

*Gilmore & Bell, P.C.- Draft-May 14, 2024*

**ESCROW AGREEMENT**

**LESSOR:**

Webster Bank, National Association  
360 Lexington Avenue, 5th Floor  
New York, NY 10017  
Attention: Public Sector Finance

**ESCROW AGENT:**

U.S. Bank National Association  
950 17th Street, 5th Floor  
Denver CO 80202  
Attention: Global Corporate Trust

**LESSEE:**

City of Norwalk  
12700 Norwalk Boulevard  
Norwalk, California 90650  
Attention: City Manager

**THIS ESCROW AGREEMENT** (this “Escrow Agreement”) dated June 12, 2024, is entered into by and among Webster Bank, National Association (“Lessor”), the City of Norwalk (“Lessee”), and U.S. Bank National Association (the “Escrow Agent”).

Lessor and Lessee have heretofore entered into that certain Lease Agreement dated as of June 12, 2024 (the “Agreement”). The Agreement contemplates that certain personal property described therein (the “Property”) is to be acquired from the vendor(s) or manufacturer(s) thereof.

After acceptance of the Property by Lessee, the Property is to be leased by Lessor to Lessee pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

The Agreement contemplates that Lessor will deposit with the Escrow Agent cash in the amount of \$[Principal Amount], to be held in escrow by the Escrow Agent and applied on the express terms and conditions set forth herein. Such deposit, together with all interest and additions received with respect thereto (hereinafter, the “Escrow Fund”), is to be applied from time to time to pay certain costs of acquiring and installing the Property (a portion of which may be paid in multiple payments and prior to final acceptance of the Property by Lessee), including payment of capitalized interest on the date specified in **Section 5** hereof, and, if requested by Lessee and approved by Lessor, to pay certain costs of entering into the Agreement.

The parties desire to set forth the terms on which the escrow is to be created and to establish the rights and responsibilities of the parties hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Each of Lessor and Lessee hereby appoint the Escrow Agent, and the Escrow Agent hereby agrees, to serve as escrow agent upon the express terms and conditions set forth herein. The Escrow Agent agrees that the Escrow Fund shall be held irrevocably in escrow for the account and benefit of Lessee and Lessor and all interest earned with respect to the Escrow Fund shall accrue to the benefit of Lessee and shall be applied as expressly set forth herein.

To the limited extent required to perfect the security interest granted by Lessee to Lessor in the cash and negotiable instruments from time to time comprising the Escrow Fund, Lessor hereby appoints the Escrow Agent as its security agent, and the Escrow Agent hereby accepts the appointment as security agent, and agrees to hold possession of such cash and negotiable instruments on behalf of Lessor.

Section 2. On such day as determined to the mutual satisfaction of the parties (the "Commencement Date"), Lessor shall deposit with the Escrow Agent cash in the amount of \$[Principal Amount], to be held by the Escrow Agent on the express terms and conditions set forth herein. The Escrow Agent agrees to accept the deposit of the Escrow Fund by Lessor, and further agrees to hold the amount so deposited together with all interest and other additions received with respect thereto in escrow on the express terms and conditions set forth herein.

Section 3. The Escrow Agent shall at all times segregate the Escrow Fund into an account maintained for that express purpose, which shall be clearly identified on the books and records of the Escrow Agent as being held in its capacity as Escrow Agent. Securities and other negotiable instruments comprising the Escrow Fund from time to time shall be held or registered in the name of the Escrow Agent (or its nominee). The Escrow Fund shall not, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be subject to levy or attachment or lien by or for the benefit of any creditor of any of the parties hereto (except with respect to the security interest therein held by Lessor).

Section 4. Lessee will direct the Escrow Agent in writing to invest the cash comprising the Escrow Fund from time to time in Qualified Investments (as hereinafter defined). Interest or other amounts earned and received by the Escrow Agent with respect to the Escrow Fund shall be deposited in and comprise a part of the Escrow Fund. No investment shall be made that would cause the Agreement to be deemed to be an arbitrage bond within the meaning of Section 148(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). For purposes of this Section, the term "Qualified Investments" means (i) direct obligations (other than an obligation subject to variation in principal repayment) of the United States of America ("United States Treasury Obligations"); (ii) obligations fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by the United States of America; (iii) obligations fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by any agency or instrumentality of the United States of America when such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America; (iii) money market funds, which funds may be funds of the Escrow Agent or its affiliates (including the investment identified on **Schedule 2** hereto), including those for which the Escrow Agent or an affiliate performs services for a fee, whether as a custodian, transfer agent, investment advisor or otherwise, and which funds are rated "AAAm" or "AAAm G" by Standard & Poor's. Based upon Lessee's prior review of investment alternatives, in the absence of further specific written direction to the contrary, the Escrow Agent is directed to invest and reinvest the Escrow Fund in the investment indicated on **Schedule 2** hereto. The Escrow Agent may conclusively rely upon Lessee's written investment directions as to both the suitability and legality of the directed investments and such written direction shall be deemed to be a certification to the Escrow Agent that such directed investments constitute Qualified Investments. The Escrow Agent shall have no responsibility with respect to monitoring or determining whether any investment directed by Lessee would cause the Agreement to be deemed to be an arbitrage bond within the meaning of Section 148(a) of the Code.

Section 5. Lessor and Lessee hereby authorize the Escrow Agent to take the following actions with respect to the Escrow Fund:

a. Pay from the Escrow Fund to Lessor interest on the Agreement as it becomes due representing capitalized interest from the date hereof, on the date and in the amount set forth below, without further action by Lessee, upon payment instructions provided by Lessor to Escrow Agent:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_____	\$ _____

b. From time to time, pay the Vendor or manufacturer of the Property, Lessee or other payee upon receipt of the following: (i) a duly executed Certificate of Acceptance and Payment Request, a form of which is attached as **Exhibit A** (a "Payment Request"), duly executed by a Lessee Representative (defined below) and approved for payment by a Lessor Representative, (ii) the Vendor(s) or manufacturer(s) invoice(s) specifying the acquisition price of the Property described in the Payment Request, (iii) in the event that certain costs of entering into the Agreement are described in the Payment Request, invoice(s), budget(s), closing statement(s) or other additional documentation specifying the amount(s) of such costs, and (iv) any additional documentation required by Lessor prior to Lessor's approval of such Payment Request, which additional documentation shall be identified to the Escrow Agent. Lessor's approval on the Payment Request in each case shall be conclusive evidence that all invoices, budgets, closing statements and any additional documentation requirements have been received by and are acceptable to Lessor for payment purposes. Without limiting the foregoing, Lessor shall not be required to approve any such Payment Request unless and until Lessee shall have provided to Lessor (i) certificates of insurance evidencing coverage in accordance with Section 22 of the Agreement and satisfactory to Lessor and (ii) payment and performance bonds, each naming Lessor and its successors and assigns as an additional obligee and issued by a surety company rated "A" or better by AM Best in form and substance satisfactory to Lessor.

"**Lessee Representative**" shall be a person designated in the Incumbency Certificate attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, or on a subsequent incumbency certificate of Lessee actually received and acknowledged by Lessor and the Escrow Agent.

"**Lessor Representative**" shall be a person designated in the Certificate of Authorized Lessor Representatives" attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

c. Upon receipt of a Payment Request for payment of funds from the Escrow Fund, Lessor and the Escrow Agent may, but are not required to seek confirmation of such instructions by telephone call-back to any Lessee Representative, and Lessor and the Escrow Agent may rely upon the confirmations of anyone purporting to be such Lessee Representative. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lessee agrees that neither the Escrow Agent nor Lessor shall have a duty to seek such confirmation, and shall have no liability for disbursement in accordance with the instructions contained in any Payment Request submitted with signature of a Lessee Representative. Lessor and Lessee hereby confirm that any call-back performed by the Escrow Agent to verify a disbursement instruction pursuant to a Payment Request submitted pursuant to this Section before release shall be made to Lessor only and the Escrow Agent shall have no obligation to call-back Lessee. The persons and telephone numbers for call-backs may be changed only in writing actually received and acknowledged by Lessor and the Escrow Agent. The parties to this Escrow Agreement acknowledge that such security procedure is commercially reasonable.

d. It is understood that Lessor, the Escrow Agent and the beneficiary's bank in any funds transfer may rely solely upon any account numbers or similar identifying number provided by any party hereto to identify (i) the beneficiary, (ii) the beneficiary's bank, or (iii) an intermediary bank.

e. In the event that Lessor provides to the Escrow Agent and the Escrow Agent actually receives written notice of the occurrence of an Event of Default as defined in the Agreement, the Escrow Agent shall thereupon promptly remit to Lessor the entire balance of the Escrow Fund *after* application of the Escrow Fund to all reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the Escrow Agent in connection herewith as evidenced by its statement forwarded to Lessor and Lessee.

f. Upon actual receipt by the Escrow Agent of a duly executed Payment Request identified as the final such request, the remaining monies in the Escrow Fund shall, *first* be applied to all reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the Escrow Agent in connection herewith as evidenced by its statement forwarded to Lessor and Lessee, subject to Section 6 below; and, *second* be paid to Lessor, to be applied by Lessor on any Rental Payment Date to all or a portion of the Rental Payment due and owing in the succeeding twelve (12) months, and any remaining amounts shall be applied by Lessor as prepayment to the remaining principal balance owing hereunder in inverse order of Rental Payment Dates, unless Lessor directs that payment of such amount be made in such other manner that, in the opinion of nationally recognized counsel in the area of tax-exempt municipal obligations satisfactory to Lessor, will not adversely affect the exclusion of the interest components of Rental Payments from gross income for federal income tax purposes. If any such amount is used to prepay principal, the Payment Schedule attached to the Agreement will be revised accordingly as specified by Lessor.

g. Lessor and Lessee agree that the security procedures under this Section 5 are commercially reasonable.

h. In the event that the Escrow Agent makes any payment to any payee pursuant to this Escrow Agreement and for any reason such payment (or any portion thereof) is required to be returned to the Escrow Fund or is subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside and/or required to be repaid to a receiver, trustee or other party under any bankruptcy or insolvency law, other federal or state law, common law or equitable doctrine, then the party who benefited from the payment to the payee shall repay to the Escrow Agent upon written request the amount so paid to the payee. The Escrow Agent shall not be liable to any party or any other person by reason of such payment.

Section 6. The reasonable fees and expenses of the Escrow Agent incurred in connection herewith in the amount of \$375.00 for escrow services as described herein shall be the responsibility of Lessee, plus any extraordinary expenses incurred by the Escrow Agent at the request of Lessor or Lessee, as set forth in **Schedule 1**.

Section 7.

a. The Escrow Agent shall have no liability for acting upon any written instruction presented by Lessee and/or Lessor in connection with this Escrow Agreement which the Escrow Agent in good faith believes to be genuine. Furthermore, the Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any act or omission in connection with this Escrow Agreement except for its own gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any loss or diminution in value of the Escrow Fund as a result of the investment decisions made pursuant to Section 4, at the written direction of Lessee. The Escrow Agent shall have only those duties and responsibilities as expressly set forth herein, and no other duty, obligation or covenant, fiduciary or otherwise, shall be implied or enforceable against the Escrow Agent by any person. The Escrow Agent may conclusively rely upon any notice, instruction, request or other instrument, not only as to its due execution, validity and effectiveness, but also as to the truth and

accuracy of any information contained therein, which the Escrow Agent believes to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the person purporting to sign the same.

b. Without limiting the effect of Section 7(a) hereof, the Escrow Agent shall have no obligation or liability to any other party hereto (or any person claiming through any of them): (i) to review, examine, enforce, administer or take notice of any agreement, instrument or document other than this Escrow Agreement; (ii) to determine whether any conditions precedent to a disbursement of the Escrow Fund, other than receipt of a duly executed Payment Request, together with accompanying invoices as set forth in Section 5(a) (which invoices the Escrow Agent shall conclusively presume are sufficient if Lessor has signed such Payment Request), have been or will be satisfied or otherwise to investigate any notice received by the Escrow Agent hereunder; (iii) to evaluate or determine the validity or legality of any action or omission of any third party, including any federal or state bank regulator; (iv) to make any payment to the other parties or other payees set forth in written instructions received under Section 5 from any source other than the Escrow Fund, and no such payment shall be made if the amount of the Escrow Fund is inadequate; (v) to communicate with any person other than as expressly provided for in this Escrow Agreement; (vi) for any action or omission of the Escrow Agent taken or made upon the oral or written instructions of the parties hereto; (vii) for any other action or omission of, or for errors in judgment by, the Escrow Agent under or in connection with this Escrow Agreement taken or made in good faith and without gross negligence or willful misconduct; and (viii) for special, incidental, consequential, indirect or punitive damages in any event, even if the Escrow Agent has been advised or was otherwise aware of the likelihood of such loss or damages and regardless of the form of action.

c. If any portion of the Escrow Fund is at any time attached, garnished or levied upon, or otherwise subject to any writ, order, decree or process of any court, or in case disbursement of Escrow Fund is stayed or enjoined by any court order, the Escrow Agent is authorized, in its sole discretion, to respond as it deems appropriate or to comply with all writs, orders, decrees or process so entered or issued, whether with or without jurisdiction; and if the Escrow Agent relies upon or complies with any such writ, order, decree or process, it will not be liable to any of the parties hereto or to any other person or entity by reason of such compliance even if such order is reversed, modified, annulled, set aside or vacated.

Section 8. To the extent permitted by law, Lessee hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Escrow Agent (including its directors, officers, employees, and affiliates) from all losses, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including attorney fees and expenses which may be incurred by it as a result of its acceptance of or arising from the performance of its duties hereunder (including those incurred in connection with successfully defending itself against any claim of gross negligence or willful misconduct and the enforcement of Lessee's obligations hereunder), unless such losses, liabilities, costs and expenses shall have been finally adjudicated to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Escrow Agent and such indemnification shall survive the resignation or removal of the Escrow Agent or the termination of this Escrow Agreement.

Section 9. The Escrow Agent may at any time resign by giving at least 30 days' prior written notice to Lessee and Lessor, but such resignation shall not take effect until the appointment of the successor Escrow Agent. The substitution of another bank or trust company to act as Escrow Agent under this Escrow Agreement may occur by written agreement of Lessor and Lessee. In addition, the Escrow Agent may be removed at any time, upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice, with or without cause, by instrument in writing executed by Lessor and Lessee. Such notice shall set forth the effective date of the removal. In the event of any resignation or removal of the Escrow Agent, a successor Escrow Agent shall be appointed by an instrument in writing executed by Lessor and Lessee. Such successor Escrow Agent

shall indicate its acceptance of such appointment by an instrument in writing delivered to Lessor, Lessee and the predecessor Escrow Agent.

Upon the effective date of resignation or removal, the Escrow Agent will transfer the Escrow Fund then held by it to the successor Escrow Agent selected by Lessor and Lessee.

If the other parties are unable to agree upon a successor escrow agent within 30 days after such notice, the other parties hereby agree that either of them acting unilaterally shall apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor escrow agent or for other appropriate relief and in the event the parties fail to do so, the Escrow Agent may so apply to a court of competent jurisdiction. The costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) incurred by the Escrow Agent in connection with such proceeding shall be paid in accordance with Section 6.

Section 10. The Escrow Agent may consult with counsel of its own choice and shall have full and complete authorization and protection for actions taken in reliance upon the opinion of such counsel.

Section 11. In the event of any dispute with respect to the Escrow Fund, the interpretation of this Escrow Agreement or the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder, or to the propriety of any action contemplated by the Escrow Agent hereunder, or if the Escrow Agent in good faith is in doubt as to what action should be taken hereunder, then in any such case the Escrow Agent shall not be obligated to resolve the dispute or disagreement or to make any disbursement of all or any portion of the Escrow Fund, but may commence an action in the nature of an interpleader and seek to deposit such funds with a court of competent jurisdiction, and thereby shall be discharged from any further duty or obligation with respect to the Escrow Fund. The costs of such interpleader action shall be borne by Lessee. In the event Lessee shall fail on demand to reimburse the Escrow Agent for such costs, then Lessee irrevocably authorizes the Escrow Agent to deduct any such amounts from the Escrow Fund without any further notice or demand to any person. The Escrow Agent may, in its sole discretion in lieu of filing such action in interpleader, elect to cease to perform under this Escrow Agreement and to ignore all instructions received in connection herewith until the Escrow Agent has received a written notice of resolution signed by the parties to such dispute or disagreement or an order of a court of competent jurisdiction over the matter directing a disposition of the Escrow Fund.

Section 12. This Escrow Agreement and the Escrow Fund established hereunder shall terminate upon receipt by the Escrow Agent of the written notice from Lessor specified in Section 5(e) or Section 5(f) hereof.

Section 13. All notices hereunder shall be in writing, sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by mutually recognized overnight carrier addressed to the other parties at their respective addresses shown on page 1 of this Escrow Agreement or at such other address as each such party shall from time to time designate in writing to the other parties; and shall be effective on the date of receipt. The Escrow Agent shall have the right to accept and act upon any notice, instruction, or other communication, including any funds transfer instruction (each, a "Notice") received pursuant to this Escrow Agreement by electronic transmission (including by e-mail, facsimile transmission, web portal or other electronic methods) and shall not have any duty to confirm that the person sending such Notice is, in fact, the person he or she purports to be. Electronic signatures believed by the Escrow Agent to comply with the E-SIGN Act of 2000 or other applicable law (including electronic images of handwritten signatures and digital signatures provided by DocuSign, Orbit, Adobe Sign or any other digital signature provider identified by any other party hereto and acceptable to the Escrow Agent) shall be deemed original signatures for all purposes. Each other party to this Escrow Agreement assumes all risks arising

out of its use of electronic signatures and electronic methods to send Notices to the Escrow Agent, including without limitation the risk of Escrow Agent acting on an unauthorized Notice and the risk of interception or misuse by third parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Escrow Agent may in any instance and in its sole discretion require that a Notice in the form of an original document bearing a manual signature be delivered to the Escrow Agent in lieu of, or in addition to, any such electronic Notice.

Section 14. This Escrow Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. No rights or obligations of the Escrow Agent under this Escrow Agreement may be assigned without the prior written consent of Lessor and Lessee, and any assignment of this Escrow Agreement by Lessor or Lessee shall not be effective until the Escrow Agent has confirmed that such assignee has provided satisfactory information to the Escrow Agent to satisfy the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act or any other legislation or regulation to which the Escrow Agent is subject. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any company into which the Escrow Agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated or any company resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which it shall be a party or any company to which the Escrow Agent may sell or transfer all or substantially all of its municipal corporate trust business, shall be the successor to such Escrow Agent without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

Section 15. Except as provided in the next sentence, this Escrow Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no waiver, consent, modification or change of terms hereof shall bind any party unless in writing signed by all parties. This Escrow Agreement is in addition to any related account applications and other account opening and authorizing documents and/or resolutions on file with Escrow Agent and such documents are hereby incorporated by reference into this Escrow Agreement (the "Account Agreements"). In the event that there are inconsistencies between this Escrow Agreement and any other Account Agreement, the terms of this Escrow Agreement shall control.

Section 16. The Escrow Agent may employ agents, attorneys and accountants in connection with its duties hereunder (such costs to be paid as set forth in Section 6) and shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted in good faith in accordance with the advice of counsel, accountants or other skilled persons.

Section 17. This Escrow Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, and each counterpart so executed will be an original. In addition, the parties agree that the transaction described herein may be conducted and related documents may be received, sent or stored by electronic means. Copies, telecopies, facsimiles, electronic files and other reproductions of original executed documents shall be deemed to be authentic and valid counterparts of such original documents for all purposes, including the filing of any claim, action or suit in the appropriate court of law.

Section 18. This Escrow Agreement shall be governed by and be construed and interpreted in accordance with the internal laws of the State of California (the "State").

Section 19. Lessee represents, warrants and covenants for the benefit of the Escrow Agent as follows:

- a. Lessee is authorized under the constitution and laws of the State to enter into this Escrow Agreement and the transaction contemplated hereby and to perform all of its obligations hereunder.

b. Lessee has been duly authorized to execute and deliver this Escrow Agreement by proper action and approval of its governing body at a meeting duly called, regularly convened and attended throughout by a requisite majority of the members thereof or by other appropriate official approval.

c. This Escrow Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Lessee enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally.

d. Lessee will comply with all applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including without limitation Sections 103 and 148 thereof, and the applicable regulations of the Treasury Department. No part of the Escrow Fund shall be invested at Lessee's discretion in any securities, obligations or other investments or used, at any time, directly or indirectly, in a manner which, if such use had been reasonably anticipated on the date of the execution and delivery of the Agreement, would have caused any portion of the Agreement to be or become "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 103(b)(2) or Section 148 of the Code and the applicable regulations of the Treasury Department.

Section 20. The parties acknowledge that in order to help the United States government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, pursuant to Federal regulations that became effective on October 1, 2003 (Section 326 of the USA PATRIOT Act) all financial institutions are required to obtain, verify, record and update information that identifies each person establishing a relationship or opening an account. The parties to this Escrow Agreement agree that they will provide to the Escrow Agent such information as it may request, from time to time, in order for the Escrow Agent to satisfy the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act or any other legislation or regulation to which it is subject, including but not limited to the name, address, tax identification number and other information that will allow it to identify the individual or entity who is establishing the relationship or opening the account and may also ask for formation documents such as articles of incorporation or other identifying documents to be provided.

Section 21. Except as otherwise agreed by the Escrow Agent in writing, the Escrow Agent has no tax reporting or withholding obligation except to the Internal Revenue Service with respect to Form 1099-B reporting on payments of gross proceeds under Internal Revenue Code Section 6045 and Form 1099 and Form 1042-S reporting with respect to investment income earned on the Escrow Fund, if any. Lessor and Lessee shall provide the Escrow Agent a properly completed IRS Form W-9 or Form W-8, as applicable, for each payee hereunder. If requested tax documentation is not so provided, the Escrow Agent is authorized to withhold taxes as required by the United States Internal Revenue Code and related regulations.

Section 22. The Escrow Agent will not be responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war or terror, epidemics, governmental regulations, fire, communication line failures, computer viruses, attacks or intrusions, power failures, earthquakes or any other circumstance beyond its control.

Section 23. Nothing in this Escrow Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or will confer upon any person other than the signatory parties hereto any right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Escrow Agreement.



Section 24. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY WAIVES THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY WITH RESPECT TO ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF, UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ESCROW AGREEMENT.

Section 25. None of the terms or conditions of this Escrow Agreement may be changed, waived, modified, terminated or varied in any manner whatsoever unless in writing duly signed by each party to this Escrow Agreement.

[Signature page follows.]

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Escrow Agreement to be duly executed as of the day and year first above set forth.

**LESSOR:**

**WEBSTER BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Kevin C. King  
Title: Senior Managing Director

**LESSEE:**

**CITY OF NORWALK**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Jesus M. Gomez  
Title: City Manager

**ESCROW AGENT:**

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
as escrow agent**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Kathleen Connelly  
Title: Vice President

## EXHIBIT A TO ESCROW AGREEMENT

### FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE AND PAYMENT REQUEST

U.S. Bank National Association (the “Escrow Agent”), as escrow agent under that certain Escrow Agreement dated June 12, 2024 (the “Escrow Agreement”), by and among the City of Norwalk (“Lessee”), Webster Bank, National Association (“Lessor”) and the Escrow Agent, is hereby requested to pay from the Escrow Fund (as defined in the Escrow Agreement) established and maintained thereunder, the amount set forth below to the named payee(s). The personal property and costs described below are (i) costs of acquiring and installing part or all of the Property listed in the Description of Property attached to that certain Lease Agreement dated as of June 12, 2024 (the “Agreement”), between Lessor and Lessee, or (ii) certain costs of entering into the Agreement. The amount shown is due and payable under (i) a purchase order or contract (or has been paid by and not previously reimbursed to Lessee), or (ii) invoices, budgets, closing statements or any other additional documentation.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY OR FINANCING COST	AMOUNT	PAYEE
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Lessee hereby certifies and represents to and agrees with Lessor as follows: (i) the amount to be disbursed is not being paid in advance of the time, if any, fixed for any payment, and does not include any retained percentage entitled to be retained by Lessee at this time; (ii) no amount requested to be disbursed was included in any payment request previously filed with the Escrow Agent for which payment was actually made by the Escrow Agent; (iii) Lessee has made such investigation of such sources of information as are deemed necessary and is of the opinion that the applicable portion of the Property and related work has been fully paid for, and no claim or claims exist against the Lessee or the Vendor out of which a lien based on furnishing labor or material exists or might arise; (iv) acquisition and installation of the applicable portion of the Property for which payment is being requested has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the related Energy Services Agreement, dated as of November 16, 2023 (the “Energy Services Agreement”), by and between Lessee and Syserco Energy Solutions, Inc., and said applicable portion of the Property is suitable and sufficient for the expected uses thereof, however, this statement is made without prejudice to any rights against third parties which exist at the date hereof or which may subsequently come into being; (v) the amount remaining in the Escrow Fund will, after payment of the amount requested, be sufficient to pay the remaining costs of the Property; (vi) a present need exists for such Property for which payment is being requested, which need is not temporary or expected to diminish in the near future; (vii) such Property is essential to and will be used by Lessee only for the purpose of performing one or more governmental functions of Lessee consistent with the permissible scope of Lessee’s authority; (viii) the estimated useful life of such Property based upon the manufacturer’s representations and Lessee’s projected needs is not less than the term of lease with respect to such Property; (ix) Lessee has conducted such inspection and/or testing of such Property as it deems necessary and appropriate and hereby acknowledges that it accepts such Property for all purposes as of the date of this Certificate; (x) such Property is covered by insurance in the types

and amounts required by the Agreement; (xi) no Event of Default, as such term is defined in the Agreement, and no event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing on the date hereof; and (xii) sufficient funds have been appropriated by Lessee for the payment of all rental payments due under the Agreement during Lessee's current fiscal year.

Based on the foregoing, the Escrow Agent is hereby authorized and directed to pay or cause to be paid, the manufacturer(s)/vendor(s), Lessee or other payee(s) the amounts set forth on the attached invoices from the Escrow Fund held under the Escrow Agreement in accordance with its terms.

The following documents are attached hereto and made a part hereof: (a) invoice(s) for costs being paid; (b) a current IRS Form W-9 for the payee (unless such IRS Form W-9 has been previously submitted to the Escrow Agent); and (c) lien waivers, if applicable.

**IF REQUEST IS FOR REIMBURSEMENT, CHECK HERE ☐.** Lessee paid an invoice prior to the commencement date identified in the Agreement and is requesting reimbursement for such payment. A copy of evidence of such payment, together with a copy of Lessee's Declaration of Official Intent and any other evidence required by Lessor prior to Lessor's approval hereof that Lessee has satisfied the requirements for reimbursement set forth in Treas. Reg. 1.150-2, is hereby attached. Lessor's approval hereof shall evidence that Lessee has delivered to Lessor such required documentation.

**IF REQUEST IS FINAL REQUEST, CHECK HERE ☐.** Lessee hereby certifies that (a) all of the Property described in the Agreement has been received in good condition and has been installed in accordance with the Energy Services Agreement; (b) such Property is accepted **"AS-IS, WHERE-IS"**; (c) Lessee has inspected the Property, and determined that it is in good working order and complies with all purchase orders, contracts and specifications; (d) Lessee has fully and satisfactorily performed all covenants and conditions to be performed by it as of this date under the Agreement with regard to such Property; (e) Lessee waives any right to revoke its acceptance; and (f) the Property is fully insured in accordance with the Agreement. This certificate is made without prejudice to any rights against third parties which may exist as of the date hereof or which may subsequently come into being.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**Approved for Payment:**  
WEBSTER BANK, NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION, as Lessor

CITY OF NORWALK, as Lessee

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT B TO ESCROW AGREEMENT**

**INCUMBENCY CERTIFICATE REGARDING  
LESSEE REPRESENTATIVES**

**\$(PRINCIPAL AMOUNT)  
LEASE AGREEMENT  
DATED AS OF JUNE 12, 2024, BETWEEN  
WEBSTER BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LESSOR, AND THE  
CITY OF NORWALK, AS LESSEE**

The undersigned officer of the City of Norwalk (“Lessee”) hereby certifies that the persons listed below are each designated as an authorized representative of Lessee (each, a “Lessee Representative”) for the Escrow Agreement dated June 12, 2024 (the “Escrow Agreement”), among Lessee, Webster Bank, National Association (“Lessor”) and U.S. Bank National Association, as escrow agent (the “Escrow Agent”), including but not limited to initiating and approving transactions under the Escrow Agreement and confirming such approvals through call-backs from Lessor and the Escrow Agent relating thereto, all on behalf of Lessee. Each such person is the current holder of the office or title indicated, and the signature set forth opposite the name of each such authorized representative is the true and correct specimen of such person’s signature:

**Name/Title/Telephone/Email**

**Specimen Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

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Signature

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Title

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Dated: June 12, 2024.

CITY OF NORWALK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

**EXHIBIT C TO ESCROW AGREEMENT**

**LESSOR REPRESENTATIVES**

[To be provided by Lessor.]

**SCHEDULE 1 TO ESCROW AGREEMENT**

**ESCROW AGENT FEES**

**Initial Acceptance Fee, per account/agreement:**

**waived**

The acceptance fee includes the review and execution of the documents related to the transaction and initial establishment of the accounts. Payable at the closing.

**Annual Escrow Agent Fee Per account/agreement:**

**\$375**

The annual administration fee covers the routine duties of the Escrow Agent associated with the administration of the account. Administration fee is payable in advance and not subject to proration.

**Legal Fee & Expenses:**

We would be utilizing in-house counsel for the review of the governing documents, if required. Should there be substantive changes made to the form of Escrow Agreement initially circulated, then external counsel may be required. External Counsel Fees would be charged at cost. This fee quoted is per transaction, closing or supplement, barring any unforeseen complications or delays with the closing.

**Out-of-Pocket Expenses:**

**AT COST**

Includes all related expenses, including but not limited to: travel expenses associated with the closing, counsel fees and their disbursements.

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## **SCHEDULE 2 TO ESCROW AGREEMENT**

### **INVESTMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM**

#### **U.S. BANK MONEY MARKET DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

##### **Description and Terms**

The U.S. Bank Money Market Deposit Account is a U.S. Bank National Association (“U.S. Bank”) interest-bearing money market deposit account designed to meet the needs of U.S. Bank’s Corporate Trust Services Escrow Group and other Corporate Trust customers of U.S. Bank. Selection of this investment includes authorization to place funds on deposit and invest with U.S. Bank.

U.S. Bank uses the daily balance method to calculate interest on this account (actual/365 or 366). This method applies a daily periodic rate to the principal balance in the account each day. Interest is accrued daily and credited monthly to the account. Interest rates are determined at U.S. Bank’s discretion, and may be tiered by customer deposit amount.

The owner of the account is U.S. Bank as agent for its Corporate Trust customers. U.S. Bank’s Corporate Trust Services Escrow Group performs all account deposits and withdrawals. Deposit accounts are FDIC insured per depositor, as determined under FDIC Regulations, up to applicable FDIC limits.

U.S. BANK IS NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A MUNICIPAL ADVISOR WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLYING WITH THE DODD-FRANK WALL STREET REFORM & CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT. INVESTMENT ADVICE, IF NEEDED, SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISOR.

##### **Automatic Authorization**

In the absence of specific written direction to the contrary, U.S. Bank is hereby directed to invest and reinvest proceeds and other available moneys in the U.S. Bank Money Market Deposit Account. The customer(s) confirm that the U.S. Bank Money Market Deposit Account is a permitted investment under the operative documents and this authorization is the permanent direction for investment of the moneys until notified in writing of alternate instructions.