

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION  
OF ASSESSMENTS FOR  
SONOMA COUNTY TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA**

This Agreement for Collection of Assessments ("Agreement"), dated for convenience December 28 2004, is made between the City of Santa Rosa ("City") and the County of Sonoma ("County").

**RECITALS**

A. Pursuant to Ordinance # 5525 ("the BIA Ordinance"), the County has formed a Business Improvement Area ("BIA") pursuant to the Parking and Business Improvement Area Law of 1989 for the promotion of tourism in Sonoma County. Pursuant to the BIA Ordinance, a levy of two percent (2%) of rent charged by lodging operators is assessed ("the BIA assessments") on lodging operators generating total rent greater than \$350,000 in the preceding calendar year. The City has consented to the formation of the BIA and to the collection of BIA assessments from lodging operators located within the City.

B. The BIA Ordinance contemplates that the collection of BIA assessments from lodging operators within the City may be performed by the City pursuant to an administrative agreement with the County. The BIA Ordinance permits the City to retain from BIA assessments the City's actual costs of collection and administration, not to exceed two percent (2%) of the BIA assessments collected.

C. City has agreed to collect BIA assessments from lodging operators within its incorporated area, and City and County desire to memorialize the collection and administrative

functions to be performed by the City as contemplated by the BIA Ordinance.

WHEREFORE, the City and County agree as follows:

### **AGREEMENT**

1. Collection of BIA Assessments. Pursuant to and in conformance with the terms of the BIA Ordinance, City shall collect BIA assessments from lodging operators within the incorporated area of the City.
2. Frequency of Collection. City shall collect BIA assessments from lodging operators on a quarterly basis, no later than the last day of the month following the end of a calendar quarter. City may collect BIA assessments in conjunction with City's collection of any transient occupancy tax ("TOT") imposed by City on lodging operators.
3. Registration. City shall require each lodging operator within its incorporated area to provide such information as City shall deem necessary to collect BIA assessments. Information previously provided by a lodging operator to a City in connection with TOT collections may be used by the City for this purpose.
4. Remittance and Reporting to County. City shall remit BIA assessments collected from lodging operators, less any administrative fee permitted by the BIA Ordinance and this Agreement, to the Sonoma County Tax Collector within 15 business days of the last day of the month following the end of each calendar quarter. City's remittance of fees shall be accompanied by report showing, at a minimum, the name of each lodging operator, the gross rent reported by each lodging operator during the quarter, the amount of any exemptions claimed by each lodging operator, the BIA assessments collected from each lodging operator, the amount of

administrative fee withheld by the City, and the total net BIA assessment remitted to the Sonoma County Tax Collector by the City.

5. Delinquency and Collection. If a lodging operator fails to report and remit BIA assessments when due, City shall assess and determine delinquencies, penalties, and interest, and take such actions as are necessary with respect to the assessment and determination of delinquencies, penalties, and interest as are required and provided in sections 33-8 and 33-9 of the BIA Ordinance.

6. Cooperation with County. In the event a lodging operator appeals any assessment by the City pursuant to section 33-10 of the BIA Ordinance, or in the event the County institutes legal action to collect any delinquent assessments, penalties, or interest owed by a lodging operator within the City pursuant to section 33-11 of the BIA Ordinance, the City shall cooperate with the County in connection with such proceedings by providing documentation and witnesses reasonably necessary to the conduct of such proceedings.

7. Records and Inspection. City shall retain all records relating to its collection of BIA assessments and its performance under this Agreement for a period of three years, and shall allow County to inspect and copy such records upon County's reasonable request. If City performs an audit of any lodging operator to determine whether the lodging operator has complied with the City's TOT ordinance or the BIA Ordinance, City shall provide a copy of such audit to County upon request. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit the County from conducting an independent audit of lodging operators within the City for purpose of determining compliance with the BIA Ordinance. County shall provide a copy of such audit to City upon request.

8. Documentation of Eligibility for Exemption. By January 31, 2005, City shall provide County with a list of all lodging operators within the City's incorporated area and the

rent collected by each lodging operator during fiscal year 2003-2004, for the purpose of determining whether each lodging operator is subject to assessment under section 33-5(a) of the BIA Ordinance.

9. Compensation. City may deduct from BIA assessments remitted to County under this Agreement the City's actual costs of collecting BIA assessments and administering this Agreement, up to a maximum of two percent (2%) of the BIA assessments collected by the City. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for the first two years the BIA exists, the City may deduct two percent (2%) of BIA assessments collected.

10. Term; Termination. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date it is executed by both County and City, and shall continue until December 31, 2006.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement shall continue for additional one-year calendar year terms unless City or County notifies the other party of its intent to terminate the Agreement at the end of the calendar year. Such notice must be given no later than sixty (60) days before the end of the calendar year for termination to be effective. This Agreement shall also terminate 90 days after (a) the effective date of any modification to the BIA that excludes the City from the boundaries of the BIA or (b) the effective date of any disestablishment of the BIA pursuant to section 33-17 of the BIA Ordinance.

11. Amendments. This agreement may be amended by the City and the County in writing, signed by both the City and the County.

12. Notices and Payments

All notices and payments to the parties shall be addressed as follows:

City: Pamela Edwards  
Revenue Manager  
90 Santa Rosa Ave.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

County: Treasurer-Tax Collector  
County of Sonoma  
Post Office Box 3879  
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

City of Santa Rosa

By

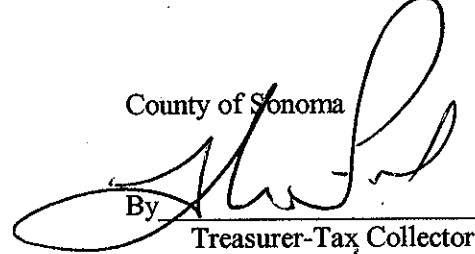
  
City Manager

Date

12/15/04

County of Sonoma

By

  
Treasurer-Tax Collector

Date

12/28/04