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AGREEMENT FOR JOINT PLANNING COOPERATION

Section 1: This agreement is authorized and required by Act 26 of 1955 of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, for joint planning cooperation.

Section 2: Establishment of Joint Planning Agency - In order to establish and maintain cooperation in area planning, the City of Jonesboro and County of Craighead hereby establish and create a joint planning agency, to be known as the "Metropolitan Area Planning Commission".

Section 3: Membership - The Commission shall be composed of nine (9) members, six of such members shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Jonesboro, with approval of the City Council, and three of such members shall be appointed by the county, by order of the County Judge. The terms of office of the original members shall be set by the appointing agencies, in such a manner that the terms will be properly staggered, with a maximum of three years for any one member. Appointment of successors thereafter shall be for terms of three years.

No member of the Commission shall hold any other public office except appointive membership on a city or other planning commission or board. Vacancy of any of the memberships shall be filled by the appointing agency, either by order of the County Judge or majority vote of the City Council, and any such member so appointed shall serve the term of the person whose place he is appointed to fill.

Section 4: Officers, Meetings and By-Laws - The Commission shall elect a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary, who shall hold office for a period of one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified. The Commission shall meet once each month, and at such other times as it may provide in its By-Laws. By-Laws may be adopted by the Commission in the usual manner, for the purpose of providing for its administration.

Section 5: The parties hereto agree to provide to such Commission, upon request, any and all information within their respective jurisdictions which may assist the Commission in carrying out its functions and duties, and to otherwise cooperate fully with the Commission.

Section 6: Powers, Functions and Duties - (1) The area to be included within the planning jurisdiction of the Commission shall be determined by the Commission, but shall not include area within the city limits of Jonesboro, nor extend more than five miles in a direct line from the Jonesboro city limits. When any area is annexed to the City of Jonesboro, the jurisdiction of this Commission shall cease, and the annexed area shall automatically fall under the jurisdiction of the Jonesboro City Planning Commission.

(2) Within the area so chosen by the Commission, it shall make studies and plans for development including, but not limited to, recommendations for principal highways, bridges, airports, parks and recreational areas, schools and public institutions, and public utilities, and shall otherwise be empowered to put into effect such provisions of State law relating to planning as are authorized for each party hereto to separately exercise and perform, including, but not limited to, the provisions of Act 186 of 1957, and subsequent amendments thereto.

(3) The Commission may employ such persons at such salaries as may be authorized by the parties hereto, by order or resolution.

(4) Upon request by the parties hereto, the Commission shall prepare and submit an annual report of its operations.

(5) The Commission may acquire such property and materials for use in the program as may be necessary or desirable, and may expend funds therefor as its budget or specific appropriations by the parties permit.

(6) The Commission shall be authorized to receive, for its own uses and purposes, any funds or moneys from the parties hereto, from the State or Federal Government, and from any other source, including bequests, gifts, donations or contributions.

Section 7: Funds - The parties hereto agree to share in the costs of operations, either through approval of budgets submitted by the Commission or by specific appropriation, in the following proportions: City of Jonesboro 70 %  
Craighead County 30 %. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the right of the Commission to receive and expend funds from other sources.

Section 8: Amendment - This agreement shall be amended only by mutual consent of both parties, through a resolution of the City Council and order of the County Judge.

Section 9: Effective Date - This agreement shall take effect upon its adoption by the parties hereto, by ordinance or order.

Executed this 21st day of November, 1966.

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COUNTY OF CRAIGHEAD

By Dud Spurlow  
COUNTY JUDGE