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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: George N. Longworth
Commissioner-Sheriff

RE: Authority to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Bedford pursuant to which the Town, through its police department, will assist the County in enforcing the Westchester County For-Hire Vehicle Law, Chapter 270 of the Westchester County Administrative Code and its implementing regulations for a term of one (1) year from the date of execution thereof

By Act No 2012-77, approved on July 9, 2012, the Westchester County Board of Legislators authorized the County to enter into an inter-municipal agreement ("IMA") with the Town of Bedford (the "Town") pursuant to which the Town, through its police department, will assist the County in enforcing the Westchester County For-Hire Vehicle Law, Chapter 270 of the Westchester County Administrative Code, for a one (1) year term commencing upon the date of execution thereof. Under section 161.11(1) of the Laws of Westchester County, the authority of your Honorable Board is also required.

As your Honorable Board may know, the County, by Local Law No. 9-1998, added Chapter 270 to the Laws of Westchester County. Chapter 270 regulates the business of transporting passengers in for-hire vehicles in the county, including the licensing of for-hire vehicles, drivers and base stations by the Westchester County Taxi and Limousine Commission (the "Commission"). Chapter 270, *inter alia*, authorizes the Commission, or its designee, to issue summons and notices to any one alleged to have violated Chapter 270. Pursuant to section 800.02 of the Commission's rules and regulations, the Commission may designate officers of any local police jurisdiction within Westchester County to enforce Chapter 270 through the issuance of appearance tickets.

Pursuant to the terms of the IMA, the Town will assist the County by having its police issue appearance tickets to any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity violating the County For-Hire Vehicle Law. The County will prosecute, hear and determine the appearance tickets issued by the Town in accordance with the terms of the IMA and the For-Hire Vehicle Law. For the services rendered by the Town, the Town will be paid a fee equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total penalties collected by the County from the enforcement of appearance tickets issued by the Town. The term of the IMA will be for a period of one (1) year from the date of execution thereof and may be terminated on sixty (60) days written notice upon mutual consent

of the parties. In addition, the IMA may only be modified or terminated by the County upon the recommendation of the County Executive and subsequent approval of the Board of Legislators.

This Agreement will serve a public purpose by enhancing the County's enforcement of the For-Hire Vehicle Law.

The goals and objectives of the IMA will be to have the Town's police department assist the County in enforcing the For-Hire Vehicle Law by issuing appearance tickets for violations of the law within its jurisdiction.

The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of public safety because there will more police officers dedicated to issuing appearance tickets to violators of the law. The goals and objectives are also in the County's best interests in terms of fiscal responsibility because of the increased revenue the County will receive as a result of the enhanced enforcement efforts.

The goals and objectives of this program will be tracked and monitored by the Commissioner-Sheriff and by the Commission.

This agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) iii thereof.

A Resolution for your Honorable Board's consideration is annexed hereto.

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Attachment

