

## FRANCHISE HAULER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THIS FRANCHISE HAULER ACKNOWLEDGMENT, dated as of INSERT DATE (the “Acknowledgment”), and between the INSERT AGENCY NAME (the “City”) and INSERT HAULER NAME (the “Franchise Hauler”).

## WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the City and the Franchise Hauler have heretofore entered into an agreement entitled INSERT TITLE OF YOUR FRANCHISE AGREEMENT dated as of INSERT DATE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WAS EXECUTED (the “Franchise”); and

WHEREAS, the City has issued to the Franchise Hauler a permit, license, approval or other authorization the “Authorization”) which allows the Franchise Hauler to provide solid waste collection services within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Franchise REPLACE THIS AND SUBSEQUENT INSTANCES OF “Franchise” with “Authorization” IF YOUR AGENCY’S AGREEMENT IS NOT A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT; DELETE THIS BLUE HIGHLIGHTED TEXT provides for the collection and disposal of certain municipal solid waste as described therein (“Franchise Waste”) generated within the City; and

WHEREAS, the County of Orange (the “County”) owns, manages and operates a Waste Infrastructure System that is permitted to accept or process Acceptable Waste for disposal or diversion; and

WHEREAS, the City and the County have heretofore entered into a Waste Infrastructure System Enterprise Agreement (the “WISE Agreement”), dated as of INSERT DATE CITY EXECUTED WISE AGREEMENT; and

WHEREAS, the WISE Agreement details responsibilities for disposal of municipal solid waste and may include processing of identified Organic Waste for diversion, generated within the boundaries of the City, and determine that the execution of the WISE Agreement will serve the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City and County, by maintaining public ownership and stewardship over the Waste Infrastructure System and providing disposal rate stability, predictable and reliable long-term disposal service, enhanced organics processing to assist the City in meeting its organics diversion requirements, and the continuation of sound environmental management; and

WHEREAS, under the WISE Agreement, the County has agreed to provide long-term disposal of all municipal solid waste generated within the City and may also provide for Organic Waste processing under an OSA and the City has agreed to exercise all legal, and contractual power which it possesses from time to time to deliver or cause the delivery of such waste to the Waste Infrastructure System; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the WISE Agreement guarantee capacity for the long term disposal and processing of waste at specified rates generated in the City provide significant benefits to the Franchise Hauler;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding any Franchise provisions to the contrary, the Franchise Hauler explicitly acknowledges the aforementioned benefits to the City, the County and the Franchise Hauler in providing for the disposal of all Franchise Waste to the Waste Infrastructure System; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Franchise Hauler desire to enter into this Acknowledgment to assure that the City and the Franchise Hauler will be entitled to the benefits of the WISE Agreement and to assure conformity with the waste delivery obligations which have been agreed to by the City under the WISE Agreement through the delivery of waste by the Franchise Hauler to the Waste Infrastructure System; and

WHEREAS, the Franchise Hauler’s agreement to deliver Franchise Waste to the Disposal System under this Acknowledgment is given in consideration of the Franchise Hauler’s right to receive the Contract Rate for such

disposal and processing as provided in the WISE Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound hereby, agree as follows:

1. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein are used as defined in the WISE Agreement.

2. The Franchise Hauler hereby waives any right which it may possess under applicable law to contest on any ground, constitutional, statutory, case law, administrative or otherwise, (a) the right, power or authority of the County or the City to enter into or perform their respective obligations under the WISE Agreement, (b) the enforceability against the County or the City of the WISE Agreement, or (c) the right, power or authority of the City to deliver or cause the delivery of all Controllable Waste to the Disposal System in accordance with this Acknowledgment.

3. The City and the Franchise Hauler each hereby represent that this Acknowledgment has been duly authorized by all necessary action of their respective governing bodies.

4. The Franchise Hauler shall deliver or cause to be delivered all Controllable Waste (including all Residue from the processing by any means, wherever conducted, of Controllable Waste), to the Designated Facility in the Waste Infrastructure System/Disposal System, and shall otherwise assist the City in complying with its obligations under the Waste Disposal Covenant in Section 3.1 of the WISE Agreement.

5. Unless expressly authorized by the Department, the Franchise Hauler shall only haul Controllable Waste to the Designated Facility.

6. The Franchise Hauler shall not haul Controllable Waste to any materials recovery facility, composting facility, intermediate processing facility, recycling center, transfer station or other waste handling or management facility unless the contract or other agreement or arrangement between the Franchise Hauler and the operator of such facility is sufficient in the opinion of the County to assure that the Residue from such facility constituting City Acceptable Waste (or Tonnage equivalencies) and the City Acceptable Waste transferred by such facility shall be delivered to the Disposal System in compliance with the Waste Disposal Covenant.

7. The Franchise Hauler shall pay the Contract Rate imposed by the County for the disposal of all Controllable Waste, which rate shall be subject to potential adjustment necessary to reflect the circumstances set forth in the Agreement.

8. Nothing in this Acknowledgment is intended to restrict any right or responsibility explicitly given the Franchise Hauler in any City Franchise Agreement to recycle City Acceptable Waste, except as provided in paragraph 5 above with respect to Residue from any such recycling operations.

9. The obligations of the Franchise Hauler under this Acknowledgment shall apply notwithstanding any provision of the Franchise which may conflict herewith.

10. This Acknowledgment may be enforced by the City by any available legal means. In any enforcement action by the City, the burden of proof shall be on the Franchise Hauler to demonstrate compliance herewith.

11. This Acknowledgment shall be in full force and effect and shall be legally binding upon the City and Franchise Hauler from the date hereof and shall continue in full force and effect until the earlier of (i) the end of the term of the Franchise or (ii) the end of the Term of the WISE Agreement.

12. The City and Franchise Hauler agree that the County shall be an express third-party beneficiary of this Acknowledgment, and shall be entitled to independently enforce the obligations of the Franchise Hauler

hereunder. There shall be no additional third party beneficiaries under this Acknowledgement.

13. The Franchise Hauler agrees to assist the County in verifying tonnage collected by the Franchise Hauler and providing information required by the County. The Franchise Hauler will provide upon request refuse tonnage collected within the County, and outside the County (if relevant to confirming tonnage origination), separated by jurisdiction, by load type (residential, commercial, roll-off box, etc.), and by facility to which it was delivered (specify which landfill or transfer station). Hauler will provide customer service levels and route lists. The Franchise Hauler will cooperate with County audits to verify reported origin of tonnage by making records and personnel available to the County and/or its auditors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Acknowledgment to be executed by their duly authorized officers or representatives as of [redacted] day of [redacted], 2026.

“CITY”

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

Date \_\_\_\_\_

“FRANCHISE HAULER”

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_