debt or obligation of the City in any manner. The faith and credit of the City will not be pledged for the repayment of any Debt or other financial obligation of any Districts. This will be clearly stated on all offering circulars, prospectuses, or disclosure statements associated with any securities issued by any Districts. Districts shall not utilize the City of Colorado Springs' name in the name of the District.

J. <u>Maximum Operating Mill Levy</u>

In addition to the capital costs of the Public Improvements, the Districts will require operating funds for administration and to plan and cause the Public Improvements to be constructed and maintained. The first year's operating budget is estimated to be \$_____ which is anticipated to be derived from property taxes and other revenue.

The Maximum Operating Mill Levy for the payment of the Districts operating and maintenance expenses shall be 10 mills; provided that if, on or after January 1, 2006, there are changes in the method of calculating assessed valuation or any constitutionally mandated tax credit, cut or abatement; the mill levy limitation applicable to such operating and maintenance expenses may be increased or decreased to reflect such changes, such increases or decreases to be determined by the Board in good faith (such determination to be binding and final) so that to the extent possible, the actual tax revenue generated by the mill levy, as adjusted for changes occurring after January 1, 2006, are neither diminished nor enhanced as a result of such changes. For purposes of the foregoing, a change in the ratio of actual valuation shall be deemed to be a change in the method of calculating assessed valuation.

K. Developer Financial Assurances

The mere existence of the District will not be considered a substitute for financial assurances required under applicable City land use ordinances and regulations.

VIII. **DISSOLUTION**

Upon an independent determination of the City Council that the purposes for which the Districts were created have been accomplished, the Districts agree to file petitions in the appropriate District Court for dissolution pursuant to the applicable State statutes. In no event shall a dissolution occur until the Districts have provided for the payment or discharge of all of their outstanding indebtedness and other financial obligations as required pursuant to State statutes.

IX. DISCLOSURE TO PURCHASERS

The Districts will use reasonable efforts to assure that all developers of the property located within the Districts provide written notice to all purchasers of property in the Districts regarding the Maximum Debt Mill Levy, as well as a general description of the Districts' authority to impose and collect rates, Fees, tolls and charges. The form of notice shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit E hereto; provided that such form may be modified by the District so long as a new form is submitted to the City prior to modification. Within 90 days of District formation, the District will record the approved Disclosure form with the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder against all property included in the District and a copy to the City Clerk's Office.

X. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

It is submitted that this Service Plan for the Districts, as required by Section 32-1-203(2), CRS, and Section 122-35 of the City Code, establishes that:

- 1. There is sufficient existing and projected need for organized service in the area to be serviced by the Districts;
- 2. The existing service in the area to be served by the Districts is inadequate for present and projected needs;
- 3. The Districts are capable of providing economical and sufficient service to the area within its proposed boundaries; and
- 4. The area to be included in the Districts does have, and will have, the financial ability to discharge the proposed indebtedness on a reasonable basis.
- 5. Adequate service is not, and will not be, available to the area through the City or County or other existing municipal or quasimunicipal corporations, including existing special districts, within a reasonable time and on a comparable basis.
- 6. The facility and service standards of the District are compatible with the facility and service standards of the City within which the special district is to be located and each municipality which is an interested party under Section 32-1-204(1), CRS.
- 7. The proposal is in substantial compliance with a comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to the City Code.

EXHIBIT A

Legal Descriptions

EXHIBIT C-1

Initial District Boundary Map

EXHIBIT D

Description of Permitted Services to be Provided by the Districts

Description of Services

IGA Required (Yes or No)

EXHIBIT C

Special District Fee Final

Special District Application Type		Prop	Proposed Fee	
New Metro District Service	Plan	\$	1,100	
Amended Metro District Se	ervice Plan	\$	1,000	
New Business Improvemen	nt District	\$	1,200	
Amended Business Improv	rement District (Off-Cycle)	\$	1,100	
Inclusion/Exclusion to a Bu	siness Improvement District	\$	800	
Authorization of Debt Issua	nce by District	\$	1,100	
Other District Creation purs C.R.S.	suant to Title 31 and 32,	\$	2,000	
Special Appointments of Di	irectors	\$	900	