

Attachment A

PSA with Serviam Law LLP DBA Serviam by Wright LLP

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH SERVIAM LAW LLP DBA SERVIAM BY WRIGHT LLP FOR
HEARING ADJUDICATION SERVICES**

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into as of this 23rd day of June, 2026 (“Effective Date”), by and between the CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, a California municipal corporation and charter city (“City”), and SERVIAM LAW LLP, a California limited liability partnership, doing business as (“DBA”) Serviam by Wright LLP, (“Consultant”), whose address is 3 Corporate Park, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92606, and is made with reference to the following:

RECITALS

- A. City is a municipal corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of California with the power to carry on its business as it is now being conducted under the statutes of the State of California and the Charter of City.
- B. City desires to engage Consultant to Hearing Adjudication Services (“Project”).
- C. Consultant possesses the skill, experience, ability, background, certification and knowledge to provide the professional services described in this Agreement.
- D. City has solicited and received a proposal from Consultant, has reviewed the previous experience and evaluated the expertise of Consultant, and desires to retain Consultant to render professional services under the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed by and between the undersigned parties as follows:

1. TERM

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date, and shall terminate on August 31, 2029, unless terminated earlier as set forth herein.

2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED

Consultant shall diligently perform all the services described in the Scope of Services attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (“Services” or “Work”). City may elect to delete certain Services within the Scope of Services at its sole discretion.

3. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

3.1 Time is of the essence in the performance of Services under this Agreement and Consultant shall perform the Services in accordance with the schedule included in Exhibit A. In the absence of a specific schedule, the Services shall be performed to completion in a diligent and timely manner. The failure by Consultant to strictly adhere to

the schedule set forth in Exhibit A, if any, or perform the Services in a diligent and timely manner may result in termination of this Agreement by City.

3.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, Consultant shall not be responsible for delays due to causes beyond Consultant's reasonable control. However, in the case of any such delay in the Services to be provided for the Project, each party hereby agrees to provide notice within two (2) calendar days of the occurrence causing the delay to the other party so that all delays can be addressed.

3.3 Consultant shall submit all requests for extensions of time for performance in writing to the Project Administrator as defined herein not later than ten (10) calendar days after the start of the condition that purportedly causes a delay. The Project Administrator shall review all such requests and may grant reasonable time extensions for unforeseeable delays that are beyond Consultant's control.

3.4 For all time periods not specifically set forth herein, Consultant shall respond in the most expedient and appropriate manner under the circumstances, by hand-delivery or mail.

4. COMPENSATION TO CONSULTANT

4.1 City shall pay Consultant for the Services on a time and expense not-to-exceed basis in accordance with the provisions of this Section and the Schedule of Billing Rates attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference. Consultant's compensation for all Work performed in accordance with this Agreement, including all reimbursable items and subconsultant fees, shall not exceed **One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$187,500.00)**, without prior written authorization from City. No billing rate changes shall be made during the term of this Agreement without the prior written approval of City.

4.2 Consultant shall submit monthly invoices to City describing the Work performed the preceding month. Consultant's bills shall include the name of the person who performed the Work, a brief description of the Services performed and/or the specific task in the Scope of Services to which it relates, the date the Services were performed, the number of hours spent on all Work billed on an hourly basis, and a description of any reimbursable expenditures. City shall pay Consultant no later than thirty (30) calendar days after approval of the monthly invoice by City staff.

4.3 City shall reimburse Consultant only for those costs or expenses specifically identified in Exhibit B to this Agreement or specifically approved in writing in advance by City.

4.4 Consultant shall not receive any compensation for Extra Work performed without the prior written authorization of City. As used herein, "Extra Work" means any Work that is determined by City to be necessary for the proper completion of the Project, but which is not included within the Scope of Services and which the parties did not reasonably anticipate would be necessary at the execution of this Agreement.

Compensation for any authorized Extra Work shall be paid in accordance with the Schedule of Billing Rates as set forth in Exhibit B.

5. PROJECT MANAGER

5.1 Consultant shall designate a Project Manager, who shall coordinate all phases of the Project. This Project Manager shall be available to City at all reasonable times during the Agreement term. Consultant has designated Curtis Wright to be its Project Manager. Consultant shall not remove or reassign the Project Manager or any personnel listed in Exhibit A or assign any new or replacement personnel to the Project without the prior written consent of City. City's approval shall not be unreasonably withheld with respect to the removal or assignment of non-key personnel.

5.2 Consultant, at the sole discretion of City, shall remove from the Project any of its personnel assigned to the performance of Services upon written request of City. Consultant warrants that it will continuously furnish the necessary personnel to complete the Project on a timely basis as contemplated by this Agreement.

5.3 If Consultant is performing inspection services for City, the Project Manager and any other assigned staff shall be equipped with a cellular phone to communicate with City staff. The Project Manager's cellular phone number shall be provided to City.

6. ADMINISTRATION

This Agreement will be administered by the Administrative Services Department. City's Revenue Manager or designee shall be the Project Administrator and shall have the authority to act for City under this Agreement. The Project Administrator shall represent City in all matters pertaining to the Services to be rendered pursuant to this Agreement.

7. CITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

To assist Consultant in the execution of its responsibilities under this Agreement, City agrees to provide access to and upon request of Consultant, one copy of all existing relevant information on file at City. City will provide all such materials in a timely manner so as not to cause delays in Consultant's Work schedule.

8. STANDARD OF CARE

8.1 All of the Services shall be performed by Consultant or under Consultant's supervision. Consultant represents that it possesses the professional and technical personnel required to perform the Services required by this Agreement, and that it will perform all Services in a manner commensurate with community professional standards and with the ordinary degree of skill and care that would be used by other reasonably competent practitioners of the same discipline under similar circumstances. All Services shall be performed by qualified and experienced personnel who are not employed by City. By delivery of completed Work, Consultant certifies that the Work conforms to the

requirements of this Agreement, all applicable federal, state and local laws, and legally recognized professional standards.

8.2 Consultant represents and warrants to City that it has, shall obtain, and shall keep in full force and effect during the term hereof, at its sole cost and expense, all licenses, permits, qualifications, insurance and approvals of whatsoever nature that is legally required of Consultant to practice its profession. Consultant shall maintain a City of Newport Beach business license during the term of this Agreement.

8.3 Consultant shall not be responsible for delay, nor shall Consultant be responsible for damages or be in default or deemed to be in default by reason of strikes, lockouts, accidents, acts of God, or the failure of City to furnish timely information or to approve or disapprove Consultant's Work promptly, or delay or faulty performance by City, contractors, or governmental agencies.

9. HOLD HARMLESS

9.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless City, its City Council, boards and commissions, officers, agents, volunteers and employees (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all claims (including, without limitation, claims for bodily injury, death or damage to property), demands, obligations, damages, actions, causes of action, suits, losses, judgments, fines, penalties, liabilities, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, disbursements and court costs) of every kind and nature whatsoever (individually, a Claim; collectively, "Claims"), which may arise from or in any manner relate (directly or indirectly) to any breach of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, any Work performed or Services provided under this Agreement including, without limitation, defects in workmanship or materials or Consultant's presence or activities conducted on the Project (including the negligent, reckless, and/or willful acts, errors and/or omissions of Consultant, its principals, officers, agents, employees, vendors, suppliers, consultants, subcontractors, anyone employed directly or indirectly by any of them or for whose acts they may be liable, or any or all of them).

9.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall be construed to require Consultant to indemnify the Indemnified Parties from any Claim arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnified Parties. Nothing in this indemnity shall be construed as authorizing any award of attorneys' fees in any action on or to enforce the terms of this Agreement. This indemnity shall apply to all claims and liability regardless of whether any insurance policies are applicable. The policy limits do not act as a limitation upon the amount of indemnification to be provided by Consultant.

10. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

It is understood that City retains Consultant on an independent contractor basis and Consultant is not an agent or employee of City. The manner and means of conducting the Work are under the control of Consultant, except to the extent they are limited by statute, rule or regulation and the expressed terms of this Agreement. No civil

service status or other right of employment shall accrue to Consultant or its employees. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute approval for Consultant or any of Consultant's employees or agents, to be the agents or employees of City. Consultant shall have the responsibility for and control over the means of performing the Work, provided that Consultant is in compliance with the terms of this Agreement. Anything in this Agreement that may appear to give City the right to direct Consultant as to the details of the performance of the Work or to exercise a measure of control over Consultant shall mean only that Consultant shall follow the desires of City with respect to the results of the Services.

11. COOPERATION

Consultant agrees to work closely and cooperate fully with City's designated Project Administrator and any other agencies that may have jurisdiction or interest in the Work to be performed. City agrees to cooperate with the Consultant on the Project.

12. CITY POLICY

Consultant shall discuss and review all matters relating to policy and Project direction with City's Project Administrator in advance of all critical decision points in order to ensure the Project proceeds in a manner consistent with City goals and policies.

13. PROGRESS

Consultant is responsible for keeping the Project Administrator informed on a regular basis regarding the status and progress of the Project, activities performed and planned, and any meetings that have been scheduled or are desired.

14. INSURANCE

Without limiting Consultant's indemnification of City, and prior to commencement of Work, Consultant shall obtain, provide and maintain at its own expense during the term of this Agreement or for other periods as specified in this Agreement, policies of insurance of the type, amounts, terms and conditions described in the Insurance Requirements attached hereto as Exhibit C, and incorporated herein by reference.

15. PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSIGNMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Except as specifically authorized under this Agreement, the Services to be provided under this Agreement shall not be assigned, transferred contracted or subcontracted out without the prior written approval of City. Any of the following shall be construed as an assignment: The sale, assignment, transfer or other disposition of any of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Consultant, or of the interest of any general partner or joint venturer or syndicate member or cotenant if Consultant is a partnership or joint-venture or syndicate or co-tenancy, which shall result in changing the control of Consultant. Control means fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting power or twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the assets of the corporation, partnership or joint-venture.

16. SUBCONTRACTING

The subcontractors authorized by City, if any, to perform Work on this Project are identified in Exhibit A. Consultant shall be fully responsible to City for all acts and omissions of any subcontractor. Nothing in this Agreement shall create any contractual relationship between City and any subcontractor nor shall it create any obligation on the part of City to pay or to see to the payment of any monies due to any such subcontractor other than as otherwise required by law. City is an intended beneficiary of any Work performed by the subcontractor for purposes of establishing a duty of care between the subcontractor and City. Except as specifically authorized herein, the Services to be provided under this Agreement shall not be otherwise assigned, transferred, contracted or subcontracted out without the prior written approval of City.

17. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

17.1 Each and every report, draft, map, record, plan, document and other writing produced, including but not limited to, websites, blogs, social media accounts and applications (hereinafter "Documents"), prepared or caused to be prepared by Consultant, its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors, in the course of implementing this Agreement, shall become the exclusive property of City, and City shall have the sole right to use such materials in its discretion without further compensation to Consultant or any other party. Additionally, all material posted in cyberspace by Consultant, its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors, in the course of implementing this Agreement, shall become the exclusive property of City, and City shall have the sole right to use such materials in its discretion without further compensation to Consultant or any other party. Consultant shall, at Consultant's expense, provide such Documents, including all logins and password information to City upon prior written request.

17.2 Documents, including drawings and specifications, prepared by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by City or others on any other project. Any use of completed Documents for other projects and any use of incomplete Documents without specific written authorization from Consultant will be at City's sole risk and without liability to Consultant. Further, any and all liability arising out of changes made to Consultant's deliverables under this Agreement by City or persons other than Consultant is waived against Consultant, and City assumes full responsibility for such changes unless City has given Consultant prior notice and has received from Consultant written consent for such changes.

17.3 All written documents shall be transmitted to City in formats compatible with Microsoft Office and/or viewable with Adobe Acrobat.

18. CONFIDENTIALITY

All Documents, including drafts, preliminary drawings or plans, notes and communications that result from the Services in this Agreement, shall be kept confidential unless City expressly authorizes in writing the release of information.

19. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INDEMNITY

Consultant shall defend and indemnify City, its agents, officers, representatives and employees against any and all liability, including costs, for infringement or alleged infringement of any United States' letters patent, trademark, or copyright, including costs, contained in Consultant's Documents provided under this Agreement.

20. RECORDS

Consultant shall keep records and invoices in connection with the Services to be performed under this Agreement. Consultant shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to the costs incurred under this Agreement and any Services, expenditures and disbursements charged to City, for a minimum period of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, from the date of final payment to Consultant under this Agreement. All such records and invoices shall be clearly identifiable. Consultant shall allow a representative of City to examine, audit and make transcripts or copies of such records and invoices during regular business hours. Consultant shall allow inspection of all Work, data, Documents, proceedings and activities related to the Agreement for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment to Consultant under this Agreement.

21. WITHHOLDINGS

City may withhold payment to Consultant of any disputed sums until satisfaction of the dispute with respect to such payment. Such withholding shall not be deemed to constitute a failure to pay according to the terms of this Agreement. Consultant shall not discontinue Work as a result of such withholding. Consultant shall have an immediate right to appeal to the City Manager or designee with respect to such disputed sums. Consultant shall be entitled to receive interest on any withheld sums at the rate of return that City earned on its investments during the time period, from the date of withholding of any amounts found to have been improperly withheld.

22. ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

In the event of errors or omissions that are due to the negligence or professional inexperience of Consultant which result in expense to City greater than what would have resulted if there were not errors or omissions in the Work accomplished by Consultant, the additional design, construction and/or restoration expense shall be borne by Consultant. Nothing in this Section is intended to limit City's rights under the law or any other sections of this Agreement.

23. CITY'S RIGHT TO EMPLOY OTHER CONSULTANTS

City reserves the right to employ other Consultants in connection with the Project.

24. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

24.1 Consultant or its employees may be subject to the provisions of the California Political Reform Act of 1974 (the "Act") and/or Government Code §§ 1090 et seq., which (1) require such persons to disclose any financial interest that may foreseeably be materially affected by the Work performed under this Agreement, and (2) prohibit such persons from making, or participating in making, decisions that will foreseeably financially affect such interest.

24.2 If subject to the Act and/or Government Code §§ 1090 et seq., Consultant shall conform to all requirements therein. Failure to do so constitutes a material breach and is grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement by City. Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless City for any and all claims for damages resulting from Consultant's violation of this Section.

25. NOTICES

25.1 All notices, demands, requests or approvals, including any change in mailing address, to be given under the terms of this Agreement shall be given in writing, and conclusively shall be deemed served when delivered personally, or on the third business day after the deposit thereof in the United States mail, postage prepaid, first-class mail, addressed as hereinafter provided.

25.2 All notices, demands, requests or approvals from Consultant to City shall be addressed to City at:

Attn: Revenue Manager
Administrative Services Department
City of Newport Beach
100 Civic Center Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660

25.3 All notices, demands, requests or approvals from City to Consultant shall be addressed to Consultant at:

Attn: Curtis Wright
Serviam Law LLP DBA Serviam by Wright LLP
3 Corporate Park, Ste 100
Irvine, CA 92606

26. CLAIMS

Unless a shorter time is specified elsewhere in this Agreement, before making its final request for payment under this Agreement, Consultant shall submit to City, in writing, all claims for compensation under or arising out of this Agreement. Consultant's acceptance of the final payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims for compensation under or arising out of this Agreement except those previously made in writing and identified by Consultant in writing as unsettled at the time of its final request for payment.

Consultant and City expressly agree that in addition to any claims filing requirements set forth in the Agreement, Consultant shall be required to file any claim Consultant may have against City in strict conformance with the Government Claims Act (Government Code sections 900 *et seq.*).

27. TERMINATION

27.1 In the event that either party fails or refuses to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement at the time and in the manner required, that party shall be deemed in default in the performance of this Agreement. If such default is not cured within a period of two (2) calendar days, or if more than two (2) calendar days are reasonably required to cure the default and the defaulting party fails to give adequate assurance of due performance within two (2) calendar days after receipt of written notice of default, specifying the nature of such default and the steps necessary to cure such default, and thereafter diligently take steps to cure the default, the non-defaulting party may terminate the Agreement forthwith by giving to the defaulting party written notice thereof.

27.2 Notwithstanding the above provisions, City shall have the right, at its sole and absolute discretion and without cause, of terminating this Agreement at any time by giving no less than seven (7) calendar days' prior written notice to Consultant. In the event of termination under this Section, City shall pay Consultant for Services satisfactorily performed and costs incurred up to the effective date of termination for which Consultant has not been previously paid. On the effective date of termination, Consultant shall deliver to City all reports, Documents and other information developed or accumulated in the performance of this Agreement, whether in draft or final form.

28. STANDARD PROVISIONS

28.1 Recitals. City and Consultant acknowledge that the above Recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

28.2 Compliance with all Laws. Consultant shall, at its own cost and expense, comply with all statutes, ordinances, regulations and requirements of all governmental entities, including federal, state, county or municipal, whether now in force or hereinafter enacted. In addition, all Work prepared by Consultant shall conform to applicable City, county, state and federal laws, rules, regulations and permit requirements and be subject to approval of the Project Administrator and City.

28.3 Waiver. A waiver by either party of any breach, of any term, covenant or condition contained herein shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant or condition contained herein, whether of the same or a different character.

28.4 Integrated Contract. This Agreement represents the full and complete understanding of every kind or nature whatsoever between the parties hereto, and all preliminary negotiations and agreements of whatsoever kind or nature are merged herein. No verbal agreement or implied covenant shall be held to vary the provisions herein.

28.5 Conflicts or Inconsistencies. In the event there are any conflicts or inconsistencies between this Agreement and the Scope of Services or any other attachments attached hereto, the terms of this Agreement shall govern.

28.6 Interpretation. The terms of this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the meaning of the language used and shall not be construed for or against either party by reason of the authorship of the Agreement or any other rule of construction which might otherwise apply.

28.7 Amendments. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written document executed by both Consultant and City and approved as to form by the City Attorney.

28.8 Severability. If any term or portion of this Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

28.9 Controlling Law and Venue. The laws of the State of California shall govern this Agreement and all matters relating to it and any action brought relating to this Agreement shall be adjudicated in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Orange, State of California.

28.10 Equal Opportunity Employment. Consultant represents that it is an equal opportunity employer and it shall not discriminate against any subcontractor, employee or applicant for employment because race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, age or any other impermissible basis under law.

28.11 No Attorneys' Fees. In the event of any dispute or legal action arising under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall not be entitled to attorneys' fees.

28.12 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two (2) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one (1) and the same instrument.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the dates written below.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Date: Jun 10, 2026

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH,
a California municipal corporation

Date: _____

By: *Christy Duquette (for)*
Christy Duquette (for) (Jun 10, 2026 15:23:03 PDT)

Aaron C. Harp
City Attorney

By: _____
Lauren Kleiman
Mayor

ATTEST:
Date: _____

CONSULTANT: SERVIAM LAW LLP,
a California limited liability partnership,
doing business as ("DBA") Serviam by
Wright LLP,
Date: _____

By: _____
Lena Shumway
City Clerk

By: _____
Curtis Wright
Managing Partner

[END OF SIGNATURES]

Attachments: Exhibit A – Scope of Services
 Exhibit B – Schedule of Billing Rates
 Exhibit C – Insurance Requirements

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

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Objective:

Consultant shall provide the following services to the City, under the direction of the Administrative Services Department – Revenue Division, which shall identify specific tasks, deliverables, and deadlines on an as-needed basis.

Contract Term: Three (3) years

Minimum Qualifications:

All applicants must have the following minimum qualifications:

- An attorney admitted and in good standing in the State Bar of California.
- 5 years of experience in the practice of municipal law, public agency law, or land use. Alternatively, demonstrate a strong background in litigation or the administrative hearing process.
- Be able to perform the Scope of Services.
- Ability to act as a neutral and impartial decision maker to adhere to due process requirements.
- Have strong communication skills and writing ability.
- Demonstrated experience preparing well-reasoned written findings, decisions, and orders within required timelines.
- Proficient in reviewing digital evidence, including photographs, videos, and electronic records.
- Demonstrated history of maintaining professionalism, confidentiality, and adherence to ethical standards in adjudicative proceedings.
- Demonstrate the ability and commitment to be available to conduct at least one (1) hearing per month, subject to the City's scheduling needs.
- Meet the insurance requirements detailed in this proposal document.

Any unsatisfactory references or unsatisfactory work performance with the City may eliminate the bidder from further consideration. Bidders who do not meet the Minimum Qualifications may be disqualified.

Preferred Experience:

The following experience is preferred:

- Interpretation and application of the Newport Beach Municipal Code;
- Interpretation and application of the land use, planning and zoning laws;
- Interpretation and application of building codes;
- Interpretation and application of public contracting and competitive bidding laws;
- Interpretation and application of short term lodging enforcement; and
- Interpretation and application of constitutional law.

Scope of Services:

1. General Responsibilities

The Hearing Officer shall serve as a neutral, independent decision-maker responsible for presiding over administrative hearings related to municipal code enforcement and other matters as assigned by the City.

2. Hearing Administration

The Hearing Officer shall:

- Conduct administrative hearings in accordance with City ordinances, resolutions, policies, and applicable state and federal law.
- Administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses.
- Rule on the admissibility and relevance of evidence.
- Ensure hearings are conducted in an orderly, professional, and impartial manner.
- Provide all parties a fair opportunity to present testimony, evidence, and argument.
- Manage hearing proceedings to ensure efficiency while protecting due process rights.

3. Types of Hearings

Hearings may include, but are not limited to:

- Administrative citations and code enforcement violations
- Short-term lodging suspensions and revocations
- Three-year construction extension
- Nuisance abatement matters
- Permit, license, or regulatory enforcement hearings
- Appeals of staff determinations or enforcement actions
- Other quasi-judicial matters assigned by the City

4. Review of Evidence

The Hearing Officer shall:

- Review all evidence submitted prior to and during the hearing, including written reports, photographs, videos, and other digital or physical exhibits.
- Consider testimony from City staff, appellants, witnesses, and other parties of record.
- Maintain the integrity of the administrative record.

5. Findings and Written Decisions

The Hearing Officer shall:

- Prepare clear, well-reasoned written decisions that include findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a final determination.
- Issue written decisions within timeframes required by City ordinance, contract requirements, or applicable law.
- Ensure decisions are legally defensible and suitable for judicial review, if applicable.
- Reference applicable municipal codes, ordinances, and statutory authority in decisions.

6. Legal Compliance

The Hearing Officer shall:

- Conduct hearings in compliance with due process requirements and applicable administrative law principles.
- Remain informed of changes in relevant state and local laws affecting administrative hearings.
- Adhere to all applicable conflict-of-interest, ethics, and disclosure requirements under state and local law.

7. Independence and Impartiality

The Hearing Officer shall:

- Act independently of City staff and departments involved in enforcement actions.
- Avoid conflicts of interest and disclose any potential conflicts immediately.
- Maintain neutrality and professionalism at all times.

8. Hearing Format and Location

The Hearing Officer shall:

- Conduct hearings in person, remotely via video conferencing, or in a hybrid format, as determined by the City.
- Be proficient in the use of technology required for remote hearings and electronic evidence review.

9. Coordination with City Staff

The Hearing Officer shall:

- Coordinate scheduling of hearings with designated City staff.
- Communicate professionally and promptly regarding hearing logistics, timelines, and procedural requirements.
- Provide clarification regarding procedural issues when requested, without providing legal advice to any party.

10. Records and Confidentiality

The Hearing Officer shall:

- Maintain confidentiality of all non-public records and information.
- Ensure hearing records are preserved in accordance with City policies and applicable law.
- Return or destroy City records as required upon conclusion of services.

11. Performance Standards

The Hearing Officer shall:

- Perform services in a timely, efficient, and professional manner.
- Meet all deadlines for conducting hearings and issuing written decisions.
- Maintain a high standard of conduct consistent with quasi-judicial responsibilities.

12. Hearing Officer Services Invoices:

- Provide detailed and thorough Hearing Officer invoice for services rendered, including pre-hearing review of materials, conduct of administrative hearing(s), post-hearing research and record review, and drafting, finalization, and issuance of written decision(s) in a timely manner.

13. Term and Assignment

- Services shall be provided on an as-needed basis during the term of the agreement. The City makes no guarantee of a minimum number of hearings.

The Consultant shall confirm the absence of conflicts of interest prior to undertaking any new matter for the City. The Consultant shall notify the City and obtain the City's consent before representing another client in any matter that is directly averse to the City, including but not limited to transactions, negotiations, proceedings, or other representations involving specific parties.

The Consultant shall provide all labor, clerical support, equipment, and materials necessary to perform the services. Hearing preparation may include, but is not limited to, review of agendas and case files, familiarity with applicable City municipal codes, rules of evidence, and hearing-related materials. The Consultant shall be responsible for all travel and telephone expenses.

The Consultant shall submit a detailed monthly invoice for services rendered, identifying the case number, hearing date, time incurred, and applicable hourly rate.

Hearings shall be conducted on the days, during the hours, and at the locations designated by the City and mutually agreed upon by the City and the Consultant. All hearings shall be audio-recorded using equipment provided by the City.

All hearings shall be conducted in English. Foreign language interpreters shall be provided by applicants or contesting parties, as applicable. The number of hearings conducted each month may vary.

The Consultant shall submit written decisions for each hearing in a format designated or approved by the City. If required, the Consultant shall provide a computer-generated disposition, including justification, that can be transmitted to the City or another entity designated by the City via email, removable media, or other mutually agreed-upon method. The Consultant shall be responsible for providing the computer system necessary for preparation and delivery of such dispositions.

EXHIBIT B

SCHEDULE OF BILLING RATES

Exhibit B – Schedule of Billing Rates

Hourly Rate: \$273

Billable time shall be rounded to the nearest ten (10) minutes. Billable time includes file review prior to the hearing, conducting the hearing, and researching and drafting the final hearing order. Time spent correcting errors in the final hearing order due solely to spelling or grammatical mistakes shall not be billable to the City.

The Consultant is responsible for all travel and telephone-related expenses. If needed, document reproduction and copying services shall be performed at Newport Beach City Hall using City equipment.

The Consultant shall submit a monthly invoice to the City reflecting the hearings conducted and any approved expenses incurred during the prior month. Backup documentation, including daily case schedules, shall be attached to the invoice. The City shall pay invoices within thirty (30) days of receipt.

EXHIBIT C

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. Provision of Insurance. Without limiting Consultant's indemnification of City, and prior to commencement of Work, Consultant shall obtain, provide and maintain at its own expense during the term of this Agreement, policies of insurance of the type and amounts described below and in a form satisfactory to City. Consultant agrees to provide insurance in accordance with requirements set forth here. If Consultant uses existing coverage to comply and that coverage does not meet these requirements, Consultant agrees to amend, supplement or endorse the existing coverage.
2. Acceptable Insurers. All insurance policies shall be issued by an insurance company currently authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business of insurance in the State of California, with an assigned policyholders' Rating of A- (or higher) and Financial Size Category Class VII (or larger) in accordance with the latest edition of Best's Key Rating Guide, unless otherwise approved by the City's Risk Manager.
3. Coverage Requirements.

- A. Workers' Compensation Insurance. Consultant shall maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance, statutory limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limits of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) each accident for bodily injury by accident and each employee for bodily injury by disease in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

Consultant shall submit to City, along with the certificate of insurance, a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement in favor of City of Newport Beach, its City Council, boards and commissions, officers, agents, volunteers, employees.

- B. General Liability Insurance. Consultant shall maintain commercial general liability insurance, and if necessary excess/umbrella liability insurance, with coverage at least as broad as provided by Insurance Services Office form CG 00 01, in an amount not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence, four million dollars (\$4,000,000) general aggregate. The policy shall cover liability arising from bodily injury, property damage, completed operations, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract).

Consultant shall submit to City, along with a certificate of insurance, additional coverage as stated in Section 4. Other Insurance Requirements.

- C. Automobile Liability Insurance. Consultant shall maintain automobile insurance at least as broad as Insurance Services Office form CA 00 01 covering bodily injury and property damage for all activities of Consultant

arising out of or in connection with Work to be performed under this Agreement, including coverage for any owned, hired, non-owned or rented vehicles, in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit each accident.

Consultant shall submit to City, along with a certificate of insurance, additional coverage as stated in Section 4. Other Insurance Requirements.

D. Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions) Insurance. Consultant shall maintain professional liability insurance that covers the Services to be performed in connection with this Agreement, in the minimum amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per claim and four million dollars (\$4,000,000) in the aggregate. Any policy inception date, continuity date, or retroactive date must be before the Effective Date of this Agreement and Consultant agrees to maintain continuous coverage through a period no less than three years after completion of the Services required by this Agreement.

E. Excess/Umbrella Liability Insurance. If any Excess or Umbrella Liability policies are used to meet the limits of liability required by this contract, then said policies shall be “following form” of the underlying policy coverage, terms, conditions, and provisions and shall meet all of the insurance requirements stated in this contract, including, but not limited to, the additional insured and primary & non-contributory insurance requirements stated herein. No insurance policies maintained by the City, whether primary or excess, and which also apply to a loss covered hereunder, shall be called upon to contribute to a loss until the Consultant’s primary and excess/umbrella liability policies are exhausted.

Consultant shall submit to City, along with a certificate of insurance, additional coverage as stated in Section 4. Other Insurance Requirements.

4. Other Insurance Requirements. The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

A. Waiver of Subrogation. All insurance coverage maintained or procured pursuant to this Agreement shall be endorsed to waive subrogation against City of Newport Beach, its City Council, boards and commissions, officers, agents, volunteers, employees or shall specifically allow Consultant or others providing insurance evidence in compliance with these requirements to waive their right of recovery prior to a loss. Consultant hereby waives its own right of recovery against City, and shall require similar written express waivers from each of its subconsultants.

B. Additional Insured Status. All liability policies including general liability, excess/umbrella liability, pollution liability, and automobile liability, if required, but not including professional liability, shall provide or be endorsed to provide that City of Newport Beach, its City Council, boards and

commissions, officers, agents, volunteers, employees shall be included as insureds under such policies.

- C. Waiver of Subrogation. All insurance coverage maintained or procured pursuant to this Agreement shall be endorsed to waive subrogation against City of Newport Beach, its City Council, boards and commissions, officers, agents, volunteers and employees or shall specifically allow Consultant or others providing insurance evidence in compliance with these requirements to waive their right of recovery prior to a loss. Consultant hereby waives its own right of recovery against City, and shall require similar written express waivers from each of its subconsultants.
 - D. Additional Insured Status. All liability policies including general liability, excess/umbrella liability, pollution liability, and automobile liability, if required, but not including professional liability, shall provide or be endorsed to provide that City of Newport Beach, its City Council, boards and commissions, officers, agents, volunteers and employees shall be included as insureds under such policies.
 - E. Primary and Non Contributory. All liability coverage shall apply on a primary basis and shall not require contribution from any insurance or self-insurance maintained by City.
 - F. Notice of Cancellation. All policies shall provide City with thirty (30) calendar days' notice of cancellation (except for nonpayment for which ten (10) calendar days' notice is required) or nonrenewal of coverage for each required coverage.
 - G. Subcontractors. Consultant shall be responsible for causing subcontractors to purchase the same types and limits of insurance in compliance with the terms of this Agreement, including adding the City as an additional insured, providing primary and non-contributory coverage and waiver of subrogation to the subcontractor's policies. Limits of liability for General Liability in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate and Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions) in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per claim, two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate.
5. Additional Agreements Between the Parties. The parties hereby agree to the following:
- A. Evidence of Insurance. Consultant shall provide certificates of insurance to City as evidence of the insurance coverage required herein, along with a waiver of subrogation endorsement for workers' compensation and other endorsements as specified herein for each coverage. Insurance certificates and endorsement must be approved by City's Risk Manager prior to commencement of performance. Current certification of insurance shall be kept on file with City at all times during the term of this Agreement. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy shall be signed by

a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration of any such policy, evidence of insurance showing that such insurance coverage has been renewed or extended shall be filed with the City. If such coverage is cancelled or reduced, Consultant shall, within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice of such cancellation or reduction of coverage, file with the City evidence of insurance showing that the required insurance has been reinstated or has been provided through another insurance company or companies. City reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

- B. City's Right to Revise Requirements. City reserves the right at any time during the term of the Agreement to change the amounts and types of insurance required by giving Consultant sixty (60) calendar days' advance written notice of such change. If such change results in substantial additional cost to Consultant, City and Consultant may renegotiate Consultant's compensation.
- C. Right to Review Subcontracts. Consultant agrees that upon request, all agreements with subcontractors or others with whom Consultant enters into contracts with on behalf of City will be submitted to City for review. Failure of City to request copies of such agreements will not impose any liability on City, or its employees.
- D. Enforcement of Agreement Provisions. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that any actual or alleged failure on the part of City to inform Consultant of non-compliance with any requirement imposes no additional obligations on City nor does it waive any rights hereunder.
- E. Requirements not Limiting. Requirements of specific coverage features or limits contained in this Section are not intended as a limitation on coverage, limits or other requirements, or a waiver of any coverage normally provided by any insurance. Specific reference to a given coverage feature is for purposes of clarification only as it pertains to a given issue and is not intended by any party or insured to be all inclusive, or to the exclusion of other coverage, or a waiver of any type. If the Consultant maintains higher limits than the minimums shown above, the City requires and shall be entitled to coverage for higher limits maintained by the Consultant. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the City.
- F. Self-insured Retentions. Any self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by City. City reserves the right to require that self-insured retentions be eliminated, lowered, or replaced by a deductible. Self-insurance will not be considered to comply with these requirements unless approved by City.
- G. City Remedies for Non-Compliance. If Consultant or any subconsultant fails to provide and maintain insurance as required herein, then City shall have

the right but not the obligation, to purchase such insurance, to terminate this Agreement, or to suspend Consultant's right to proceed until proper evidence of insurance is provided. Any amounts paid by City shall, at City's sole option, be deducted from amounts payable to Consultant or reimbursed by Consultant upon demand.

- H. Timely Notice of Claims. Consultant shall give City prompt and timely notice of claims made or suits instituted that arise out of or result from Consultant's performance under this Agreement, and that involve or may involve coverage under any of the required liability policies. City assumes no obligation or liability by such notice, but has the right (but not the duty) to monitor the handling of any such claim or claims if they are likely to involve City.

- I. Consultant's Insurance. Consultant shall also procure and maintain, at its own cost and expense, any additional kinds of insurance, which in its own judgment may be necessary for its proper protection and prosecution of the Work.