

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE ROCKBRIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN SERVICES CENTER AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lexington, City of Buena Vista and Rockbridge County are required by the Virginia Code to provide and fund local Departments of Social Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rockbridge Area Department of Social Services (RADSS) has been established by Rockbridge County and the Cities of Buena Vista and Lexington (the “Localities”) for the purpose of jointly providing required services; and

**WHEREAS**, the current RADSS facility is no longer deemed adequate for use by the Localities in offering the required services; and

**WHEREAS**, The RADSS Board and the Localities have been actively seeking a site on which to construct a new facility for RADSS; and

**WHEREAS**, the Localities have identified and the City of Lexington has purchased such a site for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lexington will serve as the Fiscal Agent for the new RADSS facility and will coordinate purchasing the land, financing the construction of the new facility, and maintaining and operating the new facility, for which the City will be paid an administrative fee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lexington, Virginia, pursuant to their authority, that:

The City Council of the City of Lexington hereby approves The Rockbridge Regional Human Services Center Agreement (“Agreement”) in substantially the same form as has been presented to Council, and it authorizes and directs the Mayor and/or the City Manager to execute the Agreement and to take such other actions as either of them may consider necessary to carry out the purposes of the Agreement and this Ordinance;

The City Council hereby appoints the City Manager to an Advisory Board being created to provide support and guidance on the development, construction, and operation of new RADSS facility;

The City Council hereby directs the City Manager to undertake such actions as may be necessary for the City of Lexington to serve as the Fiscal Agent for the new RADSS facility; and

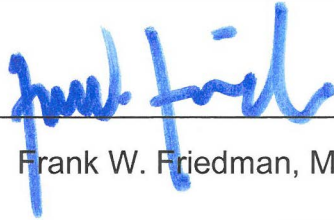
The City Council hereby ratifies and confirms all actions previously taken by the Mayor, the City Manager and other City personnel in connection with the Agreement and this Ordinance and all such further actions consistent with the

terms and provisions of the Agreement and this Ordinance shall be conclusively deemed as having been accepted and approved as authorized by this Ordinance without any further acts or approvals.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon and after its passage.

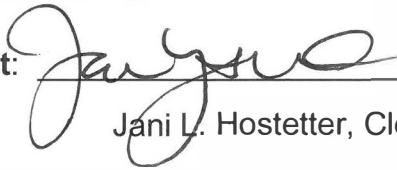
**Adopted** this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2023 and **Effective** this the 11th day of May, 2023.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Frank W. Friedman, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_



Jani L. Hostetter, Clerk