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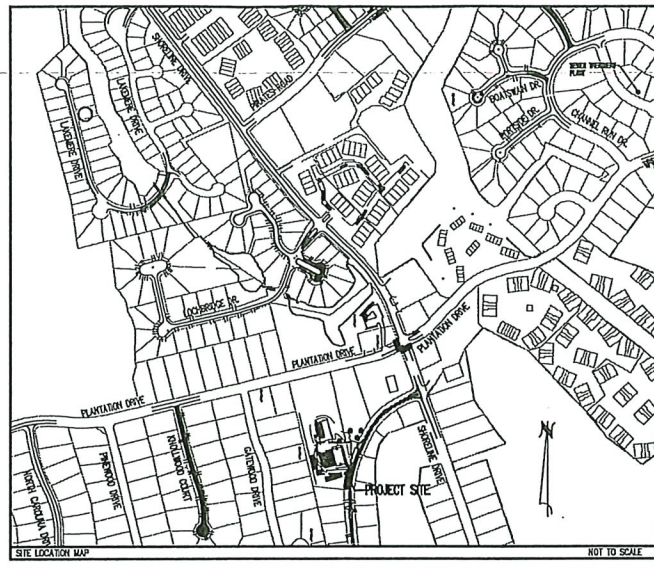
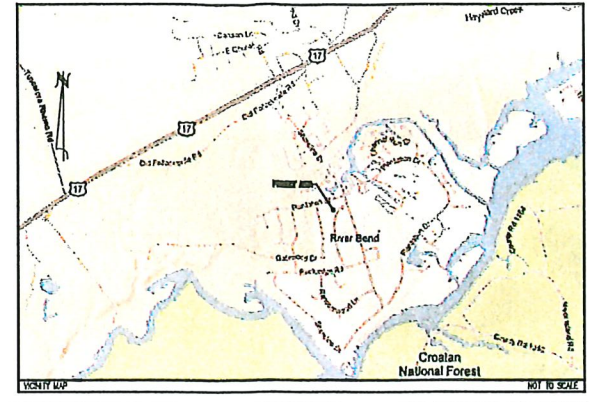
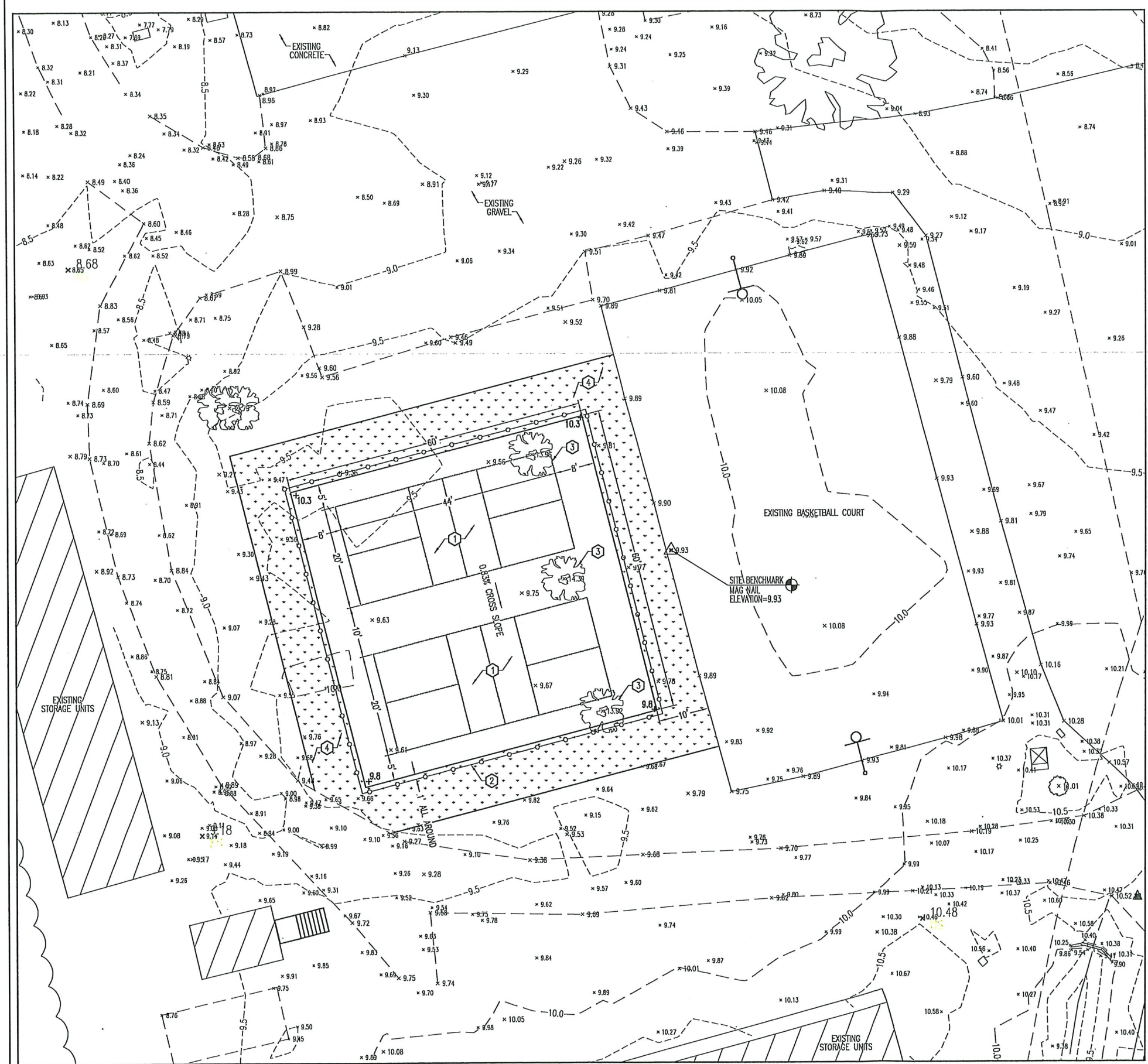
RIVER BEND TOWN COUNCIL PROPOSED AGENDA

Work Session Meeting
February 13, 2025
River Bend Town Hall – 45 Shoreline Drive
5:00 p.m.

1. **VOTE** – Agenda: Additions / Deletions / Adoption
2. Discussion – Pickle Ball Courts – Leonard
 - A. Q&A with Engineer Kevin Avolis
3. **VOTE** – ARPA Funding Policies – Jackson
 - A. Internal Control Policy
 - B. Property Management Policy
4. **VOTE** – Audit Contract for FY25-26 - Gilbert
5. Discussion – Communicating with Public Via Text Messages - Bledsoe
6. Discussion – Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 382 – Town Attorney
7. CLOSED SESSION – NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)
8. Discussion – Trademark of Town Seal – Benton
9. Discussion – Donations and Sponsorships - Benton
10. Review Agenda – Nobles
11. Adjournment

Pledge: Weaver

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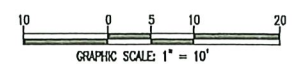


- GENERAL CONSTRUCTION NOTES:**
1. THE LOCATION AND DEPTHS OF EXISTING UTILITIES SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SCANNING THE AREA OF WORK TO IDENTIFY TO HIS OWN SATISFACTION THE EXTENT OF UTILITIES PRESENT INCLUDING THE UTILITIES INDICATED TO BE PRESENT, THOSE NOT SHOWN, AND THOSE SHOWN TO BE IN A DIFFERENT LOCATION.
 2. PHYSICAL SITE FEATURES OUTSIDE THE AREA OF WORK OR THOSE FEATURES NOT RELEVANT TO THE WORK BEING PERFORMED ARE NOT SHOWN FOR CLARITY.
 3. ALL EXISTING VEGETATED AREAS DISTURBED DURING CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE REVEGETATED WITH CENTIPEDE SOD.
- NEW WORK ITEMS:**
- 1 NEW CONCRETE PICKLE BALL SURFACE. SEE DETAILS, SHEET C2.
 - 2 PVC COATED CHAIN LINK FENCING, SEE DETAILS SHEET C2.
 - 3 REMOVE EXISTING TREE.
 - 4 INSTALL CENTIPEDE SOD 10' WIDE AREA AROUND ENTIRE COURT.

A SITE PLAN
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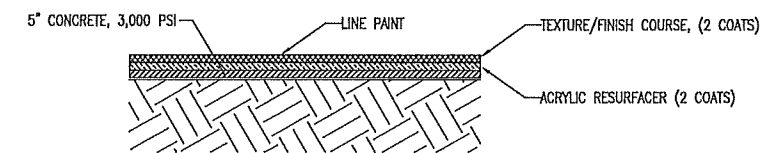
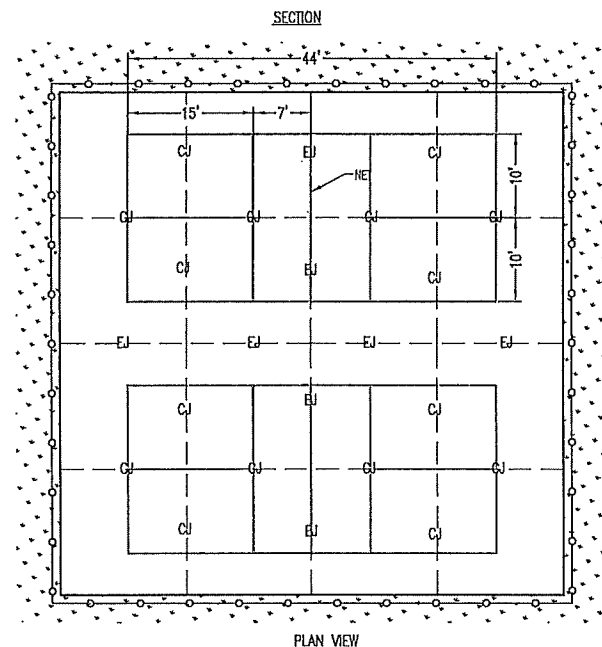
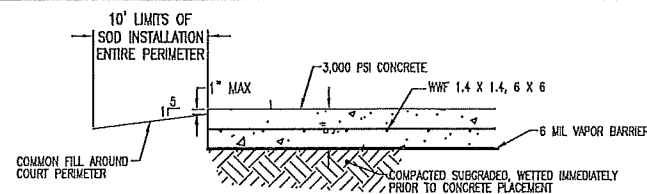
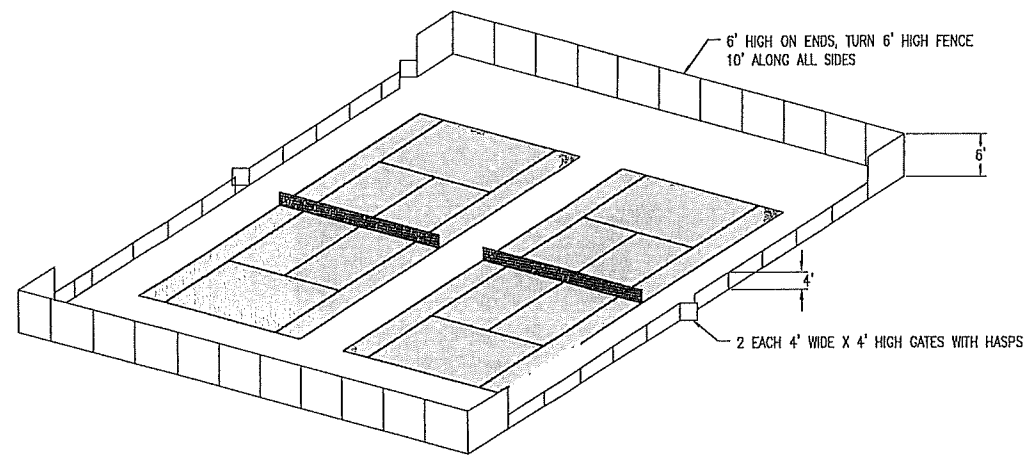
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PICKLE BALL COURT
TOWN OF RIVER BEND
CRAVEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLIN
SITE PLAN

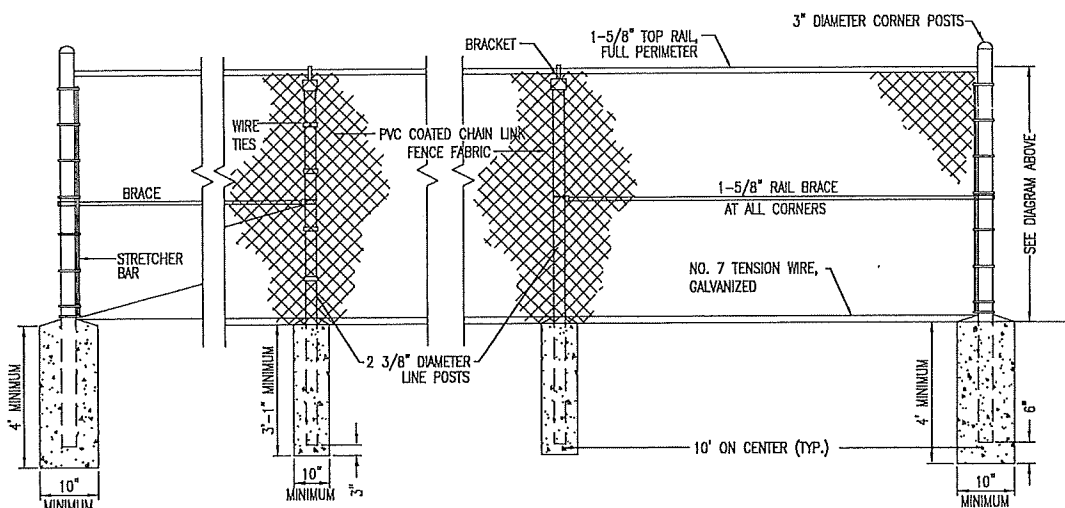
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- NOTES:
- SEE DETAIL B FOR COURT CONCRETE SECTION.
 - PICKLEBALL COURT CONCRETE SURFACE SHALL BE ALLOWED TO AGE FOR 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION OF THE SPORTS SURFACING MATERIALS.
 - THE SPORTS SURFACING MATERIAL SHALL BE AS MANUFACTURED BY A COMPANY NORMALLY ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF THE PRODUCT.
 - THE SPORTS SURFACING SHALL BE APPLIED BY A COMPANY NORMALLY ENGAGED IN THE APPLICATION OF THESE MATERIALS. PROVIDE THREE SATISFACTORY REFERENCE PROJECTS.
 - PROVIDE TWO COATS OF A SQUEEGEE APPLIED ACRYLIC SURFACER PRODUCT BLENDED WITH SAND & WATER AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MANUFACTURER. THE MATERIAL SHALL FILL VOIDS AND HIDE THE PROFILE OF THE CONCRETE SURFACE.
 - PROVIDE TWO COATS OF A COMBINATION SURFACE CONSISTING OF A FACTORY BLEND OF COURT PAINT AND SILICA SAND. THE FINISH SHALL HAVE A NON-SLIP TEXTURE.
 - COURT SURFACED SHALL BE STRIPED WITH TWO COATS OF A TEXTURED WHITE LINE PAINT. LINES SHALL BE TAPED OFF FOR PAINTING AND THE TAPE EDGES SEALED OFF TO PREVENT PAINT MIGRATION UNDER THE TAPE.

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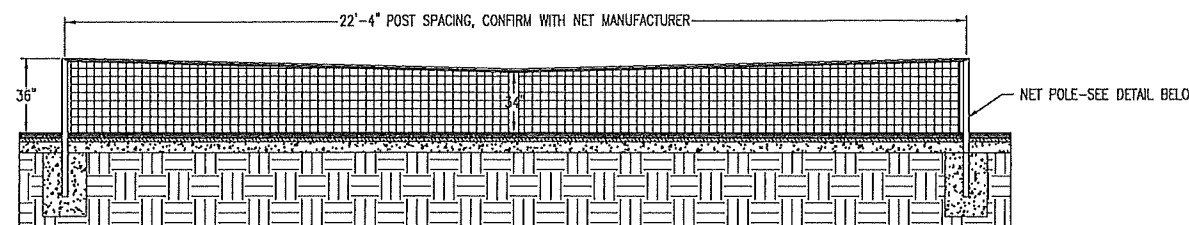


- NOTES:
- OUTSIDE EDGE OF FENCE POSTS SHALL BE SET 9\"/>

A PICKLEBALL COURT FENCING
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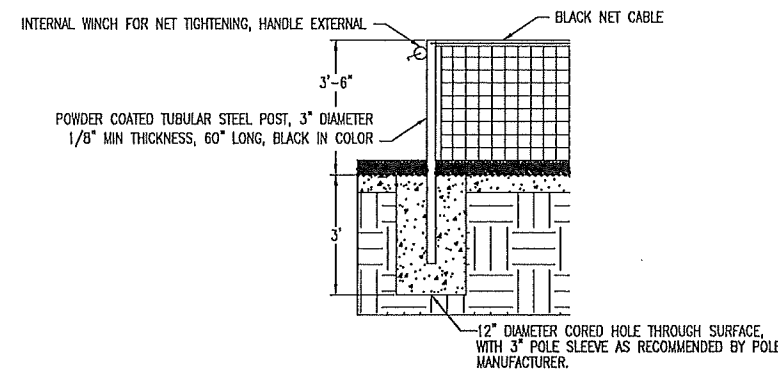
- NOTES:
- EJ = EXPANSION JOINT, PROVIDE CONCRETE JOINT SEALANT COMPATIBLE WITH SPORTS SURFACING OVER EXPANSION JOINT MATERIAL.
 - CJ = SAWN CONTRACTION JOINT. FILL JOINT WITH CONCRETE SEALANT COMPATIBLE WITH SPORTS SURFACING MATERIAL.
 - JOINTS SHALL BE STRAIGHT AND NEAT.
 - CONCRETE SLAB SHALL BE PLACED IN FOUR SECTIONS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE EXPANSION JOINT PLACEMENT.
 - CONTRACTION JOINTS SHALL BE SAWN WITHIN 24 HOURS OF CONCRETE PLACEMENT.
 - EXPANSION JOINT MATERIAL SHALL BE SYNTHETIC AND ZIP STRIPS SHALL BE USED.
 - CONCRETE TO HAVE A MEDIUM BROOM FINISH.
 - FOG MOISTEN SURFACE & COVER SURFACE WITH POLYETHYLENE WITHIN 20 MINUTES OF PLACING & FINISHING. KEEP COVERED FOR 7 DAYS & BARRICADE FOR NO TRAFFIC. DO NOT USE CURING COMPOUNDS DUE TO SPORTS COATING ADHESION ISSUES.
 - COMPACT CONCRETE EDGES ALONG FORMS TO ELIMINATE EDGE VOIDS.
 - THERE SHALL BE NO VARIATION GREATER THAN 1/4\"/>

B CONCRETE COURT SECTION AND JOINTING PLAN
SCALE: NTS



- NETTING TO BE 3 MM MINIMUM BRAIDED POLYETHYLENE.
- THE NET HEAD BAND SHALL BE NON-ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT RESISTANT.
- PROVIDE 1/2\"/>

C PICKLEBALL COURT NET
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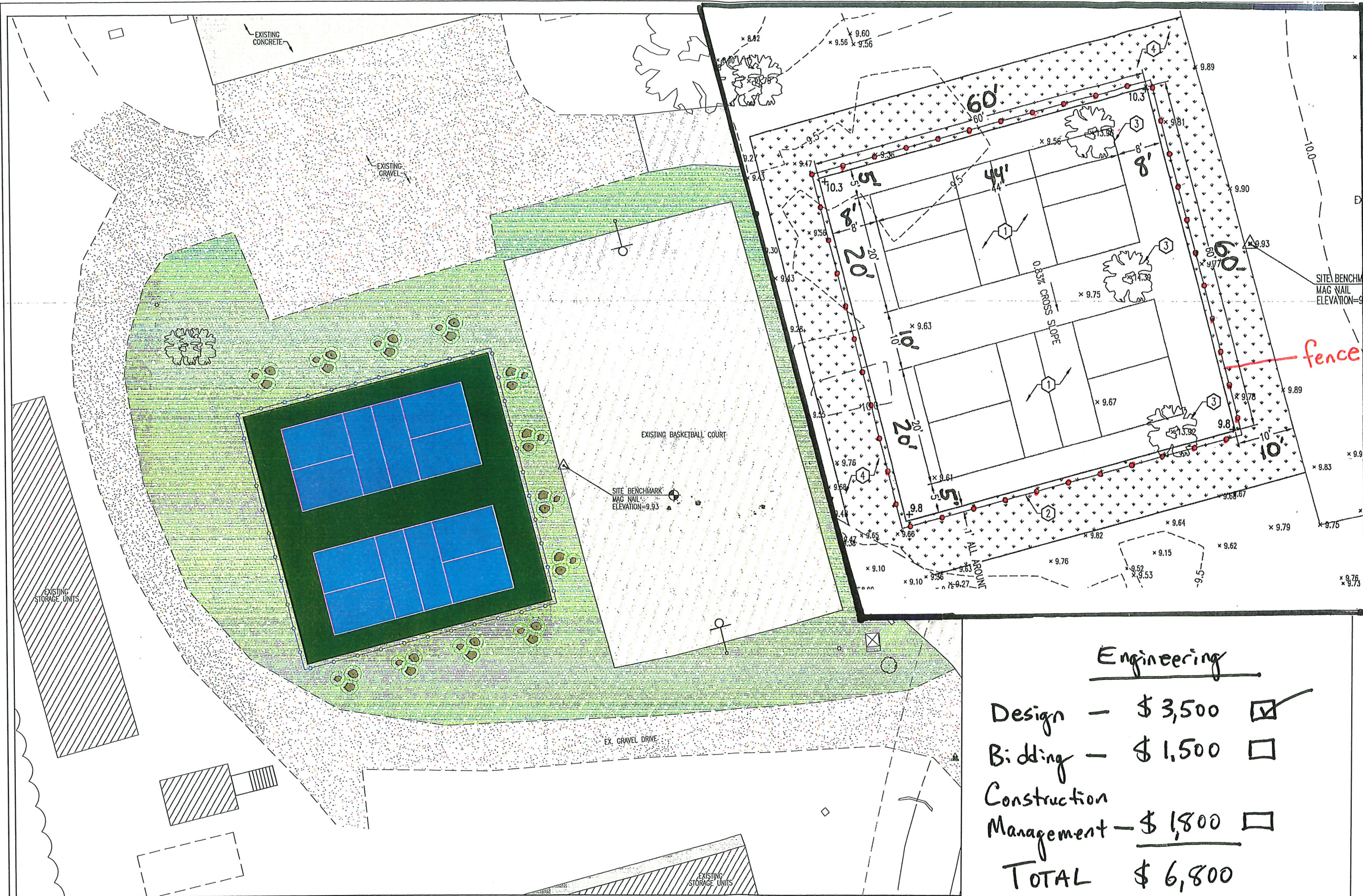
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DETAILS

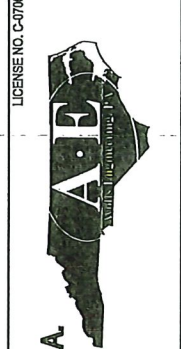
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PICKLE BALL COURT
 TOWN OF RIVER BEND
 CRAVEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
 SITE CONCEPT PLAN

Engineering
 Design — \$ 3,500
 Bidding — \$ 1,500
 Construction Management — \$ 1,800
TOTAL \$ 6,800

Construction Estimate -
 \$ 75,000 - \$ 85,000

A SITE CONCEPT PLAN
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 PLAN NORTH

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Craven County GIS

Craven County does NOT warrant the information shown on this map and should be used ONLY for tax assessment purposes. Printed on January 2, 2025 at 2:05:30 PM

1 inch = 83 feet



Town of River Bend

Internal Control Policy

Definitions

- **Management** refers to employees who have direct responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the entity, including the implementation of internal controls. For the purposes of this policy, “management” includes: Town Manager, Finance Director, Department Heads, Finance Assistant.
- **Oversight Body**, as referenced in the Government Accountability Office’s Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government, refers to an appointed body designated to perform oversight at the direction of the governing board. The oversight body of a local government is, by default, the governing board.

Policy Overview and Purpose

Internal control is a process effected by an entity’s oversight body, management, and other personnel that provides reasonable assurance that the objectives of an entity will be achieved. This policy outlines the internal control process established by the Town of River Bend (hereinafter Town) to provide reasonable assurances that the unit will expend ARP/CSLFRF award funds in compliance with governing laws and regulations. This document is adopted in accordance with the following directive from U.S. Treasury’s Compliance and Reporting Guidance: “Per 2 CFR Part 200.303, your organization must develop and implement effective internal controls to ensure that funding decisions under the ARP/CSLFRF award constitute eligible uses of funds, and document determinations.”

Internal Control Framework:

The Town’s internal controls are modeled after the internal control framework set forth in the Government Accountability Office’s Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government (the “Green Book”). As described in the Green Book, Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining the internal control system in compliance with the duties outlined in this policy. The Oversight Body’s primary role is to ensure management performs its internal control responsibilities. However, every employee bears some responsibility for the internal control process.

The Green Book Recognizes Five Components of Internal Control: Control Environment, Risk Assessment, Control Activities, Information and Communication, and Monitoring

The Town understands that each component must be present and functioning for the internal control process to operate at the optimal level. The responsibilities tied to each of the components are discussed below.

1. Control Environment

The control environment is the foundation for all other components of internal control, providing discipline and structure. Management values integrity, ethics, and competence in all operations, including the administration of federal awards. Management communicates and reinforces its expectations throughout the organization. Examples of management’s commitment to internal controls over expenditures of ARP/CSLFRF funds include, but are not limited to, the

following:

- Management demonstrates a commitment to integrity and ethical values through its leadership, communications, personnel practices, and daily actions.
- Management conducts ongoing risk assessments to identify internal control weaknesses that may negatively impact the proper administration of the ARP/CSLFRF award.
- Management is committed to educating itself and staff on the compliance requirements tied to the administration of the ARP/CSLFRF award.
- Management adopts policies necessary to ensure compliance with the Uniform Guidance and the ARP/CSLFRF award terms and conditions.

2. Risk Assessment

Management is committed to identifying and managing the risks that may arise during the administration of the ARP/CSLFRF award. The risk assessment component of internal control involves management evaluating the risks the entity faces that could negatively impact its ability to achieve its objectives. These objectives include:

- **Operational Objectives:** All assets are appropriately safeguarded against risks of fraud, theft, loss, or abuse.
- **Reporting Objectives:** Finance systems and processes produce accurate and reliable financial reporting for federal award expenditures. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) is complete and accurate.
- **Compliance Objectives:** Ensure ARP/CSLFRF awards funds are expended in compliance with the award terms and conditions, federal and state law, and U.S. Treasury guidance.

Risk Identification

Management shall identify risks that may impair the Town's ability to achieve its objectives. Management shall focus its risk assessment on areas of opportunity for employees to commit fraud. Specific areas and types of risk include:

- rapid growth in operations,
- changes in personnel,
- organizational restructuring, such as centralizing or decentralizing,
- new activities or service areas,
- new or revised information systems,
- new technologies in service delivery or information systems,
- changes in the operating or regulatory environment, and
- new or updated accounting and/or financial reporting practices.

Uniform Guidance Compliance & Risk Identification

There are specific risks that arise in the administration of a grant award. Management will identify areas of risk that may impair the Town's ability to comply with the ARP/CSLFRF award's terms and conditions and/or applicable state and federal law and regulations.

Specifically, the Town will evaluate risks of non-compliance in the following compliance areas:

- Eligibility,
- Allowable Costs/Cost Principles,
- Period of Performance,
- Financial Management,
- Property Management,
- Procurement,
- Subrecipient Monitoring, and
- Program Income.

Risk Analysis

Management shall determine the potential severity of liabilities associated with the risks identified by weighing the likelihood of occurrence against the degree of impact.

Likelihood × Impact = Risk Priority

After rating each risk for likelihood & impact, multiply to identify which risks are highest priority to control for.

		Risk Priority				
Likelihood	5	5	10	15	20	25
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	1	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5
		Impact				

Priority Rank Scale	
Low	1 to 4
Moderate	5 to 9
High	10 to 19
Very High	20+

Risk Response

Management shall review the results of the risk analysis and determine whether to implement control activities to mitigate risks. Management will respond to identified risks in one of three ways:

- accept the risk,
- reduce the risk by implementing control activities to help prevent or detect issues, or
- avoid the risk by not pursuing certain activities.

Management shall consider the relative cost of implementing controls versus the benefit(s) offered in deciding whether to mitigate risk(s) through the implementation of control activities. When possible, control activities will be implemented to mitigate risks that rate “High” or “Very High” on the Likelihood/Impact scale.

3. Control Activities

Control activities are the actions taken by management to respond to risks that may prevent the entity from achieving its objectives. The internal control activities are either preventative or detective. The Town uses a variety of control activities that support strong internal controls, including, but not limited to the following:

- written policies and procedures,
- segregation of duties: separating authorization, custody, record-keeping, and reconciliation functions,
- authorizations to undertake projects/programs/expenditure,
- reconciliation of accounts and records,
- documentation and record-keeping,
- physical controls, including locks, physical barriers, and security systems to protect physical assets,
- IT controls, including passwords, access logs, and firewalls to protect sensitive data and restrict access to electronic data and files,
- staff training, or
- a combination of the above

4. Information and Communication

The Town communicates accurate and quality information to internal staff and personnel and to external stakeholders and community members. Communication plays an integral role in the internal control system by helping to promote transparency regarding the use of public funds. Management shall be responsible for communicating internal control processes

to those employees directly involved in finance and/or grant administration. Management will communicate its policies, procedures, and internal controls through various programs, training, and electronic communication.

Information regarding pertinent policies, processes, and control activities will flow down, across, and up the organizational structure. Internal control deficiencies should be reported upstream, with serious matters reported immediately to top-level management and/or to the governing board. Employees are required to report any critical issues within the internal control system to management as soon as possible after the discovery.

To ensure transparency regarding the use of ARP/CSLFRF funds, the Town shall communicate quality information to community members and external stakeholders. The communication channels may include:

- The Town maintains a webpage to highlight projects undertaken with ARP/ CSLFRF award funds.
- Capital Project Ordinances and other reports are posted to the webpage.
- Governing board members and management are willing to engage directly with community members and answer questions via email and/or provide updates during regularly scheduled meetings.

5. Monitoring

The Town shall conduct ongoing monitoring of the internal control system to identify its strengths and weaknesses. Internal and external audits will be conducted pursuant to federal and state law. These audit processes will test the effectiveness of internal controls over federal and state awards.

Internal Controls & Uniform Guidance Compliance

Financial Management, 2 CFR § 200.302

Overview:

The Town must have a financial management system in place to satisfy the requirements set forth in 2 CFR 200.302. The Town will rely on its existing accounting processes and procedures, to track the obligations and expenditures of ARP/CSLFRF funds.

Objectives:

Ensure compliance with the following requirements set forth in 2 CFR 200.302, as follows:

1. Track all federal awards received and related expenditures separately for each federal program.
2. Provide accurate, current, and complete financial data to enable the disclosure of the results of each federal award.
3. Identify the source and application of funds (i.e., the system must be able to track authorizations, obligations, and disbursements, and tie any expenditures to eligible uses of ARP/CSLFRF funds.
4. Maintain control over, and accountability for, all funds, property, and other assets.
5. Compare budgeted amounts with actual expenditures.
6. Expenditures must be supported by the Town's written procedures for determining the allowability, reasonableness, and allocability of costs.

Control Activities:

- Thew Town's practice is to set up a grant project ordinance to separately account for and track expenditures of ARP/CSLFRF funds.
- Utilize a financial management system that meets the standards outlined in 2 CFR 200.302.

Segregation of Duties:

Duties and functions related to financial reporting are segregated to ensure no one person has control over all parts of a financial transaction.

Documentation:

Documentation of financial transactions is complete and accurate and facilitates tracing the transaction from authorization and initiation through disbursement.

- Finance Director shall ensure that, at a minimum, accounting records evidencing authorizations, obligations, and expenditures of ARP/CSLFRF funds are created and retained according to record retention requirements.
- Source documentation is retained, including paid invoices, payrolls, time and attendance records, contracts, and subaward documents.

Reporting:

Finance Director shall prepare monthly reports for the governing board that includes updates for grant project expenditures and a comparison of budget to actuals.

Reconciliation:

General ledger and subsidiary ledgers used to account for the receipt and disbursements of ARP/CSLFRF funds are reconciled monthly against account balances by someone who does not have record-keeping/bookkeeping functions.

Communication & Monitoring:

The Finance Director is responsible for communicating the financial management requirements and associated control activities to the appropriate personnel. All employees within the finance and accounting office have responsibility for internal controls, including the ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of internal control activities over the financial management system.

Eligibility

Overview:

The Town is responsible for ensuring ARP/CSLFRF funds are expended on eligible projects and programs. The process for making eligibility determinations is described in the Town's Eligible Use Policy.

Objectives:

1. Ensure that supported projects and programs under the ARP/CSLFRF are eligible under one of the expenditure categories. (Eligible uses include projects identified in the Final Rule that fit within one of the four eligible use categories: COVID-19/Negative Economic Impacts, Revenue Replacement, Premium Pay, Investment in Necessary Broadband and Water/Sewer Infrastructure.)
2. Document eligibility review and project determinations.
3. Establish processes to ensure funds are not expended on ineligible uses. (Prohibited uses include bulk deposits into pension funds, debt services, replenishing financial reserves,

the satisfaction of settlements and judgments, support for programs that undermine the effort to stop the spread of COVID-19, and any use that would violate state or local law.)

Control Activities:

- **Eligible Use Policy:** The Town has adopted an ARP/CSLFRF Eligible Use Policy that explains the eligible uses of ARP/CSLFRF award funds and includes the Town's process for reviewing and documenting eligibility determinations.
- **Authorization: Town Manager** has reviewed applicable Treasury guidance, including the Final Rule, and has trained staff to conduct initial eligibility reviews for all project or program requests.
- **Documentation:** Each department is encouraged to use the SOG's Sample Eligibility Worksheet to document the review process. This documentation is retained for the five-year record retention period. Town Manager is responsible for overseeing compliance with documentation and record retention requirements.

Communication & Monitoring:

Management will communicate eligibility requirements and project determinations internally to staff and externally to community members and stakeholders. Management will periodically review a sample of eligibility determinations to ensure that documentation is being maintained and that the supported projects are eligible.

Allowable Costs/Cost Principles, 2 CFR §§ 200.400 to 200.476

Overview:

The Town has a written Allowable Cost/Cost Principles policy for compliance with 2 CFR 200 § 202.

Objectives:

1. Ensure all costs charged to the federal award are allowable as defined in the Uniform Guidance, Subpart E—Cost Principles.
2. Consistently apply local policies to both federally financed and non-federally financed activities.
3. Treat costs consistently as direct or indirect costs.
4. Adequately document evidence of allowable cost review and other compliance requirements as necessary.
5. When applicable, appropriately charge indirect costs using either the Negotiated Independent Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) or the de minimis rate of 10 percent.

Control Activities:

- **Policy:** The Town has adopted an Allowable Cost/Cost Principles Policy, as required by 2 CFR 200.302.
- **Segregation of duties:** When possible, duties are segregated between those who initiate, approve, and record financial transactions.
- **Training:** Management trains staff to conduct an allowable cost review in compliance with the UG Cost Principles. (See Cost Principles Policy for specific compliance requirements.)
- **Documentation:** Town Manager shall ensure that documentation evidencing compliance

with the Cost Principles is created and maintained through December 31, 2031. At a minimum, cost items will be reviewed for allowability prior to being charged to the federal award.

Communication & Monitoring:

Management shall ensure that staff is adequately trained to recognize allowable costs and associated compliance requirements for each eligibility category. Management shall periodically test the control activities by reviewing a sample of cost items charged to the ARP/CSLFRF award for allowability. Management will also test whether costs are charged to the proper project codes within the grant project ordinance.

Period of Performance

Overview:

The Period of Performance covers the period of time the Town may obligate and expend ARP/CSLFRF funds. ARP/CSLFRF funds must be used for costs incurred between March 3, 2021, and December 31, 2024. For a cost to be incurred, the funds must be obligated (e.g., contract executed/pre-audit stage). All obligated funds must be expended by December 31, 2026. Any unspent award funds must be returned to the Treasury.

Objective:

Ensure that all obligations and expenditures are incurred during the ARP/CSLFRF award's period of performance.

Control Activities:

- Management reviews obligation dates to ensure that all obligations are made for costs incurred between March 3, 2021, and December 31, 2024.
- Management trains staff to review obligation and expenditure dates on contracts, or when performing eligibility and allowable cost reviews.

Communication & Monitoring:

Management shall communicate pertinent dates, including the period of performance, to any staff responsible for obligating or expending federal award funds. Periodic testing by management will ensure that all obligations are incurred between March 3, 2021, and December 31, 2024.

Procurement, Suspension & Debarment, 2 CFR §§ 200.317 to 200.327

Overview:

When expending ARP/CSLFRF funds the Town will follow all federal procurement rules outlined in the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR §§ 200.318–200.327) as well as its own internal policies. Where established local or state rules are more strict than federal rules, the recipient must follow the most restrictive rule.

Objectives:

The Finance Department recognizes it must satisfy the minimum federal procurement requirements, as follows:

1. Adopt a written procurement policy that considers the procurement standards in § 200.318, which includes bidding contracts in compliance

- with federal bidding thresholds, oversight of contractors' performance, and maintaining records to document the history of procurements.
2. Provide full and open competition in conducting procurements, consistent with the standards outlined in § 200.319 and § 200.320, which allow for non-competitive procurements only in limited circumstances.
 3. Comply with the requirements of § 200.320(a) when using the micro-purchase and small purchase methods of procurement.
 4. Use the sealed bids method for procurement contracts exceeding the simplified threshold. Utilize the competitive proposals method when sealed bidding is not possible.
 5. Ensure noncompetitive procurement methods meet the conditions set forth under § 200.320(c).
 6. Perform a cost or price analysis for every procurement action in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, including contract modifications.
 7. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.319(b), if a firm assists in the development or drafting of specifications, statements of work, or bids or RFPs, the firm must be excluded from competing for the procurement.
 8. Ensure that all contracts include the applicable contract provisions required by § 200.327 and described in Appendix II of 2 CFR 200.
 9. Verify that a contractor is eligible by reviewing the suspended and debarred list on SAM.gov.
 10. Restrict access to sensitive contractor information, such as Social Security numbers or federal tax ID numbers.

General Procurement Control Activities:

- Procurement Policy: The Town maintains documented procurement procedures that are consistent with the standards outlined in §§ 200.317 through 200.327. This policy contains detailed processes and control activities for procurements made with federal funds.
- The Town Council must approve all contracts.
- Town Manager is responsible for monitoring and documenting the performance of a contract for compliance with contract terms, conditions, and other specifications.
- Prenumbered purchase orders are used.
- A pre-audit certificate that is signed by the [finance officer or designated deputy] is attached to all purchase orders, invoices, or other contract obligations.
- Ensure purchasing forms have multiple copies so other departments, such as receiving and accounts payable, can be notified of the authorization.
- Micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotes if a determination is made that the price is reasonable.
- Cost items shall be reviewed for allowability pursuant to the review process set forth in the Allowable Cost Policy.
- Town Manager is responsible for identifying qualified vendors and rotating purchases made under the micro-purchase threshold among different suppliers. Management shall periodically check compliance with this control activity.
- Town Manager shall verify that contractors are not on the suspended or debarred list. A screenshot of the record check shall be maintained.
- Access to sensitive contractor information, such as Social Security numbers or federal tax ID numbers, is restricted.

Segregation of Duties:

- Duties are segregated between authorization, custody, record-keeping, and reconciliation.
- The person who sets up new contractors in the accounting system or edits information on existing vendors (record-keeping) is not the same as the person writing the checks

(authorization).

- Reconciliations are performed by an employee who does not have record-keeping duties.
- Invoices and other supporting documentation are thoroughly reviewed prior to the invoice being approved (e.g., compare the receiving or packaging slip against the authorization).

Documentation:

Documenting the history of procurements is a top internal control priority for the Town. All request personnel shall be trained on documentation and record retention policies. [Ideally, management will require the use of standard forms and templates for purchase orders, contracts, requests for proposals/bids, cost/price analyses, bid evaluation, etc.]

- Bid documents shall reflect all steps in the procurement process, including:
 - bid specifications and proof of advertisement (if required),
 - rationale for the selected method of procurement,
 - bid submissions,
 - evaluation criteria,
 - basis for contractor selection or rejection,
 - justification for lack of competition, when applicable,
 - basis for award cost or price, and
 - contract agreement, including required UG contract clauses.
- Source documentation relating to procurements must be retained and should include sufficient details to support the transaction, including:
 - cost and quantity of items purchased,
 - model numbers,
 - purchase orders with pre-audit certificates, and
 - personnel who authorized the sale, if applicable.
- All records shall be maintained for a period of five (5) years after the ARP/CSLFRF period of performance (through December 31, 2031).

Communication & Monitoring:

Management shall ensure purchasing and finance staff understand federal procurement laws. Additional training shall be provided as necessary. Management will periodically review purchase orders and contracts to ensure that all charges are accounted for in the period in which the cost occurred and fall within the period of performance.

Property Management, 2 CFR §§ 200.310 to 200.316

Overview:

The Town will follow the applicable provisions of its Property Management Policy.

Objectives:

1. Ensure real property, personal property, supplies, and equipment are used in compliance with the UG property standards (2 CFR 200.310–

316), and subject to the requirements set out in FAQ 13.16.

2. Ensure documentation is maintained to substantiate any determination on whether the use of an asset is authorized for a particular purpose during and after the award period of performance.
3. Establish adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of property.
4. Follow adequate maintenance procedures to keep equipment in good condition.
5. Ensure proper disposition of real property and equipment in accordance with § 200.311(c) and § 200.313 (e).

Control Activities:

- **Insurance Coverage:** Purchase equivalent insurance coverage for real property and equipment as is provided to other property owned by the Town. 2 CFR § 200.310.
- **Property Management Policy:** Town has adopted a Property Management Policy that sets forth property management processes, including procedures for record-keeping, reporting, and disposition responsibilities for real and personal property.
- **Real Property Reporting:** Town Manager shall oversee the annual reporting requirements for any real property or personal property acquired with federal awards funds. Standard Form 429 shall be used to report real property and the Standard Form 428 shall be used to report tangible personal property, including equipment.
- **Equipment Management:** The Town has procedures for managing equipment, whether acquired in whole or in part under a federal award, until disposition takes place. The Town will, at a minimum, meet the following requirements:
 - Maintain equipment records that include a description of equipment, serial number/ model number, source of funding, acquisition date, location and condition of equipment, unit acquisition cost, and final data, including date of disposal, sales price, and method used to determine fair market value. § 200.313(d).
 - Ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of property. Such safeguards may include attaching property tags to federally owned equipment that includes the FAIN. Any loss, damage, or theft will be investigated. § 200.313(d).
 - Regular maintenance will be performed to keep the property in good condition.
 - A physical inventory of equipment will be performed, and the results reconciled with the property records, at least once every two years.
 - If the Town is authorized or required to sell equipment, proper sales procedures will be used to ensure the highest possible return.

Communication & Monitoring:

Management will train employees to understand the various compliance requirements set forth in the Uniform Guidance property management standards. Periodic testing of established controls shall be performed to ensure that all reporting and property management requirements are satisfied for both real property and equipment.

Subrecipient Risk Assessment & Monitoring, 2 CFR §§ 200.331 to 200.333

Overview:

The Town will not be making any subawards, therefore this section does not apply. When applicable, The Town will adopt and follow a Subaward Policy.

Program Income, 2 CFR § 200.307**Overview:**

The Town's projects will not be producing program income. When applicable, the Town will adopt and follow a Program Income Policy with the following provisions:

Objectives:

1. Separately track and account for program income during the ARP/CSLFRF award's period of performance.
2. Expend program income on eligible projects and programs during the period of performance (program income is added to the total ARP/CSLFRF award).

Control Activities:

- On a monthly basis, recorded program income is reconciled with supporting documentation, such as loan ledgers and other accounting records.
- Program income is separately tracked and accounted for within the grant project ordinance.
- Management ensures program income is added to the total ARP/CSLFRF award and used to support eligible projects and programs.
- Individuals who collect cash or other receipts are different from those who deposit receipts, generate invoices, record general ledger activity, and reconcile bank statements.

Communication & Monitoring:

Management shall identify program income requirements and communicate compliance requirements to staff. Management shall periodically review accounting records to ensure program income is separately accounted for during the award period of performance.

- Records Retention Policy (ARP/CSLFRF records shall be maintained for five years after the period of performance),
- Civil Rights Compliance Policy, and
- Nondiscrimination Policy.

TOWN OF RIVER BEND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT POLICY
RELATED TO THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS BY NORTH
CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS the Town of River Bend , has received an allocation of funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP/CSLFRF); and

WHEREAS the funds may be used for projects within these categories, to the extent authorized by state law.

1. Support COVID-19 public health expenditures, by funding COVID-19 mitigation and prevention efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, preventing and responding to violence, and certain public health and safety staff;
2. Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to households, small businesses, non-profits, impacted industries, and the public sector;
3. Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
4. Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and,
5. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet; and

WHEREAS the ARP/CSLFRF are subject to the provisions of the federal Uniform Grant Guidance, 2 CFR Sect. 200 (UG), as provided in the Assistance Listing; and

WHEREAS the Compliance and Reporting Guidance for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (v4.1 June 2022) provides, in relevant part:

Equipment and Real Property Management. Any purchase of equipment or real property with SLFRF funds must be consistent with the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart D. Equipment and real property acquired under this program must be used for the originally authorized purpose. Consistent with 2 CFR 200.311 and 2 CFR 200.313, any equipment or real property acquired using SLFRF funds shall vest in the non-Federal entity. Any acquisition and maintenance of equipment or real property must also be in compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

WHEREAS Subpart D of the UG dictates title, use, management, and disposal of real property, equipment, and supplies acquired in whole or in part with ARP/CSLFRF funds;

BE IT RESOLVED that the governing board of the Town of River Bend hereby adopts and enacts the following UG Property Management Policy for the expenditure of ARP/CSLFRF funds.

Adopted this the 13th day of February, 2025

Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristie Nobles, Town Clerk

Town of River Bend Property Management Policy
(for Real Property, Equipment, and Supplies) Acquired with American
Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery
Funds

I. POLICY OVERVIEW

Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, commonly called Uniform Guidance (UG), specifically Subpart D, details post award requirements related to property management of property acquired or updated, in whole or in part, with funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP/CSLFRF).

2 CFR 200.311 through 2 CFR 200.316, as modified by US Treasury ARP/CSLFRF Final Rule FAQs 13.15 & 13.16, detail property standards related to the expenditure of ARP/CSLFRF funds. The Town of River Bend, hereinafter "Town" shall adhere to all applicable property standards, as detailed below.

II. DEFINITIONS

The definitions in 2 CFR 200.1 apply to this policy, including the following:

Computing devices: machines used to acquire, store, analyze, process, and publish data and other information electronically, including accessories (or "peripherals") for printing, transmitting and receiving, or storing electronic information. See also the definitions of supplies and information technology systems in this section.

Equipment: tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the Town for financial statement purposes, or \$5,000.

Information technology systems: computing devices, ancillary equipment, software, firmware, and similar procedures, services (including support services), and related resources. See also the definitions of computing devices and equipment in this section.

Intangible property: property having no physical existence, such as trademarks, copyrights, patents and patent applications and property, such as loans, notes and other debt instruments, lease agreements, stock and other instruments of property ownership (whether the property is tangible or intangible).

Personal property: property other than real property. It may be tangible, having physical existence, or intangible.

Property: real property or personal property.

Real property: land, including land improvements, structures and appurtenances thereto, but excludes moveable machinery and equipment.

Supplies: all tangible personal property other than those described in the definition of equipment in this section. A computing device is a supply if the acquisition cost is less than the lesser of the capitalization level established by the local government for financial statement purposes or \$5,000, regardless of the length of its useful life. See also the definitions of computing devices and equipment in this section.

III. REAL PROPERTY

Title to Real Property: Title to real property acquired or improved with ARP/CSLFRF funds vests with the Town. 2 CFR 200.311(a).

Use of Real Property: During the period of performance of the ARP/CSLFRF award, the Town may use real property purchased or improved with ARP/CSLFRF funds for a purpose other than the purpose for which it was purchased or improved if such other purpose is also consistent with the ARP/CSLFRF eligible use requirements.

If the Town changes the use of the real property to an ineligible use or sells the real property prior to the end of the period of performance, then it must follow the disposition procedures detailed in the Disposition of Real Property section below.

After the period of performance of the ARP/CSLFRF award, the Town must use the real property consistent with the purpose for which it was purchased or improved or for any other eligible purpose in the same category as the purpose reported to US Treasury as of the final reporting period, as set forth in the table below:

Category	Use Requirements
Public Health and Assistance to Households and Individuals	Property, supplies, or equipment last reported as being used to respond to the public health impacts of the public health emergency, as outlined in 31 CFR 35.6(b)(3)(i), or being used for the provision of services to households provided in 31 CFR 35.6(b)(3)(ii)(A), are authorized to fulfill any eligible use of funds provided in these subparagraphs of the Final Rule.
Assistance to Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Impacted Industries	Property, supplies, or equipment last reported as being used for the provision of services to small businesses, nonprofits, and impacted industries outlined in 31 CFR 35.6(b)(3)(ii)(B)-(D) are authorized to

	fulfill any eligible use of funds outlined in the public health and negative economic impacts eligible use category.
Water, Sewer, or Broadband Infrastructure	Property, supplies, or equipment last reported as being used to make investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure pursuant to 31 CFR 35.6(e) are authorized to fulfill any eligible use of funds outlined in the water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure eligible use category.
Government Services/Revenue Loss	N/A
Premium Pay	N/A

If the real property’s use shifts outside the parameters of the eligible purpose according to this table after the period of performance, then the Town (and any subrecipients) must follow the disposition procedures in the Disposition of Real Property section below.

The Town is responsible for being able to substantiate its determination on whether the use of the real property is authorized and maintain a record of that determination in accordance with the requirements set forth in the financial assistance agreement accepted in connection with the ARP/CSLFRF award.

The Town is not required to seek or obtain the approval of US Treasury prior to changing the use within the parameters of these authorized purposes.

Insurance of Real Property: The Town must provide the equivalent insurance coverage for real property acquired or improved with ARP/CSLFRF funds as provided to property owned by the Town. 2 CFR 200.310.

No Encumbrance of Real Property: The Town may not encumber the real property unless authorized by US Treasury. 2 CFR 200.311(b).

Disposition of Real Property: If the Town changes the use of real property to an ineligible use or sells the asset during the period of performance of the ARP/CSLFRF award or changes the use of the asset outside the eligible category after the period of performance ends, then the Town must obtain disposition instructions from US Treasury. The instructions must provide for one of the following alternatives:

1. The Town retains title after compensating US Treasury. The amount paid to US Treasury will be computed by applying US Treasury’s percentage of participation in the cost of the original purchase (and costs of any improvements) to the fair market value of the property. However, in those situations where the Town is disposing of real property

acquired or improved with ARP/CSLFRF funds and acquiring replacement real property under the ARP/CSLFRF, the net proceeds from the disposition may be used as an offset to the cost of the replacement property.

2. The Town sells the property and compensates US Treasury. The amount due to US Treasury will be calculated by applying US Treasury’s percentage of participation in the cost of the original purchase (and cost of any improvements) to the proceeds of the sale after deduction of any actual and reasonable selling and fixing-up expenses. If the ARP/CSLFRF award has not been closed out, the net proceeds from sale may be offset against the original cost of the property. When the Town is directed to sell property, sales procedures must be followed that provide for competition to the extent practicable and result in the highest possible return.
3. The Town transfers title to US Treasury or to a third party designated/approved by US Treasury. The Town is entitled to be paid an amount calculated by applying the Town’s percentage of participation in the purchase of the real property (and cost of any improvements) to the current fair market value of the property. 2 CFR 200.311(c).

IV. EQUIPMENT

Title to Equipment: Title to equipment acquired or improved with ARP/CSLFRF funds vests with the Town. 2 CFR 200.313(a).

Use of Equipment: During the period of performance of the ARP/CSLFRF award, the Town may use equipment purchased or improved with ARP/CSLFRF funds for a purpose other than the purpose for which it was purchased or improved if such other purpose is also consistent with the ARP/CSLFRF eligible use requirements.

If the Town changes the use of equipment to an ineligible use or sells the equipment prior to the end of the period of performance, then it must follow the disposition procedures detailed in the Disposition of Equipment section below.

After the period of performance of the ARP/CSLFRF award, the Town must use equipment consistent with the purpose for which it was purchased or improved or for any other eligible purpose in the same category as the purpose reported to US Treasury as of the final reporting period, as set forth in the table below:

Category	Use Requirements
Public Health and Assistance to Households and Individuals	Property, supplies, or equipment last reported as being used to respond to the public health impacts of the public health emergency, as outlined in 31 CFR 35.6(b)(3)(i), or being used for the provision of services to households provided in 31 CFR 35.6(b)(3)(ii)(A), are authorized to fulfill any eligible use of funds provided in these subparagraphs of the Final Rule.

Assistance to Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Impacted Industries	Property, supplies, or equipment last reported as being used for the provision of services to small businesses, nonprofits, and impacted industries outlined in 31 CFR 35.6(b)(3)(ii)(B)-(D) are authorized to fulfill any eligible use of funds outlined in the public health and negative economic impacts eligible use category.
Water, Sewer, or Broadband Infrastructure	Property, supplies, or equipment last reported as being used to make investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure pursuant to 31 CFR 35.6(e) are authorized to fulfill any eligible use of funds outlined in the water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure eligible use category.
Government Services/Revenue Loss	N/A
Premium Pay	N/A

If the equipment's use shifts outside the parameters of the eligible purpose according to this table after the period of performance, then the Town (and any subrecipients) must follow the disposition procedures in the Disposition of Equipment section below.

The Town is responsible for being able to substantiate its determination on whether the use of equipment is authorized and maintain a record of that determination in accordance with the requirements set forth in the financial assistance agreement accepted in connection with the ARP/CSLFRF award.

The Town is not required to seek or obtain the approval of US Treasury prior to changing the use within the parameters of these authorized purposes.

During the time that equipment is used on the project for which it was acquired, the Town must also make equipment available for use on other projects or programs currently or previously supported by the Federal Government, provided that such use will not interfere with the work on the project for which it was originally acquired. First preference for other use must be given to other programs or projects supported by US Treasury and second preference must be given to programs or projects under Federal awards from other Federal awarding agencies. Use for non-federally-funded programs or projects is also permissible. User fees should be considered if appropriate. 2 CFR 200.313(c)(2).

Noncompetition: The Town must not use equipment acquired with the ARP/CSLFRF funds to provide services for a fee that is less than private companies charge for equivalent services unless specifically authorized by Federal statute for as long as the Federal Government retains an interest in the equipment. 2 CFR 200.313(c)(3).

No Encumbrance: The Town may not encumber the equipment without approval of US Treasury. 2 CFR 200.313(a)(2).

Replacement Equipment: When acquiring replacement equipment, the Town may use the equipment to be replaced as a trade-in or sell the property and use the proceeds to offset the cost of the replacement property. 2 CFR 200.313(c)(4).

Management of Equipment: The Town will manage equipment (including replacement equipment) acquired in whole or in part with ARP/CSLFRF funds according to the following requirements.

1. The Town will maintain sufficient records that include
 - a) a description of the property,
 - b) a serial number or other identification number,
 - c) the source of funding for the property (including the Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)),
 - d) who holds title,
 - e) the acquisition date,
 - f) cost of the property,
 - g) percentage of Federal participation in the project costs for the Federal award under which the property was acquired,
 - h) the location, use and condition of the property, and
 - i) any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property.
2. The Town will conduct a physical inventory of the property and reconcile results with its property records at least once every two years.
3. The Town will develop a control system to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property. Any loss, damage, or theft will be investigated by the Town.
4. The Town will develop and implement adequate maintenance procedures to keep the property in good condition.
5. If the Town is authorized or required to sell the property, it will establish proper sales procedures to ensure the highest possible return, in accordance with state and federal law.

Insurance of Equipment: The Town must provide the equivalent insurance coverage for equipment acquired or improved with ARP/CSLFRF funds as provided to property owned by the Town. 2 CFR 200.310.

Disposition of Equipment: If the Town changes the use of the equipment to an ineligible use or sells the equipment during the period of performance of the ARP/CSLFRF award or changes the use of the equipment outside the eligible category after the period of performance ends, then the Town may either make the equipment available for use in other activities funded by a Federal agency, with priority given to activities funded by US Treasury, dispose of the equipment according to instructions from US Treasury, or follow the procedures below. 2 CFR 200.313(e).

1. Equipment with a per-item fair market value of less than \$5,000 may be retained, sold or transferred by the Town, in accordance with state law, with no additional responsibility to US Treasury;
2. If no disposal instructions are received from US Treasury, equipment with a per-item fair market value of greater than \$5,000 may be retained or sold by the Town. The Town must establish proper sales procedures, in accordance with state law, to ensure the highest possible return. The Town must reimburse US Treasury for its federal share. Specifically, US Treasury is entitled to an amount calculated by multiplying the current market value or proceeds from sale by the ARP/CSLFRF funding percentage of participation in the cost of the original purchase. If the equipment is sold, US Treasury may permit the Town to deduct and retain from the Federal share \$500 or ten percent of the proceeds, whichever is less, for its selling and handling expenses.
3. Equipment may be transferred to US Treasury or to a third-party designated by US Treasury in return for compensation to the Town for its attributable compensation for its attributable percentage of the current fair market value of the property.

V. SUPPLIES

Title to Supplies. Title to supplies acquired with ARP/CSLFRF funds vests with the Town upon acquisition. 2 CFR 200.314(a).

Use of Supplies: During the period of performance of the ARP/CSLFRF award, the Town may use supplies purchased or improved with ARP/CSLFRF funds for a purpose other than the purpose for which it was purchased or improved if such other purpose is also consistent with the ARP/CSLFRF eligible use requirements.

If the Town changes the use of supplies to an ineligible use or sells the supplies prior to the end of the period of performance, then it must follow the disposition procedures detailed in the Disposition of Supplies section below.

After the period of performance of the ARP/CSLFRF award, the Town must use supplies consistent with the purpose for which they were purchased or improved or for any other eligible purpose in the same category as the purpose reported to US Treasury as of the final reporting period, as set forth in the table below:

Category	Use Requirements
Public Health and Assistance to Households and Individuals	Property, supplies, or equipment last reported as being used to respond to the public health impacts of the public health emergency, as outlined in 31 CFR 35.6(b)(3)(i), or being used for the provision of services to households provided in 31 CFR 35.6(b)(3)(ii)(A), are authorized to fulfill any eligible use of funds provided in these subparagraphs of the Final Rule.
Assistance to Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Impacted Industries	Property, supplies, or equipment last reported as being used for the provision of services to small businesses, nonprofits, and impacted industries outlined in 31 CFR 35.6(b)(3)(ii)(B)-(D) are authorized to fulfill any eligible use of funds outlined in the public health and negative economic impacts eligible use category.
Water, Sewer, or Broadband Infrastructure	Property, supplies, or equipment last reported as being used to make investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure pursuant to 31 CFR 35.6(e) are authorized to fulfill any eligible use of funds outlined in the water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure eligible use category.
Government Services/Revenue Loss	N/A
Premium Pay	N/A

If the supplies use shift outside the parameters of the eligible purpose according to this table after the period of performance, then the Town (and any subrecipients) must follow the disposition procedures in the Disposition of Supplies section below.

The Town is responsible for being able to substantiate its determination on whether the use of supplies is authorized and maintain a record of that determination in accordance with the requirements set forth in the financial assistance agreement accepted in connection with the ARP/CSLFRF award.

The Town is not required to seek or obtain the approval of US Treasury prior to changing the use within the parameters of these authorized purposes.

Noncompetition. As long as the Federal Government retains an interest in the supplies, the Town must not use supplies acquired under the ARP/CSLFRF to provide services to other organizations for a fee that is less than private companies charge for equivalent services, unless specifically authorized by Federal statute. 2 CFR 200.314(b).

Disposition of Supplies. If there is a residual inventory of unused supplies exceeding \$5,000 in total aggregate value upon termination or completion of the project and the supplies are not needed for any other Federal award, the non-Federal entity must retain the supplies for use on other activities or sell them, but must, in either case, compensate the Federal Government for its share. The amount of compensation must be computed in the same manner as for equipment. 2 CFR 200.314(a).

VI. PROPERTY TRUST RELATIONSHIP

Real property, equipment, and intangible property, that are acquired or improved with ARP/CSLFRF funds must be held in trust by the Town as trustee for the beneficiaries of the project or program under which the property was acquired or improved. US Treasury may require the Town to record liens or other appropriate notices of record to indicate that personal or real property has been acquired or improved with a Federal award and that use and disposition conditions apply to the property. 2 CFR 200.316.

VII. IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY

The Public Works Director shall adopt procedures to track all real property, equipment, and supplies (collectively, property) acquired or improved in whole or in part with ARP/CLSRF funds. At a minimum, those procedures must address the following:

- Ensure proper insurance of property
- Document proper use of property
- Working with the Finance Director, record and maintain required data records for equipment
- Conduct periodic inventories of equipment, at least every two years
- Create processes for replacement and disposition of property
- Establish other internal controls to safeguard and properly maintain property

The	Governing Board
of	Primary Government Unit Town of River Bend
and	Discretely Presented Component Unit (DPCU) (if applicable) NA

Primary Government Unit, together with DPCU (if applicable), hereinafter referred to as Governmental Unit(s)

and	Auditor Name Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., P.A.
	Auditor Address 4024 Oleander Dr., Suite 103, Wilmington, NC 28403

Hereinafter referred to as Auditor

for	Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/25	Date Audit Will Be Submitted to LGC 12/31/25
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Must be within six months of FYE

hereby agree as follows:

1. The Auditor shall audit all statements and disclosures required by U.S. generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS) and additional required legal statements and disclosures of all funds and/or divisions of the Governmental Unit(s). The non-major combining, and individual fund statements and schedules shall be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and an opinion shall be rendered in relation to (as applicable) the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate DPCUs, each major governmental and enterprise fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information (non-major government and enterprise funds, the internal service fund type, and the fiduciary fund types). The basic financial statements shall include budgetary comparison information in a budgetary comparison statement, rather than as RSI, for the General Fund and any annually budgeted Special Revenue funds.

2. At a minimum, the Auditor shall conduct the audit and render the report in accordance with GAAS. If the Governmental Unit expended \$100,000 or more in combined Federal and State financial assistance during the reporting period, the Auditor shall perform the audit in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* (GAGAS). The Governmental Unit is subject to federal single audit requirements in accordance with Title 2 US Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 *Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, Subpart F (Uniform Guidance)* and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Currently the threshold is \$750,000 for a federal single audit and \$500,000 for a State Single Audit. This audit and all associated audit documentation may be subject to review by Federal and State agencies in accordance with Federal and State laws, including the staffs of the Office of State Auditor (OSA) and the Local Government Commission (LGC). If the audit requires a federal single audit in accordance with the Uniform Guidance (§200.501) the Auditor and Governmental Unit(s) should discuss, in advance of the execution of this contract, the responsibility for submission of the audit and the accompanying data collection form to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse as required under the Uniform Guidance (§200.512) to ensure proper submission.

Effective for audits of fiscal years beginning on or after June 30, 2023, the LGC will allow auditors to consider whether a unit qualifies as a State low-risk auditee. Please refer to "Discussion of Single Audits in North Carolina" on the LGC's website for more information.

If the audit and Auditor communication are found in this review to be substandard, the results of the review may be forwarded to the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (NC State Board).

3. If an entity is determined to be a component of another government as defined by the group audit standards, the entity's auditor shall make a good faith effort to comply in a timely manner with the requests of the group auditor in accordance with AU-6 §600.41 - §600.42.
4. This contract contemplates an unmodified opinion being rendered. If during the process of conducting the audit, the Auditor determines that it will not be possible to render an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the unit, the Auditor shall contact the LGC Staff to discuss the circumstances leading to that conclusion as soon as is practical and before the final report is issued. The audit shall include such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as are considered by the Auditor to be necessary in the circumstances. Any limitations or restrictions in scope which would lead to a qualification should be fully explained in an attachment to this contract.
5. If this audit engagement is subject to the standards for audit as defined in *Government Auditing Standards*, 2018 revision, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, then by accepting this engagement, the Auditor warrants that he/she has met the requirements for a peer review and continuing education as specified in *Government Auditing Standards*. The Auditor agrees to provide a copy of the most recent peer review report to the Governmental Unit(s) and the Secretary of the LGC prior to the execution of an audit contract. Subsequent submissions of the report are required only upon report expiration or upon auditor's receipt of an updated peer review report. If the audit firm received a peer review rating other than pass, the Auditor shall not contract with the Governmental Unit(s) without first contacting the Secretary of the LGC for a peer review analysis that may result in additional contractual requirements.

If the audit engagement is not subject to *Government Auditing Standards* or if financial statements are not prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and fail to include all disclosures required by GAAP, the Auditor shall provide an explanation as to why in an attachment to this contract or in an amendment.

6. It is agreed that time is of the essence in this contract. All audits are to be performed and the report of audit submitted to LGC Staff within six months of fiscal year end. If it becomes necessary to amend the audit fee or the date that the audit report will be submitted to the LGC, an amended contract along with a written explanation of the change shall be submitted to the Secretary of the LGC for approval.
7. It is agreed that GAAS include a review of the Governmental Unit's (Units') systems of internal control and accounting as same relate to accountability of funds and adherence to budget and law requirements applicable thereto; that the Auditor shall make a written report, which may or may not be a part of the written report of audit, to the Governing Board setting forth his/her findings, together with his recommendations for improvement. That written report shall include all matters defined as "significant deficiencies and material weaknesses" in AU-C 265 of the *AICPA Professional Standards (Clarified)*. The Auditor shall file a copy of that report with the Secretary of the LGC.

For GAAS or *Government Auditing Standards* audits, if an auditor issues an AU-C §260 report, commonly referred to as "Governance Letter," LGC staff does not require the report to be submitted unless the auditor cites significant findings or issues from the audit, as defined in AU-C §260.12 - .14. This would include issues such as difficulties encountered during the audit, significant or unusual transactions, uncorrected misstatements, matters that are difficult or contentious reviewed with those charged with governance, and other significant matters. If matters identified during the audit were required to be reported as described in AU-C §260.12-.14 and were communicated in a method other than an AU-C §260 letter, the written documentation must be submitted.

8. All local government and public authority contracts for audit or audit-related work require the approval of the Secretary of the LGC. This includes annual or special audits, agreed upon procedures related to internal controls, bookkeeping or other assistance necessary to prepare the Governmental Unit's records for audit, financial statement preparation, any finance-related investigations, or any other audit-related work in the State of North Carolina. Approval is also required for the Alternative Compliance Examination Engagement for auditing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds expenditures as allowed by US Treasury. Approval is not required on audit contracts and invoices for system improvements and similar services of a non-auditing nature.

9. Invoices for services rendered under these contracts shall not be paid by the Governmental Unit(s) until the invoice has been approved by the Secretary of the LGC. This also includes any progress billings [G.S. 159-34 and 115C-447]. All invoices for audit work shall be submitted in PDF format to the Secretary of the LGC for approval. The invoice marked 'approved' with approval date shall be returned to the Auditor to present to the Governmental Unit(s) for payment. This paragraph is not applicable to contracts for audits of hospitals.

10. In consideration of the satisfactory performance of the provisions of this contract, the Governmental Unit(s) shall pay to the Auditor, upon approval by the Secretary of the LGC if required, the fee, which includes any costs the Auditor may incur from work paper or peer reviews or any other quality assurance program required by third parties (federal and state grantor and oversight agencies or other organizations) as required under the Federal and State Single Audit Acts. This does not include fees for any pre-issuance reviews that may be required by the NC Association of CPAs (NCACPA) Peer Review Committee or NC State Board of CPA Examiners (see Item 13).

11. If the Governmental Unit(s) has/have outstanding revenue bonds, the Auditor shall submit to LGC Staff, either in the notes to the audited financial statements or as a separate report, a calculation demonstrating compliance with the revenue bond rate covenant. Additionally, the Auditor shall submit to LGC Staff simultaneously with the Governmental Unit's (Units') audited financial statements any other bond compliance statements or additional reports required by the authorizing bond documents, unless otherwise specified in the bond documents.

12. After completing the audit, the Auditor shall submit to the Governing Board a written report of audit. This report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information: (a) Management's Discussion and Analysis, (b) the financial statements and notes of the Governmental Unit(s) and all of its component units prepared in accordance with GAAP, (c) supplementary information requested by the Governmental Unit(s) or required for full disclosure under the law, and (d) the Auditor's opinion on the material presented. The Auditor shall furnish the required number of copies of the report of audit to the Governing Board upon completion.

13. If the audit firm is required by the NC State Board, the NCACPA Peer Review Committee, or the Secretary of the LGC to have a pre-issuance review of its audit work, there shall be a statement in the engagement letter indicating the pre-issuance review requirement. There also shall be a statement that the Governmental Unit(s) shall not be billed for the pre-issuance review. The pre-issuance review shall be performed prior to the completed audit being submitted to LGC Staff. The pre-issuance review report shall accompany the audit report upon submission to LGC Staff.

14. The Auditor shall submit the report of audit in PDF format to LGC Staff. For audits of units other than hospitals, the audit report should be submitted when (or prior to) submitting the final invoice for services rendered. The report of audit, as filed with the Secretary of the LGC, becomes a matter of public record for inspection, review and copy in the offices of the LGC by any interested parties. Any subsequent revisions to these reports shall be sent to the Secretary of the LGC. These audited financial statements, excluding the Auditors' opinion, may be used in the preparation of official statements for debt offerings by municipal bond rating services to fulfill secondary market disclosure requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission and for other lawful purposes of the Governmental Unit(s) without requiring consent of the Auditor. If the LGC Staff determines that corrections need to be made to the Governmental Unit's (Units') financial statements and/or the compliance section, those corrections shall be provided within three business days of notification unless another deadline is agreed to by LGC Staff.
15. Should circumstances disclosed by the audit call for a more detailed investigation by the Auditor than necessary under ordinary circumstances, the Auditor shall inform the Governing Board in writing of the need for such additional investigation and the additional compensation required therefore. Upon approval by the Secretary of the LGC, this contract may be modified or amended to include the increased time, compensation, or both as may be agreed upon by the Governing Board and the Auditor.
16. If an approved contract needs to be modified or amended for any reason, the change shall be made in writing and pre-audited if the change includes a change in audit fee (pre-audit requirement does not apply to hospitals). This amended contract shall be completed in full, including a written explanation of the change, signed and dated by all original parties to the contract. It shall then be submitted to the Secretary of the LGC for approval. No change to the audit contract shall be effective unless approved by the Secretary of the LGC.
17. A copy of the engagement letter, issued by the Auditor and signed by both the Auditor and the Governmental Unit(s), shall be attached to this contract, and except for fees, work, and terms not related to audit services, shall be incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein as part of this contract. In case of conflict between the terms of the engagement letter and the terms of this contract, the terms of this contract shall take precedence. Engagement letter terms that conflict with the contract are deemed to be void unless the conflicting terms of this contract are specifically deleted in Item 30 of this contract. Engagement letters containing indemnification clauses shall not be accepted by LGC Staff.
18. Special provisions should be limited. Please list any special provisions in an attachment.
19. A separate contract should not be made for each division to be audited or report to be submitted. If a DPCU is subject to the audit requirements detailed in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act and a separate audit report is issued, a separate audit contract is required. If a separate report is not to be issued and the DPCU is included in the primary government audit, the DPCU shall be named along with the primary government on this audit contract. DPCU Board approval date, signatures from the DPCU Board chairman and finance officer also shall be included on this contract.
20. The contract shall be executed, pre-audited (pre-audit requirement does not apply to hospitals), and physically signed by all parties including Governmental Unit(s) and the Auditor, then submitted in PDF format to the Secretary of the LGC.
21. The contract is not valid until it is approved by the Secretary of the LGC. The staff of the LGC shall notify the Governmental Unit and Auditor of contract approval by email. The audit should not be started before the contract is approved.
22. Retention of Client Records: Auditors are subject to the NC State Board of CPA Examiners' Retention of Client Records Rule 21 NCAC 08N .0305 as it relates to the provision of audit and other attest services, as well as non-attest services. Clients and former clients should be familiar with the requirements of this rule prior to requesting the return of records.

23. This contract may be terminated at any time by mutual consent and agreement of the Governmental Unit(s) and the Auditor, provided that (a) the consent to terminate is in writing and signed by both parties, (b) the parties have agreed on the fee amount which shall be paid to the Auditor (if applicable), and (c) no termination shall be effective until approved in writing by the Secretary of the LGC.

24. The Governmental Unit's (Units') failure or forbearance to enforce, or waiver of, any right or an event of breach or default on one occasion or instance shall not constitute the waiver of such right, breach or default on any subsequent occasion or instance.

25. There are no other agreements between the parties hereto and no other agreements relative hereto that shall be enforceable unless entered into in accordance with the procedure set out herein and approved by the Secretary of the LGC.

26. E-Verify. Auditor shall comply with the requirements of NCGS Chapter 64 Article 2. Further, if Auditor utilizes any subcontractor(s), Auditor shall require such subcontractor(s) to comply with the requirements of NCGS Chapter 64, Article 2.

27. **Applicable to audits with fiscal year ends of June 30, 2020 and later.** For all non-attest services, the Auditor shall adhere to the independence rules of the AICPA Professional Code of Conduct and *Government Auditing Standards, 2018 Revision* (as applicable). Preparing financial statements in their entirety shall be deemed a "significant threat" requiring the Auditor to apply safeguards sufficient to reduce the threat to an acceptable level. If the Auditor cannot reduce the threats to an acceptable level, the Auditor cannot complete the audit. If the Auditor is able to reduce the threats to an acceptable level, the documentation of this determination, including the safeguards applied, must be included in the audit workpapers.

All non-attest service(s) being performed by the Auditor that are necessary to perform the audit must be identified and included in this contract. The Governmental Unit shall designate an individual with the suitable skills, knowledge, and/or experience (SKE) necessary to oversee the services and accept responsibility for the results of the services performed. If the Auditor is able to identify an individual with the appropriate SKE, s/he must document and include in the audit workpapers how he/she reached that conclusion. If the Auditor determines that an individual with the appropriate SKE cannot be identified, the Auditor cannot perform both the non-attest service(s) and the audit. See "Fees for Audit Services" page of this contract to disclose the person identified as having the appropriate SKE for the Governmental Unit.

28. **Applicable to audits with fiscal year ends of June 30, 2021 and later.** The auditor shall present the audited financial statements including any compliance reports to the government unit's governing body or audit committee in an official meeting in open session as soon as the audited financial statements are available but not later than 45 days after the submission of the audit report to the Secretary. The auditor's presentation to the government unit's governing body or audit committee shall include:

- a) the description of each finding, including all material weaknesses and significant deficiencies, as found by the auditor, and any other issues related to the internal controls or fiscal health of the government unit as disclosed in the management letter, the Single Audit or Yellow Book reports, or any other communications from the auditor regarding internal controls as required by current auditing standards set by the Accounting Standards Board or its successor;
- b) the status of the prior year audit findings;
- c) the values of Financial Performance Indicators based on information presented in the audited financial statements; and
- d) notification to the governing body that the governing body shall develop a "Response to the Auditor's Findings, Recommendations, and Fiscal Matters," if required under 20 NCAC 03 .0508.

29. Information based on the audited financial statements shall be submitted to the Secretary for the purpose of identifying Financial Performance Indicators and Financial Performance Indicators of Concern. See 20 NCAC 03 .0502(c)(6).

30. All of the above paragraphs are understood and shall apply to this contract, except the following numbered paragraphs shall be deleted (See Item 17 for clarification).
31. The process for submitting contracts, audit reports and invoices is subject to change. Auditors and units should use the submission process and instructions in effect at the time of submission. Refer to the N.C. Department of State Treasurer website at <https://www.nctreasurer.com/state-and-local-government-finance-division/local-government-commission/submitting-your-audit>
32. All communications regarding audit contract requests for modification or official approvals will be sent to the email addresses provided on the signature pages that follow.
33. Modifications to the language and terms contained in this contract form (LGC-205) are not allowed.

FEEES FOR AUDIT SERVICES

1. For all non-attest services, the Auditor shall adhere to the independence rules of the AICPA Professional Code of Conduct (as applicable) and *Government Auditing Standards, 2018 Revision*. Refer to Item 27 of this contract for specific requirements. The following information must be provided by the Auditor; contracts presented to the LGC without this information will be not be approved.

Financial statements were prepared by: Auditor Governmental Unit Third Party

If applicable: Individual at Governmental Unit designated to have the suitable skills, knowledge, and/or experience (SKE) necessary to oversee the non-attest services and accept responsibility for the results of these services:

Name:	Title and Unit / Company:	Email Address:
Mandy Gilbert	Finance Officer/River Bend	finance@riverbendnc.org

OR Not Applicable (Identification of SKE Individual on the LGC-205 Contract is not applicable for GAAS-only audits or audits with FYEs prior to June 30, 2020.)

2. Fees may not be included in this contract for work performed on Annual Financial Information Reports (AFIRs), Form 990s, or other services not associated with audit fees and costs. Such fees may be included in the engagement letter but may not be included in this contract or in any invoices requiring approval of the LGC. See Items 8 and 13 for details on other allowable and excluded fees.

3. The audit fee information included in the table below for both the Primary Government Fees and the DPCU Fees (if applicable) should be reported as a specific dollar amount of audit fees for the year under this contract. If any language other than an amount is included here, the contract will be returned to the audit form for correction.

4. Prior to the submission of the completed audited financial report and applicable compliance reports subject to this contract, or to an amendment to this contract (if required) the Auditor may submit interim invoices for approval for services rendered under this contract to the Secretary of the LGC, not to exceed 75% of the billings for the unit's last annual audit that was submitted to the Secretary of the LGC. All invoices for services rendered in an audit engagement as defined in 20 NCAC .0503 shall be submitted to the Commission for approval before any payment is made. Payment before approval is a violation of law. (This paragraph not applicable to contracts and invoices associated with audits of hospitals).

Primary Government Unit	Town of River Bend
Audit Fee (financial and compliance if applicable)	\$ 20,00.00
Fee per Major Program (if not included above)	\$ 3000.00 if applicable
Additional Fees Not Included Above (if applicable):	
Financial Statement Preparation (incl. notes and RSI)	\$
All Other Non-Attest Services	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED	\$ 29,000

Discretely Presented Component Unit	NA
Audit Fee (financial and compliance if applicable)	\$
Fee per Major Program (if not included above)	\$
Additional Fees Not Included Above (if applicable):	
Financial Statement Preparation (incl. notes and RSI)	\$
All Other Non-Attest Services	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED	\$

SIGNATURE PAGE

AUDIT FIRM

Audit Firm* Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., P.A.	
Authorized Firm Representative (typed or printed)* Gregory S Adams, CPA	Signature*
Date*	Email Address* gadams@tpsacpas.com

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

Governmental Unit* Town of River Bend	
Date Governing Board Approved Audit Contract* (Enter date in box to right)	
Mayor/Chairperson (typed or printed)* Mark Bledsoe, Mayor	Signature*
Date	Email Address* mbledsoe@riverbendnc.org

Chair of Audit Committee (typed or printed, or "NA") Brian Leonard	Signature
Date	Email Address bleonard@riverbendnc.org

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT – PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATE

Required by G.S. 159-28(a1) or G.S. 115C-441(a1). Not applicable to hospital contracts.

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act or by the School Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Sum Obligated by This Transaction:	\$ 29,000
Primary Governmental Unit Finance Officer* (typed or printed) Mandy Gilbert, Finance Officer	Signature*
Date of Pre-Audit Certificate*	Email Address* finance@riverbendnc.org

CONTRACT TO AUDIT ACCOUNTS

SIGNATURE PAGE – DPCU
(complete only if applicable)

DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT

DPCU* NA	
Date DPCU Governing Board Approved Audit Contract* (Enter date in box to right)	
DPCU Chairperson (typed or printed)*	Signature*
Date*	Email Address*

Chair of Audit Committee (typed or printed, or "NA") NA	Signature
Date	Email Address

DPCU – PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATE

Required by G.S. 159-28(a1) or G.S. 115C-441(a1). Not applicable to hospital contracts.

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act or by the School Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Sum Obligated by this Transaction:	\$
DPCU Finance Officer (typed or printed)*	Signature*
Date of Pre-Audit Certificate*	Email Address*

Remember to print this form, and obtain all required signatures prior to submission.

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Town of River Bend

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Please accept our invitation to participate in this important service. We know that your personal information is confidential, and we will not share it with anyone. Participation in this service is optional / voluntary. You will only get alerts IF you register yourself.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING TOWN OF RIVER BEND'S DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO INTRODUCE AND/OR SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO EXEMPT THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PART III, SUBPART III-K OF SB 382 AND TO RESTORE THE ORIGINAL PROVISIONS OF N.C.G.S. § 160D-601(d)

THAT WHEREAS, Senate Bill 382, entitled "AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW ("SB 382"), became law on December 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Part III, Subpart III-K of SB 382 entitled LOCAL GOVERNMENT (the "Down-zoning Provision"), amends N.C.G.S. § 160D-601(d) by prohibiting local governments from enacting or enforcing any zoning regulations, or zoning map amendments, that would constitute "down-zoning" without first obtaining the written consent of all property owners whose property would be subject to such an amendment; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 160D-601(d) previously required written consent for non-government initiated zoning regulation or zoning map amendments that reduced the uses of a property. The consent requirement of the Down-zoning Provision greatly extends the application of the consent requirement to now include amendments initiated by the local government as well; and

WHEREAS, the Down-zoning Provision applies to any zoning provision that reduces development density to any degree, removes any permitted uses of land from any zoning district, or creates non-conformities in non-residential zoning districts, all of which constitute the most basic tools local governments have available to maintain land use compatibility, achieve desired density, and ensure orderly growth and development; and

WHEREAS, as a practical matter, the Down-zoning Provision eliminates the authority of a local government to adopt a zoning text amendment applicable to entire non-residential zoning districts and severely limits the authority of a local government to adopt regulations related to residential zoning districts given the time, effort, and cost of identifying all of the owners of parcels within such zoning districts, and the likelihood that all owners will consent to the amendment. In short, the Down-zoning Provision empowers a single property owner to override the will of a unanimous governing board, a developer, and perhaps all or a vast majority of the other property owners affected by the amendment; and

WHEREAS, all North Carolina local governments continue to face planning challenges presented by growth and development. Each local government's zoning authority provides a means to balance those challenges with the needs of the particular community based upon the will of the people as determined through public engagement, and ultimately, elections. The Down-zoning Provision effectively freezes local government zoning in non-residential districts as such zoning regulations existed on June 11, 2024, and as such greatly diminishes local government authority to manage growth and change consistent with the needs of each jurisdiction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND:

Section 1. That the elected representatives for the Town of River Bend who serve in the North Carolina General Assembly be and they are hereby requested to introduce and secure the passage of local legislation to exempt the Town of River Bend from the provisions of Part III, Subpart III-K of SB 382 so that the original provisions of N.C.G.S. § 160D-601(d) are restored and applicable to the Town of River Bend.

Section 2. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Bob Brinson, member of the North Carolina Senate, and the Hon. Steve Tyson, member of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

MARK BLEDSOE, MAYOR

KRISTIE NOBLES, TOWN CLERK

North Carolina law allows public bodies, such as the River Bend Town Council, to meet in closed session to discuss certain topics. However, prior to going into closed session, the Council must announce the closed session and the topic for which the closed session is being called and that must be done while the Council is in open session. This requirement allows the public to know in general what the closed session is concerning. The closed session must also be adjourned in open session. For the purpose of this guide, open session simply means in view of the public and closed session simply means it private. The topics that may be discussed in closed session are listed below and are numbered 1 through 10. Most of the time, the Council knows in advance that a closed session is needed and the General Statute citation which identifies the purpose of the closed session is included on the agenda. However, that is not always the case. The need for a closed session may arise without enough warning to publish the citation on the agenda. The law does not require advanced notice of a closed session. In any case, planned or not, the Council will state the appropriate citation. The citation will always begin with 143-318.11(a). The numbers that follow in parenthesis will identify the particular closed session topic. For example: The citation 143-318.11(a)(3)(5) will allow the Council to consult with an attorney (#3) and to discuss the acquisition of real property (#5).

§ 143-318.11. Closed sessions.

(a) Permitted Purposes. – It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

- (1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.
- (2) To prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award.
- (3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded.
- (4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations, or to discuss matters relating to military installation closure or realignment. Any action approving the signing of an economic development contract or commitment, or the action authorizing the payment of economic development expenditures, shall be taken in an open session.
- (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents

concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

- (6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.
- (7) To plan, conduct, or hear reports concerning investigations of alleged criminal misconduct.
- (8) To formulate plans by a local board of education relating to emergency response to incidents of school violence or to formulate and adopt the school safety components of school improvement plans by a local board of education or a school improvement team.
- (9) To discuss and take action regarding plans to protect public safety as it relates to existing or potential terrorist activity and to receive briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken or to be taken to respond to such activity.
- (10) To view a recording released pursuant to G.S. 132-1.4A.

(b) Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 694, s. 4.

(c) Calling a Closed Session. – A public body may hold a closed session only upon a motion duly made and adopted at an open meeting. Every motion to close a meeting shall cite one or more of the permissible purposes listed in subsection (a) of this section. A motion based on subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall also state the name or citation of the law that renders the information to be discussed privileged or confidential. A motion based on subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall identify the parties in each existing lawsuit concerning which the public body expects to receive advice during the closed session.

(d) Repealed by Session Laws 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 2. (1979, c. 655, s. 1; 1981, c. 831; 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 932, s. 5; 1991, c. 694, ss. 3, 4; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 2; 1995, c. 509, s. 84; 1997-222, s. 2; 1997-290, s. 2; 2001-500, s. 2; 2003-180, s. 2; 2013-360, s. 8.41(b); 2014-79, s. 9(a); 2016-88, s. 3.)



**RIVER BEND TOWN COUNCIL
DRAFT PROPOSED AGENDA
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2025
River Bend Town Hall – 45 Shoreline Drive
7:00 p.m.**

Pledge: Weaver

1. Call to Order (Mayor Bledsoe Presiding)
2. Recognition of New Residents
3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda
4. Addresses to the Council
5. Public Comment

The public comment period is set aside for members of the public to offer comments to the Council. It is the time for the Council to listen to the public. It is not a Question & Answer session between the public and the Council or Staff. All comments will be directed to the Council. Each speaker may speak for up to 3 minutes. A member of staff will serve as timekeeper. A sign-up sheet is posted by the meeting room door and will be collected prior to the start of the Public Comment Period. Speakers will be called on by the Mayor in the order that they signed up. In order to provide for the maintenance of order and decorum, the Council has adopted a policy for this section of the meeting. A copy of the policy is posted by the door for your review. Please follow the policy. If you have a specific question for staff, you are encouraged to contact the Town Manager or the appropriate Department Head at another time.

6. Public Hearings - NONE

7. Consent Agenda

All items listed under this section are considered routine by the Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- A. Approve:

*Minutes of January 9, 2025 Work Council Meeting
Minutes of January 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting*

8. Town Manager's Report – Delane Jackson

Activity Reports

- A. *Monthly Police Report* by Chief Joll
- B. *Monthly Water Resources Report* by Director of Public Works Mills
- C. *Monthly Work Order Report* by Director of Public Works Mills
- D. *Monthly Zoning Report* by Assistant Zoning Administrator McCollum

Administrative Reports:

9. Public Safety – Councilwoman Noonan

- A. Community Watch

10. Parks & Recreation – Councilman Weaver

- A. Parks and Rec Report
- B. Organic Garden Report

11. CAC – Councilwoman Benton
 - A. CAC Report

12. Finance – Councilman Leonard
 - A. Financial Report - Finance Director

13. Environment And Waterways – Councilman Leonard
 - A. EWAB Report

14. Planning Board – Councilman Sheffield
 - A. Planning Board Report

15. Mayor's Report

16. Adjournment