LEASE AGREEMENT

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
BUNCOMBE COUNTY

Prepared by & return to: Craig D. Justus
P.O. Box 54
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THIS LEASE AGREEMENT (the "Lease") is made and entered into this **10th day of August 2026**, by and between THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN, a North Carolina Municipal Corporation, the "Landlord" or "Town"), and STEPHANIE BLY, (the "Tenant").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Landlord desires to let and lease to Tenant, and Tenant desires to let and lease from Landlord, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, that certain real property being that portion of the Carver Center located at 101 Carver Avenue in Black Mountain, Buncombe County, North Carolina, commonly referred to as the "Annex" (the "Property").

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the rents, covenants, agreements and stipulations hereinafter mentioned, reserved and contained, to be paid, kept and performed by the Tenant, Landlord has leased and rented, and by these presents does lease and rent, unto the Tenant who hereby agrees to lease from the Landlord, upon the terms and conditions which are hereinafter contained, the Property:

1. **Description.** Landlord does hereby lease to Tenant the Property, together with any and all rights, easements and appurtenances pertaining thereto running in favor of Landlord with respect to the Property, and all improvements, including, without limitation, that portion of the building at 101 Carver Avenue commonly referred to as the Annex, being approximately 2,577 square feet.

2. **Term.** The initial term of this Lease shall commence September 1, 2025 (the "Commencement Date"), and shall expire August 31, 2026.

3. **Rent.** The Rent shall be $1,000.00 per month, paid in advance at the beginning of each month beginning September 1, 2025.

4. **Tenant's Insurance.** Beginning on the Lease Commencement Date, Tenant, at her own expense, shall provide and maintain a general liability insurance policy naming the Landlord, its agents and its managers as additional insureds, in the amount of $100,000.00 per occurrence and $500,000.00 in aggregate.

5. **Damage or Destruction.** In the event the buildings or improvements located on the Property shall be damaged or destroyed by fire or other disaster, Landlord may in its sole discretion determine whether such damage shall be repaired. If the Landlord decides to repair, the Tenant's duty to pay rent shall abate until such time as the repairs are completed and Tenant can resume use of the premises.

In order to insure the Landlord's ability to repair or rebuild the damaged or destroyed buildings or improvements located on the Property, Landlord shall maintain fire and extended insurance coverage or so-called "all-risk" insurance for the full replacement value of the buildings and other improvements located on the Property.

Tenant understands and agrees that the insurance which is to be obtained and maintained by the Landlord will not cover any items of personal property owned by the Tenant and kept on the property, including merchandise, inventory, furniture, equipment or trade fixtures. If Tenant desires to have such property protected by insurance, he will be responsible for obtaining hazard insurance for that purpose.

6. **Maintenance and Repairs.** Landlord, at its sole cost and expense, shall maintain and repair the load bearing structural walls, roof structural, foundation, and plumbing and electrical up to the metering devices serving the Property. Landlord shall also maintain and repair all interior items including but not limited to walls, plumbing, electrical, doors, windows and HVAC. Tenant shall maintain and repair all property and improvements it brings into the classroom, including cabinets, furniture, chalkboards, etc. All supplies needed by the Tenant will be provided by the Tenant, including bathroom supplies and cleaning materials. Tenant shall be responsible for all cleaning.

7. **Right of Entry.** Landlord reserves the right during the term of this Lease to enter and inspect the Property at reasonable hours and in such a manner as to not interfere with the business activity conducted thereon. No inspections shall be conducted unless an authorized representative of Tenant is present.

8. **Assignment and Subletting.** Tenant may not assign any interest in this Lease, or sublet any portion of the leased premises, without the written consent of the Landlord.

9. **Remedies upon Default.** If Tenant should fail to promptly pay the Rent herein stipulated or any other sum for which Tenant is liable under the terms of this Lease within fifteen (15) days after Tenant's receipt of notice from Landlord of such delinquency, Tenant shall owe a late payment penalty of five percent (5%) of the past due rental amount. If Tenant shall fail to pay the monthly amount due within thirty days of the due date, or

should the Tenant breach any of its covenants under this Lease and not cure the same within thirty (30) days after the receipt of notice from Landlord designating such breach, the Landlord may, at his option, terminate this Lease and take possession of the Property. The foregoing rights of the Landlord shall be in addition to any rights which the Landlord may have under law or in equity.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Lease, where the curing of an alleged default requires more than the payment of money and the work of curing said default cannot be reasonably accomplished within the time otherwise permitted herein, and where Tenant has commenced upon curing said default and is diligently pursuing same, then Tenant shall be entitled to reasonable time extensions to permit the completion of curing said default as a condition precedent to any reentry by Landlord or termination of this Lease by Landlord, and any default that is cured shall not thereafter be grounds for reentry or termination.

10. **Use of the Property.** The Property shall be continuously used, throughout the term of the Lease, solely for the purposes of providing an art program for school age children and an arts based summer camp program.

11. **Removal of Equipment. Fixtures and Merchandise.** Landlord acknowledges that Landlord has no interest in any personal property or equipment or furniture or any trade fixtures which may be installed by Tenant upon the Property, and Landlord agrees in the future to furnish Tenant, upon request, with such waiver or similar documents as may be reasonably required by any lender or equipment lessor in connection with Tenant's acquisition or financing respecting such personal property, equipment, furniture and fixtures. All personal property, furniture, equipment, and trade fixtures, including, but not limited to, specialty equipment, shelves, cabinets, counters and signs, which are installed or placed on the Property by or at the expense of Tenant shall remain the property of the Tenant, and Tenant shall have the right at all times to remove such personal property, furniture, equipment, and trade fixtures from the Property. Landlord shall not be responsible for the condition or safety of the furniture, fixtures, equipment, trade fixtures, inventory or other personal property used or stored on the Property, and Tenant shall indemnify and hold the Landlord harmless from any claims others might make on damage to any personal property used or stored on the Property.

12. **Covenant of Quiet Enjoyment.** Landlord covenants and warrants to Tenant that: (i) Landlord has full right and lawful authority to enter into and perform Landlord's obligations under this Lease for the entire lease term including any extensions thereof, and has good and marketable title to the Property in fee simple, free and clear of all contracts, leases, tenancies, agreements, restrictions, violations, encumbrances or defects in title of any nature whatsoever, (ii) this Lease is not and shall not be subject or subordinate to any mortgage of Landlord; (iii) upon Tenant's compliance with the terms of this Lease, Tenant shall quietly and peaceably hold, possess and enjoy the Property for the full term of this Lease without any hindrance or molestation by any party, and Landlord will defend the title to the Property and the use and occupancy of the same by the Tenant against the claims of all persons, whomsoever, except those claiming by or

though the Tenant.

13. **Waiver of Breach.** It is hereby covenanted and agreed that no waiver of a breach of any of the covenants of this Lease shall be construed to be a waiver of any succeeding breach of the same or any other covenant.

14. **Holding Over.** In the event of Tenant's continued occupancy of the Property after the expiration of the term of this Lease or any renewal or extension thereof, or any earlier termination provided or permitted in this Lease, Tenant shall be deemed to be a tenant from month-to-month. All other covenants, provisions, obligations and conditions of this Lease shall remain in full force and effect during such month-to-month tenancy.

15. **Notices.** All notices to be given to either party by the other shall be in writing, and shall be deemed to have been given when the same is either (i) personally delivered (including delivery by any "overnight mail service"), or (ii) deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested and properly addressed to the respective party; it being specifically agreed and understood that all cure or grace periods for compliance established under the terms and provisions of this Lease shall not be deemed to have commenced until such time as notice shall have been received by the party to whom it shall have been directed, or until such time as delivery of such notice shall have been refused. All notices to be given shall be sent as follows, unless the party to receive notice has notified the other in writing of a change:

    To Landlord:
    Town of Black Mountain
    160 Midland Avenue
    Black Mountain, NC 28711

    To Tenant:
    Stephanie Bly 205 Ruby Ave.
    Black Mountain, NC 28711

16. Miscellaneous.

A. The captions in this Lease are for convenience only and shall not in any way limit or be deemed to construe or interpret the terms and provisions hereof.

B. Time is of the essence of the Lease and of all provisions hereof.

C. This Lease shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.
D. This Lease may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all collectively shall constitute one lease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Landlord has executed this Lease and Tenant has caused this Lease

to be executed on its behalf and through it duly authorized officers, all as of the day and year first above written.

Date: _____ TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN, Landlord

By: _____
Richard Hicks, Interim Town Manager

Date: _____ _____
Stephanie Bly, Tenant