

ORDINANCE NO. 23-207

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SERVING OUR SENIORS (SOS) FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASING SIX (6) TRANSIT VEHICLES FOR USE BY THE SANDUSKY TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2023, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the City currently leases six (6) transit vehicles from SOS for the purpose of providing public transportation services in Erie County, Ohio, and these leases expired on September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City and SOS desire to enter into the Lease Agreement for a total of six (6) transit vehicles, at no cost to the City, for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, which termination date will coincide with the proposed Transportation Services Agreement requested for approval in companion legislation; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to immediately execute the Lease Agreement, which commenced on October 1, 2023, and allow the City to continue to utilize the vehicles for public transportation services; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Sandusky Transit System, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Ordinance** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized and directed to enter into a Lease Agreement with Serving Our Seniors (SOS) for the purpose of leasing six (6) transit vehicles for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, for use by the Sandusky Transit System, substantially in the same form as Exhibit "1", a copy of which is attached to this Ordinance and is specifically incorporated as if fully rewritten herein, together with such revisions or additions as are approved by the Law Director as not being adverse to the City and as being consistent with carrying out the terms of this Ordinance.

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Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

CATHLEEN A. MYERS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: October 23, 2023

LEASE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made this _____ day of _____, 2023, by and between Serving Our Seniors, Inc., a private non-profit corporation located at 310 E. Boalt Street, Sandusky, Ohio 44870 (hereinafter referred to as Lessor) and the City of Sandusky (Sandusky Transit System), an Ohio Charter Municipal Corporation with offices at 240 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio 44870, (hereinafter referred to as Lessee) for complimentary public transportation services to Lessor.

WHEREAS, Lessor owns transit vehicles and desires to lease the vehicles to Lessee for the purpose of providing demand response (door to door), elderly and disabled transportation, and public transportation services in Erie County, Ohio;

WHEREAS, Lessee desires to lease the transit vehicles from Lessor for the purposes of providing demand response (door to door), elderly and disabled transportation, and public transportation services in Erie County, Ohio;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and considerations herein recited and contained, Lessor and Lessee for the purposes of providing demand response (door to door), elderly and disabled transportation, and public transportation services in Erie County, Ohio, agree as follows:

1. Lease.

Lessor hereby leases to the Lessee, and the Lessee hereby leases from the Lessor, subject to all the terms and conditions contained in this Lease, the following motor vehicle(s) (the "Equipment"):

Year	Make	Model	VIN	Agency ID
2014	Ford	E-350	1FDEE3FLOEDA72080	1401
2017	Ford	E-350	1FDEE3FS8HDC57411	1711
2017	Ford	E-350	1FDEE3FS3HDC57414	1712
2017	Ford	E-350 Starcraft	1FDEE3FS7HDC57416	1710
2017	Ford	E-350 Starcraft	1FDEE3FS2HDC70896	1714
2022	Chrysler	Voyager	2C4RC1CG6NR171684	2201

2. Title.

This Lease creates a lease only of the Equipment, and shall not be deemed to affect a sale of the Equipment or the creation of a security interest in favor of the Lessee in the Equipment. The Lessor shall remain at all times the sole owner of the Equipment, and nothing contained in this Lease, or the payment of rent or other amounts pursuant to this Lease, shall enable the Lessee to acquire any right, title, or other interest in the Equipment other than the leasehold interest described in this Lease.

Lien holders:

- A. The State of Ohio, who is the first lien holder up to the disposition of the vehicle.
- B. The Lessor.

3. Use of Equipment.

The purpose of the lease is to provide demand response (door to door), elderly and disabled transportation, and public transportation services in Erie County, Ohio and the services provided will not be duplicative of Lessor's general public transportation service. Lessee agrees to promote service as connecting to Lessor routes. Additionally, Lessee agrees to publish material (i.e. brochures) which promote connections to the Lessor.

4. Taxes; Other Charges, Permits.

Lessee shall pay all use taxes, personal property and other direct taxes (federal, state, and local charges and fees) related the public transportation services. Lessee will observe safety rules and other requirements of regulatory bodies and pay all fines due to overload, lack of plates, permits, speeding, etc. Lessor has the option to pay outstanding taxes, licensing, registrations, approvals, permit fees, fines or other charges. Lessee has thirty (30) days to pay Lessor after receipt of invoice related to any payments made by Lessor on behalf of Lessee. Any failure shall be deemed default under section 11. Default.

5. Maintenance and Repair.

Lessee shall pay all expenses (i.e. wages, fuel, oil, tires etc.) and to keep Equipment in a state of good repair. Lessee will provide appropriate facilities for Equipment including maintaining, cleaning, inspecting and storing Equipment and shall return the vehicle in operating order and same condition and state of good repair as date of delivery excluding normal wear and tear.

6. Insurances.

Lessee agrees to carry automobile insurance on the Equipment that is compliant with the Ohio Department of Transportation insurance requirements with a responsible insurance underwriter and as set forth below during the term of this Agreement:

General Liability:

\$500,000 per occurrence

\$300,000 bodily injury

\$50,000 property damage

Certificates:

The Lessee will provide Lessor with a certificate of insurance evidencing the required coverages and amounts. The policy of insurance cannot be modified without thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Lessor.

7. Operators.

Lessee will provide sole control, supervision and responsibility for and over the operator or operators of the Equipment with competent licensed drivers, trained to Ohio Department of Transportation requirements.

8. Maintenance Records.

Lessee will maintain copies of all maintenance records including preventative maintenance (PM) checklists and work orders. Upon request from Lessor, the Lessee will provide records for required reporting to the Ohio Department of Transportation.

9. Monthly Ridership Reporting.

Lessee shall provide ridership records upon request throughout the terms of the Lease.

10. Return of Vehicles.

On expiration of the Lease term, or earlier termination of the Lease, the Lessee will return Equipment to the Lessor in same condition with reasonable wear and tear accepted and return the Equipment to Lessor to a mutually agreed upon location.

11. Default.

In the event the Lessee fails to perform any of the terms, obligations, conditions and covenants contained in this Lease and required by the Lessee, including any acts set forth in the Maintenance and Repair section above (Section 5), are cause for default and the Lessor may retake and retain the Equipment without due legal process. Including the right to enter property to repossess Equipment and all rights of lease will terminate immediately. Lessor has the right to hold personal property obtained in repossession and hold things of value in public storage at the expense of the Lessee.

Additionally, should the Lessee make any attempt to sell the property or otherwise create encumbrances or levies on the property, this will be deemed an immediate default and the Lessor shall have all rights of repossession as stated above.

12. Waiver.

Failure of Lessor to punctually exercise Lessor's rights in relation to breach of terms shall not be deemed a waiver of:

- such right or remedy;
- the requirement of punctual performance, or any subsequent breach or default on the part of the Lessee.

13. Term/Termination.

The term of this Lease shall commence on October 1, 2023, and terminate on September 30, 2024. This Lease may also be extended on a monthly basis upon the written approval of both parties.

Should the Lessee discontinue its specialized elderly and disabled services (or use public transportation services) or no longer have a desire to use the Equipment during the Lease period, the Lessee shall return the Equipment to the Lessor at address above set forth, in good operating order and in the same condition and state of good repair as at the date of the original delivery, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

Upon full compliance with terms of the Lease, the lease is terminated and neither party shall have any further right or obligations under this Lease. If Lessee is not in full compliance, the Lessor shall have the right to require full compliance with this Agreement notwithstanding the return of the Equipment. As to any partial return of Equipment the lease is still in full effect as to any unreturned property.

14. Accelerated Termination.

If at any time during the terms of this Lease, the Lessor is required to terminate this Lease by ODOT, the FTA, or any other federal agency having jurisdiction over the Lessor or the equipment, or any agency which provided funds or assistance in the Lessor's acquisition of the Equipment, then the Lessor shall have the right to terminate this Lease upon reasonable notice, and the Lessee shall have and bring no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Lessor as a result of such termination.

15. Warranties.

Lessor makes no warranties of any nature, whether expressed or implied, concerning the equipment, or any concerning the equipment and/or its use by Lessee. Lessee accepts the equipment in "as is" condition. The Lessor specifically disclaims any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

16. Prohibited Interest.

No officer, member or employee of Lessor shall participate in any decision relating to this Lease which affects his/her personal interests or the interest of any other business in which the Lessor has any personal or pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in this lease or the proceeds thereof.

17. Equal Employment Opportunity / Civil Rights Requirements.

In connection with the execution of this contract, Lessee shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or use of the transportation service provided because of race, religion, color, sex, age, or national origin. Lessee shall take affirmative action to ensure the applicants are employed and that employees are treated during their employment, without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, age, or national origin. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment, or advertising, layoff or termination, and selection for training including apprenticeship.

(1) Nondiscrimination - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, Lessee agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In addition,

Lessee agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(2) Equal Employment Opportunity - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:

(a) Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Service Provider agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 et seq ., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. Lessee agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, Lessee agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(b) Age - In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § § 623 and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, Lessee agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, Lessee agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(c) Disabilities - In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12112, Lessee agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630, pertaining to

employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, Lessee agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(3) Lessee also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

(4) Lessee shall document such affirmative action efforts by providing the Lessor with data relating to the sex, race, age, and classification of each employee of Lessee's organization.

18. Civil Rights Requirements.

Lessee will comply with all requirements imposed by Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252), the Regulation of DOT issued thereunder (CFR Title 49, Subtitle A, Part 21).

19. Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Requirements.

Lessee must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Lessee agrees that as a condition to this Agreement that no otherwise qualified disabled person shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under this program or activity that receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance administered by the Lessee through funding by ODOT and FTA.

Lessee shall not be responsible for any violations of the complimentary paratransit provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act or its regulations for service denials in the event Lessee does not authorize the number of vehicle hours required to meet all the trip demand. Lessee shall not be required to provide service without compensation. Lessee shall be solely responsible for adopting operating policies which are in compliance with the ADA.

Lessee agrees to ensure that its equipment is ADA accessible at all times. Lessee further agrees to provide proper preventative maintenance procedures for wheelchair lifts and prompt repair to maintain accessibility. Lessee agrees to have clear and accurate records on lift preventative maintenance and repairs. Furthermore, Lessee agrees to provide operators that are properly trained on providing safe access to persons with disabilities and persons using the wheelchair lift.

20. Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE).

Policy. It is the policy of US DOT that disadvantaged business enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds. Consequently, the DBE requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 apply to this Agreement.

DBE Obligation. The Lessor and Lessee agree to ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts financed in whole or in part with federal funds provided under this contract. In this regard the Lessor and Lessee shall take all necessary and reasonable steps in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26 and the DBE Policy as established by the City of Sandusky to ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform contracts.

Lessee shall not exclude DBEs from participation in business opportunities by entering into long-term, exclusive agreements with non-DBEs for operation of major transportation related activities or for the provision of goods and services for the Project.

21. Indemnification.

Only to the extent permitted by law, the Lessee covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Lessor, the Lessor's Board of Trustees and its employees, individually and collectively, from all fines, suits, claims, demands, actions, costs, expenses, or liabilities of any kind or nature, including legal expenses and attorney's fees, arising from the sue, maintenance, and operations of the equipment.

22. Entire Agreement and Signature.

This instrument contains the entire agreement between the parties, and shall be binding on their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns. The Agreement may not be amended or altered except by a written agreement signed by both parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

In the presence of:

LESSOR: SERVING OUR SENIORS, INC.

Witness

Sparky Weinau, President of the Board
of Trustees

Witness

David W. Brink, Treasurer of the Board of
Trustees

LESSEE: CITY OF SANDUSKY

Witness

John Orzech, City Manager

Approved as to Form:

Sarah S. Chiappone #0101179
Assistant Law Director
City of Sandusky