October 15, 2009

Mayor Robert A. Stefanik
CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON
13834 Ridge Road
North Royalton, OH 44133

Dear Mayor Stefanik:

Enclosed please find the 2010 contract for public health services provided by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH).

Chapter 3709 of the Ohio Revised Code stipulates that each city in the State of Ohio "...must provide health services either through a city health district or by a valid contract or union with the county health district or an adjacent city health district." The Director of the Ohio Department of Health certifies this provision of health services annually. To remain certified, the contract needs to be approved by your council and returned to the Cuyahoga County Board of Health by December 31, 2009.

The Board of Health is maintaining its current uniform rate of $3.70 per capita throughout the health district for 2010 services. This is the same rate that we charged in 2009. This represents the total cost for all contract public health services and remains among the lowest rates in the State of Ohio. The rates in other large metropolitan areas are double and even triple this rate. Here are a couple of comparison per capita rates:

- Summit County: $10.49
- Dayton/Montgomery County: $32.91

We are committed to a continued diversification of our funding streams to meet the public health needs of the community to control direct costs to the cities, villages and townships we serve. We realize that this approach has become even more important during these challenging economic times. Currently, fifty percent of our revenue is derived from federal, state and local grants, and other contract funding sources, independent of the cities, villages and townships in Cuyahoga County.

There are two major priorities that we will be focusing on over the next year. The first is the combined seasonal influenza and H1N1 Swine Flu vaccination campaign. The Cuyahoga County Board of Health has been working diligently with the Ohio Department of Health, area hospitals, private medical providers, community health centers, pharmacies and your Fire Chief in preparing for the response to pandemic influenza. Currently, 760,000 individuals in Cuyahoga County fall into the priority group for vaccination. Details on our vaccination plans can be viewed at www.ccby.net under the H1N1 link.

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The second major initiative will be to focus on community health and wellness. Chronic diseases, like asthma, diabetes, cancer and heart disease, account 75% of all healthcare costs. The CDC estimates that 80% of heart disease and stroke, 80% of Type 2 diabetes, and 40% of cancers could be prevented if we were to do three things: stop smoking, start eating healthy and get in shape. CCBH has been working diligently to enforce Ohio's comprehensive Smokefree Law, with over a 90% compliance rate in our jurisdiction. We have also identified emerging opportunities to seek funding to promote health and wellness, in moving "upstream" to prevent these chronic diseases that stress our economy and shorten our life expectancy. Major health policy changes, like the Smokefree Law, are among the most challenging to execute but deliver the most significant positive impacts on public health.

We remain committed to delivering high quality public health services to your community, just as we have since 1919. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the 2010 contract, or if you would like us to come to your city and present our contract to your administration or council.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Terrence M. Allan, RS, MPH
Health Commissioner
WHEREAES, the District Advisory Council of the Cuyahoga County, Ohio, General Health District, at a meeting held March 16, 2009, by a majority vote of members representing the townships and villages did vote affirmatively on the question of providing public health services to the City of North Royalton, Ohio, and did authorize the Chairman of the District Advisory Council to enter into a contract with the Mayor of North Royalton, Ohio, for providing public health services therein; and

WHEREAES, the Council of the City of North Royalton, at a Council meeting held , by majority vote of all members did vote affirmatively on the question of contracting with the District Advisory Council of the Cuyahoga County General Health District for providing public health services to the City of North Royalton and did authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Chairman of the District Advisory Council of the Cuyahoga County General Health District to provide public health services.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to such authority, Randall A. Westfall on behalf of the District Advisory Council of the Cuyahoga County General Health District and Mayor Robert A. Stefanik on behalf of the City of North Royalton do agree as follows:

The General Health District of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby agrees to provide health services for the City of North Royalton for the year 2010. These health services will be provided by the District Board of Health of Cuyahoga County and will include all necessary medical, nursing, sanitary, laboratory and such other health services as are required by the Statutes of the State of Ohio. Air pollution enforcement services, as described in Chapter 3704 of the Ohio Revised Code, will be conducted through the designated agent, the Cleveland Division of Air Pollution Control. This authorization is contingent upon renewal of the contract between the Ohio EPA and the City of Cleveland and satisfactory performance of the contract terms and conditions regarding air pollution control in Cuyahoga County. The Board of Health reserves the right to alter, modify or amend this contract provision with notice to the City.

The City of North Royalton hereby agrees, in return for the health services which will be provided by the District Board of Health of Cuyahoga County for the year 2010, to pay to the Cuyahoga County General Health District the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars ($105,998.00). This sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars ($105,998.00) the City of North Royalton hereby directs the Auditor of Cuyahoga County to place to the credit of the District Health Fund of Cuyahoga County, and the Auditor of Cuyahoga County is hereby authorized to deduct said sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars ($105,998.00) in equal semi-annual installments of Fifty-two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars ($52,999.00) from the regular tax settlement to be made for said city for the year 2010. This contract shall be in full force and effect from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunder subscribe our names.

City of North Royalton Cuyahoga County General Health District

By______________________________________________ By____________________________
Mayor Chairman, District Advisory Council

Date_________________________________________ Date_________________________________________

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Director of Health, State of Ohio