

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT** ("Agreement") is effective as of January 12, 2008, by and between the **Town of Fairfax** (the "Town") and **Michael Rock** ("Employee").

RECITALS

- A. The Town desires to employ Employee as its Town Manager in order to retain Employee's experience, skills, abilities, background and knowledge, and is willing to engage Employee on the terms set forth below.
- B. Employee desires to work in the employ of the Town as its Town Manager and is willing to do so on the terms set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE RECITALS AND OF THE MUTUAL PROMISES AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Employment.** On the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, the Town employs Employee as its Town Manager, and Employee accepts that employment.
2. **Term.** This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect from January 12, 2008, at 12:01 a.m., until terminated by the Employer or Employee, as provided for in Section 7 of this Agreement.
3. **Duties.** Employee shall perform all duties of the Town Manager described in Chapter 2.08 of the Town's Municipal Code and such other duties as may, from time to time, be established by the Town. Employee agrees that he will, to the best of his ability and experience, at all times loyally and conscientiously perform all the duties and obligations required of him, either expressly or implicitly, by the terms of this Agreement. Employee will devote his full time to his duties and agrees that his employment with the Town will be his sole employment, unless otherwise agreed to in advance by the Town and Employee. However, Employee may engage in charitable endeavors not involving employment or activities related to the business of the Town, so long as such outside activities do not interfere with Employee's duties under this Agreement.
4. **Compensation and Benefits.** Employee shall receive for Employee's services to the Town the following compensation and benefits:
 - 4.1 **Base Salary.** Employee shall receive a base salary of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$ 125,660) per year.
 - 4.2 **Moving Expenses.** Employee shall receive up to \$4,000 as reimbursement of moving expenses plus up to \$2,000 for temporary rental housing assistance utilized during the process of relocation. Payment shall be made to Employee upon presentation of proper receipts to Town, and Town agrees to pay reimbursement within 30 days of representation of said receipts.
 - 4.3 **Additional Compensation.** The Town may, at its sole discretion, decide to award Employee additional compensation in the future on such terms as it deems appropriate.
 - 4.4 **Standard Management Employee Benefits.** Employee shall receive all benefits ordinarily accorded to the Town's management personnel. Notwithstanding other management personnel benefits, Town shall pay an employee health benefit premium up to the current CalPERS Family Blue Shield rate, as may be adjusted from time to time by

the CalPERS Health Plan, plus the Town shall pay the premiums for dental coverage for Employee plus dependents. Employee shall have, initially, 15 days of annual vacation per year of service and, thereafter, shall accrue vacation leave on a basis as specified for the Town's management employees. The first annual vacation (15 days) shall be credited to Employee upon execution of this Agreement and all subsequent years will be accrued in the same manner of other management employees.

- 4.5 **Administrative Leave.** In recognition of the long hours required to accomplish the requirements of Employee's job, including attendance at numerous meetings outside normal working hours, Employee shall receive ten (10) days of administrative leave per year. Ten (10) administrative leave days shall be credited to the Employee upon execution of this Agreement.
- 4.6 **Automobile Allowance.** Employee shall receive \$350 each month for use of his private automobile on official Town business.
- 4.7 **Life Insurance.** Employee shall be insured with a life insurance policy selected and paid for by the Town with a face value of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000). Employee shall for all purposes be deemed the owner of the policy.
- 4.8 **Professional Development.** The Town shall pay on Employee's behalf all annual International City County Management Association ("ICMA") dues and expenses related to attendance at the ICMA annual conference. The Town shall also pay on employee's behalf all expenses associated with attendance by Employee at two (2) League of California Cities conferences per year.
- 4.9 **Retirement.** The Town shall fund 81.25% of the Employee's participation in the Public Employees Retirement System ("PERS"). The Employee shall fund 18.75% of the Employee's participation in PERS.
5. **Performance Reviews.** Employee's first employee performance review shall be completed on or about July 12, 2008, at which time the Employee's salary and benefit package will also be reviewed. If Employee receives a satisfactory or better performance review on July 12, 2008 (or as close to this date as practical for Employee and Employer) then Employee shall receive a minimum 3% increase in base salary. Subsequent performance reviews shall occur on an annual basis. The review of the performance of the Employee shall be subject to a process, form, criteria, and format for the evaluation, which shall be mutually agreed upon by the Employer and Employee. The Employee's salary and benefit package shall also be reviewed on an annual basis.
6. **At-Will Employment.** Employee's employment is employment at-will. Employment at-will may be terminated with or without cause and with notice as provided for in Section 9.1 of this Agreement at any time by the Town or Employee. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit the right of the Town or Employee to terminate employment at-will.
7. **Termination of Employment.**
 - 7.1 **Termination by Town.**
 - (a) **Termination for Cause.** Without limiting the at-will status of Employee's employment, the Town may at any time terminate Employee's employment for cause. "Cause" shall mean, not by way of limitation (1) Employee's failure to carry out Employee's duties under this Agreement to the satisfaction of the Town Council; or (2) Employee's willful misconduct or malfeasance; or (3) the conviction of Employee of any felony. If the Town terminates Employee's employment for cause, the Town's obligations under this Agreement to provide

compensation and benefits to Employee shall terminate on the Employee's last day of employment.

- (b) **Termination without Cause.** If the Town terminates Employee's employment for any reason other than for cause, the Town's obligations under this Agreement to provide compensation and benefits to Employee shall continue for a period of six (6) months following the Employee's last day of employment. Employee shall continue to be bound by the provisions of Section 8 of this Agreement.

- 7.2 **Termination by Employee.** Without limiting the at-will status of Employee's employment, Employee may resign from employment upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Town. If Employee so resigns, the Town's obligations under this Agreement to provide compensation and benefits to Employee shall terminate on the Employee's last day of employment.

- 8. **Confidentiality.** During the course of employment or at any other time, Employee agrees not to disclose, communicate, use to the detriment of the Town or for the benefit of any other person (including Employee), or misuse in any way, any confidential information or data concerning the Town. Employee acknowledges and agrees that all such confidential information received by Employee will be received in confidence and as a fiduciary of the Town.

9. **Miscellaneous.**

- 9.1 **Notices.** Any notice required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given on the date of delivery if delivered personally or by overnight courier, or three (3) days after mailing if mailed by first class, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, and return receipt requested.

- 9.2 **Modifications.** All modifications to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties.

- 9.3 **Survival of Obligations.** The provisions of Paragraphs 4.7, 7.1(b) and 8 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement or any part hereof. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Paragraph, the provisions of Paragraph 4.7 shall survive only should Employee assume payment of all premiums for the aforementioned life insurance policy upon expiration or termination of this Agreement subject to the provisions of paragraph 7.1(b).

On Behalf of the Fairfax Town Council:

Accepted By:

David Weinsoff, Mayor

Michael Rock

Date: _____

Date: _____