

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
CITY OF RIVERTON,  
NORTHERN ARAPAHO TRIBE AND EASTERN SHOSHONE TRIBE**

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes of the Wind River Indian Reservation ("Tribes") are sovereign governments that exercise their powers to preserve and protect the interests of the Tribes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Riverton is a municipality that exercises its powers to preserve and protect the interests of the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, the governing bodies of the City of Riverton, Wyoming, and the Tribes agree that mutual cooperation and support would benefit our respective citizens and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and the Tribes desires to set forth key principles and policies that will guide our mutual efforts and further agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, an agreement setting forth these principles and policies would be an important and historic step toward mutual respect and cooperation;

**THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

I. Government-to-Government Relationship. The parties accept the fundamental principle and integrity of the government-to-government relationship between them and agree that this principle shall be the basis of the official policy of each party toward the other.


II. Information Sharing and Other Cooperation. The parties agree to discuss and pursue cooperative efforts for the benefit of our citizens, including ways to share information between us for our mutual benefit and for the advancement of specific efforts or projects.

III. Additional Agreements. The City of Riverton is within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Indian Reservation, which creates unique opportunities for respect and cooperation between the parties. The parties agree to discuss and pursue additional agreements for the benefit of our citizens, including efforts to improve the local economy and job opportunities and to create or expand community programs and services. The parties agree to discuss these and other opportunities for agreement or cooperation, but only agreements duly approved by the governing body of each party will be binding on that party.

IV. Reservation of Rights. This Agreement is intended solely for the purpose of facilitating intergovernmental cooperation between the parties and does not constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity by either Tribe or the City of Riverton. The parties recognize the sovereignty and legal status of one another.

**ENTERED INTO AND EXECUTED** this 29th day of April, 2008.

**CITY OF RIVERTON**

  
Mayor John R. Vincent, City of Riverton

**NORTHERN ARAPAHO TRIBE**

  
Northern Arapaho Business Council

**EASTERN SHOSHONE TRIBE**

  
Eastern Shoshone Business Council

