

1 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

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5 **THIS AGREEMENT**, made as of the 17th day of December, 2024 by and between
6 the **TOWN OF GRAND RIDGE**, hereafter referred to as the **TOWN**, whose address is
7 Post Office Drawer 180, Grand Ridge, Florida 32442 and the **JACKSON COUNTY**
8 **SCHOOL BOARD**, hereafter referred to as the **SCHOOL BOARD**, whose address is
9 Post Office Box 5958, Marianna, Florida 32447.

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13 **WITNESSETH THAT:**

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15 WHEREAS the TOWN owns and operates a recreation complex called **John**
16 **Thomas Recreational Complex** located on Florida Ave. in the Town of Grand Ridge,
17 hereafter referred to as the **Complex**, which has historically served as athletic and
18 recreational facilities for the citizens of the Grand Ridge area to include the **Grand Ridge**
19 **School**, hereafter referred to as **School**, and teams sponsored by the **Grand Ridge**
20 **Recreational Association**, hereafter referred to as **Recreational Association**; and

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22 WHEREAS the SCHOOL BOARD owns one gymnasium located on the campus
23 of Grand Ridge School, hereafter referred to as the **Gymnasium** which has historically
24 served as athletic and recreational facilities for the citizens of the Grand Ridge area to
25 include the school basketball teams and the recreational basketball teams sponsored by the
26 Recreational Association; and

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28 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the School Board to continue to utilize the
29 adjacent Complex for the school extra-curricular, and curriculum programs and that the
30 Town undertake and provide recreational facilities for the School, in accordance with the
31 terms of this agreement; and

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33 WHEREAS, entry into the mutual obligations and responsibilities referred to herein
34 by the Town and the School Board will represent a substantial and meaningful interaction
35 and cooperation between the two in the providing of efficient and cost-effective services
36 to this School, to the residents and the taxpayers of the School Board and the Town; and

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38 WHEREAS, the parties have previously entered into their interlocal agreement
39 regarding facilities, which prior agreement is superseded by this contract;

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41 It is therefore agreed by the parties:

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44 1. The SCHOOL BOARD pays to the TOWN the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars
45 (\$10,000) each year on or about the 15th day of July in support of this agreement.
46 Both parties agree that the anniversary date of this agreement is July 1 of each
47 year and that the agreement will be considered renewed by payment and receipt
48 of funds.
49 2. The TOWN will continue to be responsible for all utilities at the Complex to
50 include electricity, water, sewer and garbage.
51 3. The TOWN will continue to be responsible for all day-to-day custodial and
52 grounds care at the Complex to include cleaning of all buildings, building
53 restrooms and grass mowing and trash.
54 4. The SCHOOL BOARD will be responsible for the purchase and yearly
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along with regular placement of field markings (chalk lines) of the fields used by the School Board.

5. The TOWN will continue to be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of all lighting, plumbing, painting, fencing, parking areas, at the level that exists as of the signing of this agreement.
6. The TOWN agrees to allow admission charges for spectators to be collected only after school hours or non-school days. The TOWN agrees to allow admission charges for games during school hours provided Grand Ridge students are admitted at no cost.
7. The TOWN will allow the SCHOOL BOARD sponsored teams the right of first refusal to use of the Complex for practice and games during the season as determined by the FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION.
8. The School must submit a schedule of practices and games to the Town to ensure reservation for field or fields.
9. The TOWN will allow the SCHOOL BOARD to use the Complex in its entirety, including baseball fields, softball fields, football/soccer field, track, playground, basketball court.
10. The TOWN will waive the usual requirements for purchase of property and liability insurance for use of Complex.
11. Activities such as carnivals, shows, or other activities of a fund raising nature are not covered under this agreement even though the proceeds from the fundraiser may go to support recreational or extracurricular activities. Arrangement for use of each facility for such activities is to be handled on a case by case basis as usually required by the TOWN.
12. The School will continue to follow all rules as outlined in **Exhibit A** with the exception of rule two under the section entitled "fields".
13. The School will be responsible for all cost for damages at the Complex due to negligence or deliberate acts while the School is using said property.
14. The term of this contract shall be for (1) year commencing on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025. Provided, that the contract shall be deemed to be automatically extended for additional terms in the absence of written notice otherwise from either of the parties. This agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other 30 days prior to the anniversary date
15. This writing constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter, and there are no promises, warranties or representations other than those contained herein. All prior agreements between the parties with respect to Recreational Facilities are hereby superseded and amended. By entering into this agreement, neither party intends to or shall be deemed to have waived immunity accruing under Applicable law (including, but not limited to sovereign immunity).
16. To the extent permitted by Sections 768.28 Florida Statutes, each party to this agreement will indemnify and hold the other harmless for any and all damages as a result of use of the PROPERTY.
17. RENEWAL. This agreement shall automatically renew on a year to year basis unless either party provides notice of intent to termination said agreement no less than 90 days prior to the renewal date.

113 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have set their hands and
114 seals the 17th day of December, 2024.

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117 JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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119 By: _____
120 Chairman, Jackson County School Board

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122 Personally appeared before me this _____ day of _____, 2024
123 _____, Chairman, Jackson County School Board, who
124 subscribed and swore to the above instrument in my presence.

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128 Notary Seal

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133 Commission Expires _____
134 _____ Notary Signature

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138 TOWN OF GRAND RIDGE

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140 By: Chris Harrell

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144 Personally appeared before me this 14 day of November, 2024
145 Chris Harrell, Mayor who subscribed and swore to the above instrument in my
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155 Commission Expires Jan 5, 2025

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Amanda R. Applewhite
Notary Signature

Exhibit A

Town of Grand Ridge Recreation Park Rules

In an effort to keep our recreation facilities clean and pleasurable for all, the Town of Grand Ridge has set guide lines for individuals to follow. These regulations will insure that all are treated equally and that enjoyment is had by all who use our recreation park.

RE: LIGHTS

1. Lights will be used for a TEAM practice or approved game only.
2. Lights should be turned off as soon as practical when practice or games are finished.
3. Lights should not be turned on before they are necessary. (Note: Last year we had teams turning lights on 2 hours before sun set.)
4. At the following named fields, only **one** set of lights can be turned on at the same time:
 - (2) 300' fields
 - (1) 350' baseball field
 - (1) football fieldThese fields are located on the south end of the recreation complex.
5. Lights should be OFF if field is not in use.
6. Due to the high voltage in the electrical room, we ask that the door is kept locked at all times. The only switches that should be used are labeled East Softball Field, Baseball Field, and West Softball Field located next to the track. All other panels should be left alone. No Students or Children are allowed to turn on or off the lights. This should be the responsibility of an adult or coaches.
7. Please report to me any fixture of light that is not working properly.

NOTE: Currently the Town has 8 lighted fields. It is very important that we are all very conservative in utilizing these lights.

RE: GATES

1. Each field has an entrance gate and should be locked at all times.
2. Because each entrance gate should be locked at all times, if you make a delivery or drop off equipment, you must park your vehicle back in the parking area.

NOTE: No Vehicles or ATV will be allowed around the ball fields or play ground area. All vehicles should be in the designated parking area.

3. No vehicles or ATV will be allowed on the asphalt track.

RE: DOORS

1. All storage room doors should be locked at all times.
2. All concession stand doors should be locked at all times.

RE: FIELDS

1. The Town will keep the grass cut on all fields and on and around parking area.
2. The Town will provide bases, home plates, and pitching rubbers for fields.
3. It will be the responsibility of the School or Recreation Association to drag the infield before each practice or game. (Please do not drag over bases, pitching rubber or home plate.)
4. Bases must be left on fields in place.

RE: FENCE

1. **No pepper** allowed on field against fence either inside or outside of facility.
2. No pitch and hit against fence allowed.
3. Maintain proper pitching and hitting distance. **DO NOT** back hitter up to backstop.

RE: TRASH

1. The Town will pick-up and manicure the recreation complex once a week.
2. It is the responsibility of each team to pick-up trash in and around the field that they are utilizing after each practice or game. This includes Dug Outs, Bleacher Area, Field Area, and Concession Area.
3. We have dumpsters in place; please utilize them.

RE: RESTROOMS

1. You must help us keep this area sanitary. Please check bathroom before and after each practice or games.
2. New restroom facility is for games only and must be locked at all other times.

RE: KEYS

1. Refer to the Town of Grand Ridge Recreational Lock and Key Policy
2. Only Coaches or Authorized Personnel should have keys to the gates or light boxes. No other keys should be given out.
3. An application for Lock and Key Policy shall be signed before issuance of any key(s).

BATTING CAGES

1. No steel cleats are allowed to be worn inside the batting cage.
2. Gate must be locked back after use.
3. Lights must be turned off after use.
4. Assist in keeping batting cage clean, trash picked up, dirt knocked of shoes prior to entering cage, etc.

A. Vandalism or mistreatment of facilities:

No vandalism or mistreatment of these facilities will be tolerated. If at any time you see mistreatment of our recreation facility, please intervene and explain that the park is for the enjoyment of all and not to be damaged by anyone. If this does not do any good, please report the incident to the Town Hall. We will certainly do our best to take care of all problems that may occur.

- B. No climbing on Fences, Gates, or Buildings.
- C. No pepper on fences. (Note: Please use nets.)
- D. No fields will be tied up from one day to the next unless approved by the Town Manager. (Note: Every citizen or individual has the privilege of using this public park.)

All requests should be made from the Recreation Association President or the School Coaches in writing to the Town Manager for any work, upgrade, or assistance that the Recreation Association or School feels necessary for our facility. We are here to assist whenever it is possible. We will coordinate projects if we are informed in advance or problems or

needs of the Recreation Association or School if we feel it is necessary and it can be coordinated in with our work schedule.

Any or all improvements must be approved before project is started or built.

Please provide a schedule for practices, games, dates, times, and what field you will be using.

Please meet with all coaches and their assistant coaches to explain all rules the Town expects the Recreation Association and School to follow. Please also give a copy of these rules to all members of the Recreation Association, Coaches, and Assistant Coaches.

As in the past we will be building and working on different projects at complex. We need your help in assuring the safety of our children and students. If you observe any unsafe situations please intervene or make the Town aware of problem. Our contact number is 592-4621