

ORDINANCE NO. 23-208

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANDUSKY AND SERVING OUR SENIORS (SOS) 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, Serving Our Seniors (SOS) is a private non-profit corporation that sponsors transportation services for the benefit of senior citizens, who are living independently in Erie County, age sixty (60) and older, using public transportation services provided by the Sandusky Transit System; and

WHEREAS, the City through its public transit system, agrees to provide weekday Demand Response transportation services to Erie County residents aged sixty (60) and over who have been verified by SOS as not being a resident of an assisted living facility, nursing home, skilled nursing facility, or a consumer of an adult day care center for a monthly flat fee; and

WHEREAS, SOS owns six (6) vehicles that it desires to lease to the City, at a cost of \$0.00/month per vehicle, in consideration for the provision of discounted Demand Response transportation services to eligible seniors and free transportation services on the Fixed Routes to those eligible residents aged sixty (60) and over, registered with SOS and possess a valid pass issued by SOS; and

WHEREAS, approval to enter into another Lease Agreement for these vehicles is being requested in companion legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Sandusky Transit System will receive from SOS a monthly flat fee of \$16,666.67 for Demand Response transportation services for a total annual amount of \$200,000.04 for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024; 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 Transportation Services Agreement, which commenced on October 1, 2023, and to continue providing transportation services to Serving Our Seniors; 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,

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

Section 1. The City Manager be and hereby is authorized to execute an Agreement with Serving Our Seniors for transportation services for the period from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, substantially in the same form as reflected in Exhibit "1" which is attached to this Ordinance and specifically incorporated as if fully rewritten herein together with such revisions or additions as are approved by the Law Director as not being substantially adverse to the City and being consistent with the objectives and requirements of this Ordinance and with carrying out the City's public purposes.

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

**Agreement: Transportation Services
Serving Our Seniors
And the City of Sandusky**

This Agreement is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2023 by and between the City of Sandusky (City) / Sandusky Transit System (STS), 240 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio 44870, [City] and Serving Our Seniors, Inc., 310 E. Boalt Street, Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio 44870, [SOS], collectively the Parties, under the conditions agreed upon as enumerated below, for the provision of transportation services to Erie County residents aged sixty (60) and over:

WHEREAS, SOS is a private non-profit corporation that sponsors transportation services for the benefit of senior citizens, who are living independently in Erie County, age sixty (60) and older, using public transportation services provided by the Sandusky Transit System;

WHEREAS, "Demand Response System" is defined by the Federal Transit Administration as any non-fixed route system of transporting individuals that requires advanced scheduling including services provided by public entities, non-profits, and private providers. An advance request for service is a key characteristic of demand response service;

WHEREAS, the City operates the Sandusky Transit System (STS) which provides public transportation within certain areas of Erie County, Ohio;

WHEREAS, the City through its public transit system, agrees to provide weekday Demand Response transportation services to Erie County residents aged sixty (60) and over who have been verified by SOS as *not* being a resident of an assisted living facility, nursing home, skilled nursing facility, or a consumer of an adult day care center (Eligible Seniors) for a monthly flat fee;

WHEREAS, the City through its public transit system, agrees to provide weekday Demand Response transportation services to Erie County residents aged sixty (60) and over who have been registered and verified by SOS, as being unable to afford the \$1.50 rate for a one-way trip; and possess a valid pass (SOS **Reduced Rate** Pass Holders) permitting the Eligible Senior to pay the rate of .50 cents per one-way trip.

WHEREAS, SOS owns six (6) vehicles that it desires to lease to the City, at a lease cost of \$0.00/month per vehicle, in consideration of the City providing free public transportation services on Fixed Routes to eligible Erie County residents aged sixty (60) and over;

WHEREAS, in consideration of the leasing of six (6) vehicles from SOS, the City through its public transit system, agrees to provide transportation services on Fixed Routes at no cost to Erie County residents age sixty (60) and over, registered with SOS and possess a valid pass issued by SOS (SOS **Fixed Route** Pass Holders), except for those days and times on which services are not provided, as enumerated below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

The City through its public transit system (STS), shall provide weekday Demand Response transportation services to Erie County residents aged sixty (60) and over who have been verified as being eligible by SOS (Eligible Seniors). SOS agrees to pay a monthly flat fee of Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 67/100 Dollars (\$16,666.67), for a total annual amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand and 04/100 Dollars (\$200,000.04).

In consideration for the provision of discounted demand response transportation services to Eligible Seniors and free transportation services on the Fixed Routes to those eligible residents as defined above, and for no other consideration whatsoever, the parties hereby agree that SOS shall lease to the City six (6) vehicles at a lease cost of \$0.00/month per vehicle.

1. The City responsibilities:

- a) The City shall operate and provide the highest quality transportation service possible and shall stress safety, respect for consumers, service quality, on-time performance, and comfort and convenience for all individuals transported by the City on the Sandusky Transit System.
- b) The City shall operate and provide escorted service to Eligible Seniors who have such a need, from the door of the building where the trip originates to the door of the building upon arriving at the destination of the one-way trip.
- c) The City shall provide Demand Response transportation services for Eligible Seniors within the Erie County service area and up to ten (10) miles in the Lorain County portion of Vermilion and Brownhelm Township, Ohio,

during its regular public transit service hours Monday through Friday, excluding Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. The City shall provide door-to-door service upon request.

- d) The City shall provide transportation services on Fixed Routes at no cost to SOS Pass Holders during its regular public transit service hours or 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM Monday through Saturday, excluding Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. The Fixed Routes Service Area Map is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".
- e) The City shall operate as usual during inclement weather unless the Erie County Sheriff has declared a level 2 or 3 snow emergency.
- f) The City shall provide and maintain a telephone number for Eligible Seniors to make or cancel reservations for Demand Response transportation services.
- g) When scheduling rides for Demand Response transportation services, the City shall notify Eligible Seniors that they may be picked up fifteen (15) minutes prior to or after the scheduled pick up time.
- h) Eligible Seniors shall be able to schedule regularly occurring trips for Demand Response transportation services up to six (6) months in advance.
- i) Demand Response transportation services scheduled by Eligible Seniors up to forty-eight (48) hours in advance shall be guaranteed by the City, subject to acts of God, labor stoppages, and other unforeseen events that are outside the control of the City.
- j) The City shall submit a monthly invoice to SOS for Demand Response transportation services rendered to Eligible Seniors on or before the 10th day of each month in the amount of \$16,666.67. Each Eligible Senior is responsible to pay directly to the City/STS the discounted Eligible Senior Rate of \$1.50 per one-way trip, with the exception of those who are a pass holder of an SOS **Reduced Rate** Pass. Invoices shall include an alphabetical listing of each Eligible Senior, the origin and destination of each trip, and the total number of trips taken by each Eligible Senior for the month. SOS shall submit payment to the City within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the invoice.
- k) The City shall ensure that all Federal and State transportation laws and regulations applicable to public transportation are followed.
- l) The City shall provide SOS detailed reports and data on ridership from the records maintained by the City within 72 business hours of request by SOS.

- m) The City Transit Administrator shall act as the liaison for the Sandusky Transit System with SOS and shall attend scheduled meetings regarding behavior incidents, safety training and other topics as deemed appropriate by SOS.
- n) The City shall report incidents that involve the health and safety of one or more Eligible Seniors or SOS Pass Holders within twenty-four (24) hours of occurrence to SOS.
- o) The City shall report the name and address of each passenger that is denied a ride to SOS by the end of each calendar month. The City and SOS will meet quarterly to discuss rides that were denied.

2. SOS Responsibilities:

- a) SOS shall supply the City with the name, date of birth, address, telephone number, and any special accommodations that may be necessary for each Eligible Senior and SOS Pass Holder permitted to utilize discounted transportation services provided by the Sandusky Transit System pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- b) SOS shall notify the Sandusky Transit Administrator within twenty-four (24) hours after an Eligible Senior or a SOS Pass Holder becomes ineligible to receive discounted transportation services provided by the Sandusky Transit System pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- c) The City has developed a Code of Conduct that all individuals shall follow while riding Sandusky Transit System vehicles. The Code of Conduct references unacceptable behavior while on the City's vehicles and the consequences of the unacceptable behaviors. The City shall make periodic updates to the Code of Conduct and inform SOS as to when the updates are complete and ready to be sent out to riders. Upon notification from the City, SOS shall notify Eligible Seniors and SOS Pass Holders regarding the Sandusky Transit System's Code of Conduct.
- d) The Executive Director of SOS shall be the liaison with the City and shall attend scheduled meetings regarding behavior incidents, safety training and other topics as deemed appropriate by the City.

3. Miscellaneous Provisions

- a) SOS shall be notified by the City as soon as practicable in the event of any accident or collision involving any of the vehicles. The driver of the vehicle involved in the collision shall make a detailed report as required by FTA regulations. A copy of the report shall be submitted to SOS upon completion.

- b) The City and SOS shall monitor the administration and execution of this Agreement and evaluate its effectiveness and shall work together to facilitate positive and open communication and trust between the Parties. It is acknowledged and agreed by the Parties that not all events and incidents can be anticipated or procedurally accounted for in this document. Issues shall be resolved on an individual basis via written communication between the City and SOS until mutual agreement is reached.
 - c) It is agreed that this Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio and shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the City Charter, Codified Ordinances of the City of Sandusky, SOS By-Laws and operational procedures of both SOS and the City.
 - d) This Agreement may be modified from time to time for any reason. Any modification of this Agreement shall be binding only if evidenced in writing, signed by the authorized representative of each party
4. The Americans with Disabilities Act does not require an entity to provide services to an individual who engages in violent, seriously disruptive, or illegal conduct. However, an entity shall not refuse to provide service to an individual with disabilities solely because the individual's disability results in appearance or involuntary behavior that may offend, annoy, or inconvenience employees, the entity, or other persons. If both Parties do not agree on a course of action regarding an incident, then the Parties shall seek the services of an impartial third party to mediate an agreed upon resolution (see Section 9).
5. Eligible Seniors shall be afforded the opportunity of a hearing in accordance with STS policies and procedures within thirty (30) days of any permanent or temporary suspension to show cause why the suspension should not be imposed. The individual shall be afforded a notice of the show cause hearing, including the type of suspension to be imposed and the events leading to such a suspension.
6. Term. This Agreement shall be in effect from October 1, 2023 until September 30, 2024.

7. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by either party by giving sixty (60) days written notice of termination to the other party's authorized representative:

For the City:
City of Sandusky
c/o City Manager
240 Columbus Avenue
Sandusky, OH 44870

For SOS:
Serving Our Seniors
c/o Executive Director
310 E. Boalt Street
Sandusky, OH 44870

In the event that funding for the services provided in this Agreement is eliminated or decreased, each Party shall have a right to terminate or negotiate a modification of this Agreement, including but not limited to compensation. The City shall continue to provide transportation services until the effective date of termination, and SOS shall make payment in accordance with the payment provisions of this Agreement for the transportation services provided by the City prior to the effective date of termination.

8. Force Majeure. In the event the City is unable to provide transportation services because of acts of God, any acts of war, terrorism, unavoidable accident, labor strike or other labor dispute, fire, riot or civil commotion, government action or decree, and/or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the party whose performance is affected, shall not be deemed a breach of this Agreement.
9. Arbitration. Any disagreement regarding stated provisions or required negotiations, or other provisions not specifically covered by this Agreement, and for which no mutual agreement can be reached, shall be settled by arbitration as follows:
- (a) The City shall select and appoint one (1) arbitrator and SOS shall select and appoint one (1) arbitrator.
 - (b) The two (2) appointed arbitrators shall select and appoint a third.
 - (c) All three (3) arbitrators shall be residents of Erie County, Ohio.
 - (d) The City and SOS shall agree to the settlement of differences as reached by a majority of the appointed arbitrators.
10. Neither party hereto is agent, employee or servant of the other, and this Agreement is made for the sole purpose of establishing the division of responsibilities between the City and SOS in connection with the provision of

transportation services and does not in any manner create a partnership between the parties hereto.

11. Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all other oral and written agreements between the parties with respect to the services that are the subject of this Agreement and contains all of the covenants and agreements between the parties.
12. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.
13. Severability. If any of the terms of this Agreement is found to be void or invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining terms of this Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect.
14. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified, changed, or amended with the written consent of both Parties.
15. This Agreement shall be passed by ordinance or resolution by both Parties and such ordinance or resolution or action of the respective City Commission of the City of Sandusky and Serving Our Seniors shall be herein attached and incorporated by reference as Exhibits "B" and "C".

Signature Pages to Follow

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have duly executed this Agreement on the day and year above first written.

In the presence of:

LESSOR: SERVING OUR SENIORS, INC.

Witness

Sparky Weilnau, 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



SANDUSKY TRANSIT SYSTEM

RIDER MAP



GOOGLE TRANSIT ONLINE
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