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Daniel Mandell, Elmira City Mayor
Michael Collins, Elmira City Manager
City of Elmira
317 E. Church Street
Elmira, NY 14901

Dear Mayor Mandell and City Manager Collins:

After having had the opportunity to thoroughly review the Shared Service Agreement dated February 15, 2015, between the City and the County involving their respective Public Works Shared Services Agreement, we feel it's time to either terminate or amend the agreement.

As you are aware, the original purpose of the agreement was to offer financial assistance to the City of Elmira during a period in which the County amended the sales tax distribution formula in order to address the County's financial status at that particular time. With the agreement being ten years old, I believe it has served its original purpose and with there being no benefit to the County, the agreement has simply outlasted its original intent. As such, pursuant to the agreement, please accept this letter as a Notice to Terminate the Intermunicipal Agreement attached hereto, effective 12/31/25, with a six-month separation period commencing 07/01/25. If the City is interested in entering into a new agreement involving these services whereupon the County isn't wholly responsible for salary and benefits as well as agreeing to add staffing to address the current needs of the department the County would welcome those discussions.

Unfortunately, the current financial climate requires that we review not only this shared service agreement, but our other services as well that the County provides to various municipalities. Should the City decide to go the route of separation, we would respectfully request that you coordinate with the Chemung County Office of Personnel, as well as other transitional matters, to include the agreement with CSEA and the necessary steps as outlined in Section 70 of the NYS Civil Service Law. The Personnel Office will provide you with a list of employees affected by this agreement and forward a request to the Chemung County/City of Elmira Civil Service Commission involving the transfer of personnel.

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If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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cc: Christopher Moss, Chemung County Executive
Mark Margeson, Legislative Chairman
Jennifer Furman, Deputy County Executive
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