



Office of the City Clerk

Ronald D. Leonhardt
City Clerk

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Deputy City Clerk

August 15, 2006

Mr. Grant F. Langley
City Attorney
Room 800, City Hall

Dear Mr. Langley:

Section 320-47, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, establishes the City of Milwaukee Sister Cities Committee. In addition, the City is a member of Sister Cities International (SSI), with the membership fees provided under the special purpose account, City Memberships, administered by the City Clerk's Office.

The Committee is in the process of establishing guidelines and procedures for the creation of formal sister city relationships in accordance with the standards of SSI.

Committee Chair, Ald Joe Davis, Sr., has requested that your office review the proposed form for a sister city agreement. Attached is a sample form provided by SSI as well as an example of one executed agreement. Such an agreement would have to be adopted by the Common Council and approved by the Mayor prior to execution.

Your review and any suggestions regarding such an agreement are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ronald D. Leonhardt
City Clerk

Cc: Ald. Joe Davis, Sr.
✓ Jerry MacDonald
Angelyn Ward

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Sample Sister City Agreement

Whereas, the Sister City Program, administered by Sister Cities International®, was initiated by the President of the United States of America in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and

Whereas, in order to foster those goals, the people of _____ (U.S. City) and _____ (International City) in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring educational, economic and cultural opportunities.

Whereas, we agree to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in the fields of _____. (Choose those which apply—business, arts and culture, health, science, education, sports, tourism, etc.)

Whereas, _____

(Consider detailing the specifics of your proposed exchanges, methodology of community support, and so on ...)

Now Therefore, _____ (U.S. City) and _____ (International City) do hereby proclaim themselves Sister Cities, and declare their intent to abide by these guidelines indefinitely according to Sister Cities International® policies.

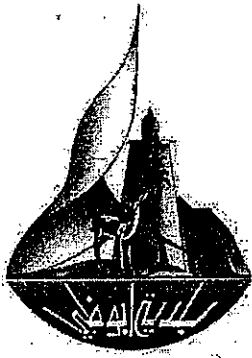
*This document goes into effect on the date of signature,
and is written in both English and in _____.
Both texts have equal power.*

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دائرة بلدية أبوظبي وتخطيط المدن
ABU DHABI MUNICIPALITY & TOWN PLANNING

**AN AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF ABU DHABI (U. A.E)
AND
HOUSTON , TEXAS (U.S.A)**

The Sister City Program, administered by Sister Cities International, was initiated By the President of the United States of America in 1956 to encourage greater Friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through Direct personal contact; and

In order to foster those goals, the people of Abu Dhabi and Houston, in a gesture of Friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their Communities by exploring education, economic and cultural opportunities.

Abu Dhabi and Houston, sharing a common interest in energy, technology and medicine, and the desire to promote mutual understanding among our citizens do hereby proclaim themselves Sister Cities beginning on the 13th day of March 2001, the date of Houston City Council resolution establishing the Sister City relationship became effective.

Signed on this 26 of October 2002, in duplicate in the Arabic and English Languages, both text being equally authentic.

**Sheikh Mohammed bin Butti Al Hamed
Chairman of Abu Dhabi Municipality
& Town Planning**

**Lea P. Brown
Mayor of Houston**