MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") made as of this ____ day of June, 2020, by and between the following communities of Ozaukee County, Wisconsin: City of Cedarburg, Town of Cedarburg, Village of Grafton, City of Mequon, City of Port Washington, Village of Saukville, and Village of Thiensville.

WHEREAS, the communities provide emergency medical, fire, and rescue services (collectively herein "Fire & EMS Services") to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the communities provide these services individually, through mutual aid, and shared services agreements; and

WHEREAS, the communities seek to continue to provide effective and efficient Fire & EMS Services to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the communities have determined that current and future budget considerations and constraints may become a challenge to providing effective and efficient Fire & EMS Services; and

WHEREAS, the communities agree to engage the services of the Wisconsin Policy Forum to study ways that Fire & EMS Services may be provided with synergy, reduced duplication, and increased flexibility; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Wisconsin Policy Forum is to study the communities to determine if benefits to the communities could exist such that Fire & EMS Services be provided through a yet-to-be-determined group of options that would sustain or improve upon the existing levels of service while controlling costs; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chiefs and Administrators from each participating community will meet regularly with Wisconsin Policy Forum staff during the study in order to have the opportunity to provide advice and feedback on possible new service delivery options; and

WHEREAS, communities agree to openly produce accurate records and data to the Wisconsin Policy Forum during the study; and

WHEREAS, communities may decide at any point during the study if they wish to remove themselves from the study; and

WHEREAS, the results and recommendations of the study are not binding upon the communities, but serve as a starting point for formal discussions should any of the participating communities decide to pursue further discussions; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0301 authorizes municipal governments to enter into intergovernmental agreements to share services and/or otherwise provide for the joint exercise of municipal powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and obligations set forth herein, it is mutually agreed between the City of Cedarburg, Town of Cedarburg, Village of Grafton, City of Mequon, City of Port Washington, Village of Saukville, and Village of Thiensville as follows:

1. City of Cedarburg, Town of Cedarburg, Village of Grafton, City of Mequon, City of Port Washington, Village of Saukville, and Village of Thiensville shall engage Wisconsin Policy Forum to conduct research at a cost not-to-exceed $22,000 and to provide guidance and potential options and/or recommendations with respect to sharing Fire & EMS Services on behalf of all of the aforementioned communities.

2. The cost of the Wisconsin Policy Forum work shall be split equally by the communities. Should Wisconsin Policy Forum require only one party to be invoiced directly, the invoiced party shall submit a request for reimbursement to the other communities who shall provide reimbursement for its share of the invoiced cost to the invoiced community within 30 days.

TOWN OF CEDARBURG

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David Salvaggio, Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk

CITY OF CEDARBURG

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Mike O'Keefe, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

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James Brunnquell, President

ATTEST:

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Clerk

CITY OF MEQUON

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John Wirth, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk

VILLAGE OF SAUKVILLE

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Barb Dickmann, President

ATTEST:

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Clerk

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON

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Martin Becker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk

VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE

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Van A. Mobley, President

ATTEST:

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Clerk

Ozaukee County Fire/EMS Study
Wisconsin Policy Forum
May 2020

Wisconsin Policy Forum Proposal: **$22,000**

Participating Municipalites	Responding Agency
City of Cedarburg	Cedarburg
City of Mequon	Mequon
City of Port Washington	Port Washington
Village of Grafton	Grafton
Village of Saukville	Saukville
Village of Thiensville	Thiensville
Town of Cedarburg	Cedarburg
Town of Grafton	Grafton
Town of Port Washington	Port Washington
Town of Saukville	Saukville

Allocation of Contributions:	Equal Split
City of Cedarburg	3,142.86
City of Mequon	3,142.86
City of Port Washington (includes Town of Port Washington)	3,142.86
Village of Grafton (includes Town to Grafton)	3,142.86
Village of Saukville (includes Town of Saukville)	3,142.86
Village of Thiensville	3,142.86
Town of Cedarburg	3,142.86
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Note:
Fredonia is discussing the possibility in participating in the study at their June 4th meeting.
Still waiting on responses back from Belgium and Waubeka.