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Ms. Briana Burrichter, Director
City of Lee's Summit Finance Department
220 SE Green Street
Lee's Summit, MO 64063

Dear Ms. Burrichter,

Subject: Request for Waiver of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) – Fiscal Year 2025

I am writing on behalf of the Housing Authority of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri (LSHA) to respectfully request a waiver of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) obligations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. The total PILOT amount of $27,385.54 per year would be redirected toward critical capital improvement projects that LSHA is undertaking this year.

Over the past two years, LSHA has experienced significant challenges, including a complete turnover of staff and board leadership. I assumed the role of Executive Director in February 2025 and, since then, have been working diligently with our new team to stabilize and rebuild the agency. Unfortunately, many of our resources were depleted under prior management, leaving us with limited reserves to maintain and improve our properties.

Despite these difficulties, LSHA remains committed to preserving and enhancing our public housing communities, Lee Haven and Duncan Estates. Lee Haven, constructed in 1967, and Duncan Estates, built in 1996, require ongoing capital investments to maintain their viability and provide safe, decent, and affordable housing to our residents.

LSHA operates with a conservative, prudent approach to budgeting, maximizing the impact of limited federal, state, and local resources. Aside from federal subsidies, our only source of

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revenue is tenant rental income, calculated at 30% of the tenant's adjusted household income. Our residents are predominantly elderly individuals (age 65+) and persons with physical and/or mental disabilities, many of whom rely solely on Social Security benefits for their income.

Historically, PILOT funds have been essential in helping us maintain and improve our properties, ensuring the continued availability of affordable housing in Lee's Summit—a resource that remains scarce. A waiver of the current PILOT obligation would enable LSHA to invest directly into our communities, supporting both our residents and the broader Lee's Summit community.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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