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Norwood Sanitation District Norwood Town Hall 1670 Naturita Street P.O. Box 518 Norwood, CO 81423

Dear Norwood Sanitation District:

The Norwood Ranger District (NRD) is in the process of acquiring our office building located at 1150 Forest Street, Norwood, Colorado 81423. Per our discussion during the September 9th, 2021 Sanitation District Meeting, we are writing this letter to confirm our agreement that the Norwood Sanitation District will accept the building's septic and lift station into the Town's system for maintenance and long-term management if the following conditions are met:

- The Landowner and the NRD will bring the lift station up to current Colorado State Standards prior to transfer;
- The NRD will pay the Town of Norwood, Norwood Sanitation District a one-time payment for accepting the infrastructure into their system of \$15,000.

The NRD staff will work directly with Randy Harris, Public Works Director, to ensure that modifications made in advance of a transfer meet state standards. This will be one step in the Land Acquisition process. Denise Kusnir, Lands Program Manager will be reaching out to have a meeting to discuss next steps in more detail.

NRD is requesting a formal letter from the Norwood Sanitation District to confirm the above terms are acceptable and includes the following information:

- That Norwood Sanitation District is the only entity capable of providing the service in Norwood, Colorado;
- Confirmation that the system is acceptable to the sanitation district and will be accepted for maintenance upon payment of the one-time maintenance fee;
- Information from the sanitation district on how the maintenance fee operates. Our counsel needs information to determine that the fee represents a permissible fee for services rendered rather than an impermissible tax as the US government cannot pay taxes.

Please provide the letter address to Megan Eno, Norwood District Ranger by email at megan.eno@usda.gov.





As we move forward with the purchase of the Norwood District office, we are working on a requisition package to send for payment. The letter from the Sanitation District is a necessary document for the package.

Please also registered for a SAM.gov account so that Norwood Sanitation District can receive the payment, which can be done online: https://sam.gov/content/home.

Upon closing, the current landowner will terminate the Private Improvements and Cost Sharing Agreement, recorded 10/15/1999 as reception no. 329840 in the San Miguel County Records, per paragraph 7 by recording a notice of termination in the county records upon written acceptance of maintenance of the facilities by the Norwood Sanitation District.

Sincerely,

MEGAN ENO

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Norwood District Ranger

cc: Amy Sutton, Megan Eno, and Denise Kusnir