



FRIENDLY EXCHANGE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHASSE-SUR-RHÔNE AND THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE

BETWEEN

THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHASSE-SUR-RHÔNE, represented by its Mayor, Mr. Christophe BOUVIER, acting pursuant to a Municipal Council resolution dated September 29, 2025, hereinafter referred to as “Chasse-sur-Rhône”

AND

THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE, represented by its Mayor, Mr. Cavalier JOHNSON, pursuant to approval of the friendly exchange memorandum of understanding by the City of Milwaukee Sister Cities Committee on October 1, 2025, hereinafter referred to as “Milwaukee”

It is hereby agreed as follows:

PREAMBLE

In consideration of the strong historical and heritage ties between the cities of Chasse-sur-Rhône and Milwaukee due to their shared connection to the Saint Martin Chapel / Saint Joan of Arc Chapel; in view of their mutual desire to develop cooperative projects, particularly centered on the historic monument of the chapel; with the aim of fostering a friendly understanding between the two cities through partnership relations among their residents of all generations, their political representatives, and their associations,

THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AND AGREED:

ARTICLE 1 – THEMATIC FOCUS AREAS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE FRIENDLY EXCHANGE

Both cities commit to establishing relations, exchanges, and cooperation, particularly in the following areas:

- culture,
- social cohesion,
- educational and professional development,
- youth exchange,
- sports,
- learning of French and American languages,
- as well as other topics of mutual interest promoted by associations in either city.

Both cities agree, within the scope of their respective competencies and responsibilities, to support exchange and cooperation and to contribute to the financing of activities and meetings, to the extent of their available resources.

ARTICLE 2 – DURATION OF THE FRIENDLY EXCHANGE

The friendly exchange shall take effect on the date of signature by both parties for an unlimited term unless otherwise specified by rule, or regulation of either municipality. A review of the friendly exchange will be conducted one year from its effective date to determine the establishment of a sister city relationship.

ARTICLE 3 – RESPONSIBILITIES

Each municipality shall designate the body responsible for this partnership.

These bodies shall:

- define common objectives,
- ensure the development of relations between the two cities,
- connect local stakeholders from both cities,
- oversee the follow-up of joint projects,
- facilitate cooperation between the two cities in the agreed areas of interest,
- promote cultural exchanges, and
- encourage mutual enrichment, friendship, understanding among their citizens, and the development of mutual respect.

ARTICLE 4 – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRIENDLY EXCHANGE

Actions that may be undertaken under this friendly exchange include, but are not limited to:

- youth exchanges as part of socio-cultural and linguistic projects,
- musician exchanges between local orchestras (Marquette University Big Band, Jazz à Vienne, MJC-EM, etc.),
- after-school activities focused on the Saint Martin Chapel monument, heritage, and cultural appropriation in both cities,
- school exchanges between Pierre Bouchard School and French immersion schools,
- reciprocal recognition in the cultural and tourist routes of each city,
- athlete exchanges through summer camps between the two cities, and
- hosting of university students on international mobility programs.

Signed in Milwaukee on October 28, 2025

For the Municipality of Chasse-sur-Rhône,
Mayor Christophe BOUVIER

For the City of Milwaukee,
Mayor Cavalier JOHNSON

