

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION 2023-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA APPROVING A REVISION TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARATHON AND THE FIRM OF MT CAUSLEY, LLC TO PROVIDE BUILDING APPLICATION REVIEW SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR NECESSARY BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, The City has taken the opportunity to review its Professional Services Agreement with the firm of MT Causley, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, We believe it is appropriate to modify that Agreement at this time to accomplish the following:

1. Incorporated remote plan review services
2. Revised rates
3. Travel minimum applicable to non-Monroe County residents
4. Removed the automatic annual increase; and

**WHEREAS**, the revision to the rates accomplishes an update for MT Causley that brings them up to date with CPI and other cost increases; and

**WHEREAS**, the addition of an addition review day and remote review provides for enhance and more efficient services to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a continuing need for the services of MT Causley, LLC. The revision of this Agreement is in the best interest of the City and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the revision of this Agreement is in the best interest of the City and its citizens; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

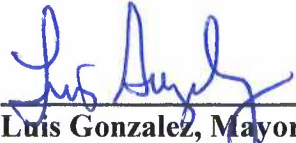
**Section 2.** The City Council authorizes the revision of the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Marathon and MT Causley, LLC, attached as Exhibit "A", further

authorizing the City Manager to sign the Agreement, providing necessary Building Department funds to support the Agreement, and subject to further extension or revision.

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the signature of both parties.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.**

**THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Luis Gonzalez, Mayor

AYES: Landry, Smith, Still, Gonzalez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Matlock  
ABSTAIN: None

**ATTEST:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Clavier, City Clerk

Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:**


  
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Steve Williams, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A  
FKNMS LETTER

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN CITY OF MARATHON  
AND M.T. CAUSLEY, LLC**

This Professional Services Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the City of Marathon, Florida ("Municipality") and M.T. Causley, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of SAFEbuilt, LLC, ("Consultant"). Municipality and Consultant shall be jointly referred to as "Parties".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Municipality is seeking a consultant to perform the services listed in Exhibit A – List of Services, ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, Consultant is ready, willing, and able to perform Services.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Municipality and Consultant agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Consultant will perform Services in accordance with codes, amendments and ordinances adopted by the elected body of Municipality. The qualified professionals employed by Consultant will maintain current certifications, certificates, licenses as required for Services that they provide to Municipality in accordance with State of Florida, Chapter 468, Florida Statutes. Consultant is not obligated to perform services beyond what is contemplated by this Agreement.

2. CHANGES TO SCOPE OF SERVICES

Any changes to Services between Municipality and Consultant shall be made in writing that shall specifically designate changes in Service levels and compensation for Services. Both Parties shall determine a mutually agreed upon solution to alter services levels and a transitional timeframe that is mutually beneficial to both Parties. No changes shall be binding absent a written Agreement or Amendment executed by both Parties.

3. FEE STRUCTURE

In consideration of Consultant providing services, Municipality shall pay Consultant for Services performed in accordance with Exhibit B – Fee Schedule for Services.

4. INVOICE & PAYMENT STRUCTURE

Consultant will invoice Municipality, on a monthly basis and provide all necessary supporting documentation. All payments are due to Consultant within 30 days of Consultant's invoice date. Payments owed to Consultant but not made within sixty (60) days of invoice date shall bear simple interest at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month. If payment is not received within ninety (90) days of invoice date, Services will be discontinued until all invoices and interest are paid in full. Municipality may request, and Consultant shall provide, additional information before approving the invoice. When additional information is requested Municipality will identify specific disputed item(s) and give specific reasons for any request. Undisputed portions of any invoice shall be due within 30 days of Consultants invoice date, if additional information is requested, Municipality will submit payment within thirty (30) days of resolution of the dispute.

5. TERM

This Agreement shall be effective on the latest date on which this Agreement is fully executed by both Parties. The initial term of this Agreement shall be twenty-four (24) months. Agreement shall automatically renew for subsequent twelve (12) month terms until such time as either Party notifies the other of their desire to terminate this Agreement.

6. TERMINATION

Either Party may terminate this Agreement, or any part of this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice, with or without cause and with no penalty or additional cost beyond the rates stated in this Agreement.

In case of such termination, Consultant shall be entitled to receive payment for work completed up to and including the date of termination within thirty (30) days of the termination.

7. FISCAL NON-APPROPRIATION CLAUSE

Financial obligations of Municipality payable after the current fiscal year are contingent upon funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available in accordance with the rules, regulations, and resolutions of Municipality, and other applicable law. Upon the failure to appropriate such funds, this Agreement shall be terminated.

8. MUNICIPALITY OBLIGATIONS

Municipality shall timely provide all data information, plans, specifications and other documentation reasonably required by Consultant to perform Services (Materials). Municipality has the right to grant and hereby grants Consultant a fully paid up, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use the Materials in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

9. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Consultant shall perform the Services using that degree of care, skill, and professionalism ordinarily exercised under similar circumstances by members of the same profession practicing or performing the substantially same or similar services. Consultant represents to Municipality that Consultant retains employees that possess the skills, knowledge, and abilities to competently, timely, and professionally perform Services in accordance with this Agreement.

10. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Consultant is an independent contractor, and, except as provided otherwise in this section, neither Consultant, nor any employee or agent thereof, shall be deemed for any reason to be an employee or agent of Municipality. Municipality shall have no liability or responsibility for any direct payment of any salaries, wages, payroll taxes, or any and all other forms or types of compensation or benefits to any personnel performing services for Municipality under this Agreement. Consultant shall be solely responsible for all compensation, benefits, insurance and employment-related rights of any person providing Services hereunder during the course of or arising or accruing as a result of any employment, whether past or present, with Consultant.

Consultant and Municipality agree that Consultant will provide similar service to other clients while under contract with Municipality and Municipality acknowledges that Consultant employees may provide similar services to multiple clients. Consultant shall at its sole discretion assign and reassign qualified employees, as determined by Consultant, to perform services for Municipality. Municipality may request that a specific employee be assigned to or reassigned from work under this Agreement and Consultant shall consider that request when determining staffing. Consultant shall determine all conditions of employment for its employees, including hours, wages, working conditions, promotion, discipline, hiring and discharge. Consultant exclusively controls the manner, means and methods by which services are provided to Municipality, including attendance at meetings, and Consultant's employees are not subject to the direction and control of Municipality. Except where required by Municipality to use Municipality information technology equipment or when requested to perform the services from office space provided by the Municipality, Consultant employees shall perform the services using Consultant information technology equipment and from such locations as Consultant shall specify. No Consultant employee shall be assigned a Municipal email address as their exclusive email address and any business cards or other IDs shall state that the person is an employee of Consultant or providing Services pursuant to a contractual agreement between Municipality and Consultant.

It is the intention of the Parties that Consultant shall be deemed to be an agent of the Municipality for purposes of Section 768.28 Florida Statute.

11. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACT

Neither party shall assign all or part of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to another entity without the written approval of both Parties; consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the preceding, Consultant may assign this Agreement in connection with the sale of all or substantially all of its assets or ownership interest, effective upon notice to Municipality, and may assign this Agreement to its parent, subsidiaries or sister companies (Affiliates) without notice to Municipality. Consultant may subcontract any or all of the services to its Affiliates without notice to Municipality. Consultant may subcontract any or all of the services to other third parties provided that Consultant gives Municipality prior written notice of the persons or entities with which Consultant has subcontracted. Consultant remains responsible for any Affiliate's or subcontractor's performance or failure to perform. Affiliates and subcontractors will be subject to the same performance criteria expected of Consultant. Performance clauses will be included in agreements with all subcontractors to assure quality levels and agreed upon schedules are met.

12. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Municipality, its elected and appointed officials, employees and volunteers and others working on behalf of Municipality, from and against any and all third-party claims, demands, suits, costs (including reasonable legal costs), expenses, and liabilities ("Claims") alleging personal injury, including bodily injury or death, and/or property damage, but only to the extent that any such Claims are caused by the negligence of Consultant or any officer, employee, representative, or agent of Consultant. Consultant shall have no obligations under this Section to the extent that any Claim arises as a result of Consultants compliance with Municipal law, ordinances, rules, regulations, resolution, executive orders or other instructions received from Municipality.

To the fullest extent permitted by law and without waiver of governmental immunity, Municipality shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Consultant, its officers, employees, representatives, and agents, from and against any and all Claims alleging personal injury, including bodily injury or death, and/or property damage, but only to the extent that such Claims are caused by (a) the negligence of, or material breach of any obligation under this Agreement by, Municipality or any officer, employee, representative, or agent of Municipality or (b) Consultant's compliance with Municipal law, ordinances, rules, regulations, resolutions, executive orders or other instructions received from Municipality. If either Party becomes aware of any incident likely to give rise to a Claim under the above indemnities, it shall notify the other and both Parties shall cooperate fully in investigating the incident.

13. LIMITS OF LIABILITY

EXCEPT ONLY AS MAY BE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN, CONSULTANT EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ERROR-FREE OPERATION, PERFORMANCE, ACCURACY, OR NON-INFRINGEMENT. EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT ARISING FROM MUNICIPALITY'S PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS FOR SERVICES, IN NO EVENT SHALL CONSULTANT OR MUNICIPALITY BE LIABLE TO ONE ANOTHER FOR INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, RELIANCE, EXEMPLARY, OR SPECIAL DAMAGES INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, DAMAGES FOR LOST PROFITS, LOST REVENUES, LOST DATA OR OTHER INFORMATION, OR LOST BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY, REGARDLESS OF THE FORM OF ACTION, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, INDEMNITY, NEGLIGENCE, WARRANTY, STRICT LIABILITY, OR TORT, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE FAILURE OF ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OF ANY REMAINING REMEDY. EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS FOR SERVICES, IN NO EVENT SHALL THE LIABILITY OF MUNICIPALITY OR CONSULTANT UNDER THIS AGREEMENT FROM ANY CAUSE OF ACTION WHATSOEVER (REGARDLESS OF THE FORM OF ACTION, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT OR UNDER ANY OTHER LEGAL THEORY, AND WHETHER ARISING BY NEGLIGENCE, INTENTIONAL CONDUCT, OR OTHERWISE) EXCEED THE GREATER OF THE AMOUNT OF FEES PAID TO CONSULTANT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE AVAILABLE LIMITS OF CONSULTANTS INSURANCE (SUCH LIMITS DEFINE MUNICIPAL MAXIMUM LIABILITY TO THE SAME EXTENT AS IF MUNICIPALITY HAD BEEN OBLIGATED TO PURCHASE THE POLICIES).

14. INSURANCE

- A. Consultant shall procure and maintain and shall cause any subcontractor of Consultant to procure and maintain, the minimum insurance coverages listed below throughout the term of this Agreement. Such coverages shall be procured and maintained with forms and insurers acceptable to Municipality. In the case of any claims-made policy, the necessary retroactive dates and extended reporting periods shall be procured to maintain such continuous coverage.
- B. Worker's compensation insurance to cover obligations imposed by applicable law for any employee engaged in the performance of work under this Agreement, and Employer's Liability insurance with minimum limits of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) bodily injury each accident, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) bodily injury by disease – policy limit, and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) bodily injury by disease – each employee. Worker's compensation coverage in "monopolistic" states is administered by the individual state and coverage is not provided by private insurers. Individual states operate a state administered fund of workers compensation insurance which set coverage limits and rates. Monopolistic states: Ohio, North Dakota, Washington, Wyoming.
- C. Commercial general liability insurance with minimum combined single limits of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) general aggregate. The policy shall be applicable to all premises and operations. The policy shall include coverage for bodily injury, broad form property damage, personal injury (including coverage for contractual and employee acts), blanket contractual, independent Consultant's, and products. The policy shall contain a severability of interest provision and shall be endorsed to include Municipality and Municipality's officers, employees, and consultants as additional insureds.
- D. Professional liability insurance with minimum limits of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) each claim and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) general aggregate.
- E. Automobile Liability: If performance of this Agreement requires use of motor vehicles licensed for highway use, Automobile Liability Coverage is required that shall cover all owned, non-owned, and hired automobiles with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each accident.
- F. Municipality shall be named as an additional insured on Consultant's insurance coverage.
- G. Prior to commencement of Services, Consultant shall submit certificates of insurance acceptable to Municipality.

15. THIRD PARTY RELIANCE

This Agreement is intended for the mutual benefit of Parties hereto and no third-party rights are intended or implied.

16. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, Municipality shall retain ownership of all Materials and of all work product and deliverables created by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement. The Materials, work product and deliverables shall be used by Consultant solely as provided in this Agreement and for no other purposes without the express prior written consent of Municipality. As between Municipality and Consultant, all work product and deliverables shall become the exclusive property of Municipality when Consultant has been compensated for the same as set forth herein, and Municipality shall thereafter retain sole and exclusive rights to receive and use such materials in such manner and for such purposes as determined by it. Notwithstanding the preceding, Consultant may use the Materials, work product, deliverables, applications, records, documents and other materials provided to perform the Services or resulting from the Services, for purposes of (i) benchmarking of Municipality's and other client's performance relative to that of other groups of customers served by Consultant; (ii) improvement, development marketing and sales of existing and future Consultant services, tools and products; (iii) monitoring Service performance and making improvements to the Services. For the avoidance of doubt, Municipality Data will be provided to third parties, other than hosting providers, development consultants and other third parties providing services for Consultant, only on an anonymized basis and only as part of a larger body of anonymized data. If this Agreement expires or is terminated for any reason, all records, documents, notes, data and other materials maintained or stored in Consultant's secure proprietary software pertaining to Municipality will be exported into a CSV file and become property of Municipality. Notwithstanding the preceding, Consultant shall own all rights and title to any Consultant provided software and any improvements or derivative works thereof.

Upon reasonable prior written notice, Municipality and its duly authorized representatives shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of Consultant that are related to this Agreement for the purposes of audit or examination, other than Consultant's financial records, and may make excerpts and transcriptions of the same at the cost and expense of Municipality.

17. CONSULTANT ACCESS TO RECORDS

Parties acknowledge that Consultant requires access to Records in order for Consultant to perform its obligations under this Agreement. Accordingly, Municipality will either provide to Consultant on a daily basis such data from the Records as Consultant may reasonably request (in an agreed electronic format) or grant Consultant access to its Records and Record management systems so that Consultant may download such data. Data provided to or downloaded by Consultant pursuant to this Section shall be used by Consultant solely in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

18. CONFIDENTIALITY

Consultant shall not disclose, directly or indirectly, any confidential information or trade secrets of Municipality without the prior written consent of Municipality or pursuant to a lawful court order directing such disclosure.

19. CONSULTANT PERSONNEL

Consultant shall employ a sufficient number of experienced and knowledgeable employees to perform Services in a timely, polite, courteous and prompt manner. Consultant shall determine appropriate staffing levels and shall promptly inform Municipality of any reasonably anticipated or known employment-related actions which may affect the performance of Services. Additional staffing resources shall be made available to Municipality when assigned employee(s) is unavailable.

20. DISCRIMINATION & ADA COMPLIANCE

Consultant will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, age, sex, disability, national origin or any other category protected by applicable federal or state law. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Consultant agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notice to be provided by an agency of the federal government, setting forth the provisions of Equal Opportunity laws. Consultant shall comply with the appropriate provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (the "ADA"), as enacted and as from time to time amended, and any other applicable federal regulations. A signed certificate confirming compliance with the ADA may be requested by Municipality at any time during the term of this Agreement.

21. E-VERIFY/VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Pursuant to FS 448.095, Consultant certifies that it is registered with and uses the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by Consultant during the term of the Agreement. Consultant shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this Agreement and will verify immigration status to confirm employment eligibility. If Consultant enters into a contract with a subcontractor to perform work or provide services pursuant to the Agreement, Consultant shall likewise require the subcontractor to comply with the requirements of FS 448.095, and the subcontractor shall provide to Consultant an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Consultant will maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of its contract with owner. Consultant is prohibited from using the E-Verify program procedures to undertake pre-employment screening of job applicants while this Agreement is being performed.

22. SOLICITATION/HIRING OF CONSULTANT'S EMPLOYEES

During the term of this Agreement and for one year thereafter, Municipality shall not solicit, recruit or hire, or attempt to solicit, recruit or hire, any employee or former employee of Consultant who provided services



to Municipality pursuant to this Agreement ("Service Providers"), or who interacted with Municipality in connection with the provision of such services (including but not limited to supervisors or managers of Service Providers, customer relations personnel, accounting personnel, and other support personnel of Consultant). Parties agree that this provision is reasonable and necessary in order to preserve and protect Consultant's trade secrets and other confidential information, its investment in the training of its employees, the stability of its workforce, and its ability to provide competitive building department programs in this market. If any provision of this section is found by a court or arbitrator to be overly broad, unreasonable in scope or otherwise unenforceable, Parties agree that such court or arbitrator shall modify such provision to the minimum extent necessary to render this section enforceable. In the event that Municipality hires any such employee during the specified period, Municipality shall pay to Consultant a placement fee equal to 25% of the employee's annual salary including bonus.

23. NOTICES

Any notice under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed sufficient when presented in person, or sent, pre-paid, first class United States Mail, or delivered by electronic mail to the following addresses:

If to Consultant:

Matt K. Causley, President  
M.T. Causley, LLC  
10720 Caribbean Blvd, Suite 650  
Cutler Bay, FL 33189  
Email: [mtc@mtcinspectors.com](mailto:mtc@mtcinspectors.com)

CC: Jeannie Fabian, Account Manager  
Email: [jeannie@mtcinspectors.com](mailto:jeannie@mtcinspectors.com)

If to Municipality:

George Garrett, Manager  
City of Marathon  
9805 Overseas Highway  
Marathon, FL 33050  
Email: [garrettg@ci.marathon.fl.us](mailto:garrettg@ci.marathon.fl.us)

24. FORCE MAJEURE

Any delay or nonperformance of any provision of this Agreement by either Party (with the exception of payment obligations) which is caused by events beyond the reasonable control of such party, shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement, and the time for performance of such provision, if any, shall be deemed to be extended for a period equal to the duration of the conditions preventing such performance.

25. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the event a dispute arises out of or relates to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, and if said dispute cannot be settled through negotiation, Parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation, before resorting to arbitration, litigation, or some other dispute resolution procedure. The cost thereof shall be borne equally by each Party.

26. ATTORNEY'S FEES

In the event of dispute resolution or litigation to enforce any of the terms herein, each Party shall pay all its own costs and attorney's fees.

27. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE

The person or persons executing this Agreement represent and warrant that they are fully authorized to sign and so execute this Agreement and to bind their respective entities to the performance of its obligations hereunder.

28. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Consultant shall refrain from providing services to other persons, firms, or entities that would create a conflict of interest for Consultant with regard to providing the Services pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant shall not offer or provide anything of benefit to any Municipal official or employee that would place the official or employee in a position of violating the public trust as provided under Municipality's charter and code of ordinances, state or federal statute, case law or ethical principles.

29. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

Consultant verifies that it and any of its affiliates are not scrutinized companies as identified in Section 287.135, F.S. In addition, Consultant agrees to observe the requirements of Section 287.135, F.S., for applicable sub-agreements entered into for the performance of work under this Agreement. Pursuant to Section 287.135, F.S., the Municipality may immediately terminate this Agreement if the Consultant, its affiliates, or its subcontractors are found to have submitted a false certification; or if the Consultant, its affiliates, or subcontractors are placed on any applicable scrutinized companies list or engaged in prohibited contracting activity during the term of the Agreement. As provided in Subsection 287.135(3), F.S., if federal law ceases to authorize these contracting prohibitions then they shall become inoperative.

30. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND ETHICS REQUIREMENTS

This Agreement is subject to State of Florida Code of Ethics. Agreement may be subject to City of Marathon Code of Ethics and investigation and/or audit by the City of Marathon Inspector General in accordance with Ordinance #00-12-14, §2, 12-20-2000. Accordingly, there are prohibitions and limitation on the employment of Municipal officials and employees and contractual relationships providing a benefit to the same.

31. PUBLIC RECORDS

Pursuant to section 119.071, Florida Statutes, Consultant shall comply with Florida's Public Records Act, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and agrees to:

- A. Keep and maintain all public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by Municipality to keep and maintain in order to perform Services under this Agreement.
- B. Upon request from Municipality's custodian of public records, provide copies to Municipality within a reasonable time and public access to said public records on the same terms and conditions that Municipality would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
- C. Ensure that said public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law.
- D. Meet all requirements for retaining said public records and transfer, at no cost, to Municipality all said public records in possession of Consultant upon termination of this Agreement and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to Municipality in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of Municipality.
- E. **IF CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS, DIANE CLAVIER, AT 9805 OVERSEAS HIGHWAY, MARATHON, FL 33050, PHONE: (305) 289-5020 OR VIA EMAIL: [CLAVIERD@CI.MARATHON.FL.US](mailto:CLAVIERD@CI.MARATHON.FL.US).**

32. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

The negotiation and interpretation of this Agreement shall be construed under and governed by the laws of the State of Florida, without regards to its choice of laws provisions. Exclusive venue for any action under this Agreement, other than an action solely for equitable relief, shall be in the state and federal courts serving Municipality and each party waives any and all jurisdictional and other objections to such exclusive venue.

33. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement and any amendments or task orders may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. For purposes of executing this Agreement, scanned signatures shall be as valid as the original.

34. ELECTRONIC REPRESENTATIONS AND RECORDS

Parties hereby agree to regard electronic representations of original signatures as legally sufficient for executing this Agreement and scanned signatures emailed by PDF or otherwise shall be as valid as the original. Parties agree not to deny the legal effect or enforceability of the Agreement solely because it is in electronic form or because an electronic record was used in its formation. Parties agree not to object to the admissibility of the Agreement in the form of an electronic record, or a paper copy of an electronic document, or a paper copy of a document bearing an electronic signature, on the ground that it is an electronic record or electronic signature or that it is not in its original form or is not an original.

35. WAIVER

Failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of that provision. Waiver of any right or power arising out of this Agreement shall not be deemed waiver of any other right or power.

36. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, along with attached exhibits, constitutes the complete, entire and final agreement of the Parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and shall supersede any and all previous agreements, communications, representations, whether oral or written, with respect to the subject matter hereof. Invalidation of any of the provisions of this Agreement or any paragraph sentence, clause, phrase, or word herein or the application thereof in any given circumstance shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the undersigned have caused this Agreement to be executed in their respective names on the dates hereinafter enumerated.

M.T. CAUSLEY, LLC

CITY OF MARATHON

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Matthew K. Causley

Title: President

Date: January 23, 2023

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: George Garrett

Title: City Manager

Date: 2/7/2023

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## EXHIBIT A – LIST OF SERVICES

### 1. LIST OF SERVICES

#### Building, Electrical, Plumbing, and Mechanical Inspection Services

- Consultant utilizes an educational, informative approach to improve the customer’s experience.
- Perform code compliance inspections to determine that construction complies with approved plans
- Meet or exceed agreed upon performance metrics regarding inspections
- Provide onsite inspection consultations to citizens and contractors while performing inspections
- Return calls and emails from permit holders in reference to code and inspection concerns
- Identify and document any areas of non-compliance
- Leave a copy or provide an electronic version of the inspection results and discuss inspection results with site personnel

#### Plan Review Services

- Provide plan review services electronically or in the traditional paper format
- Review plans for compliance with adopted building codes, local amendments or ordinances
- Be available for pre-submittal meetings by appointment
- Coordinate plan review tracking, reporting, and interaction with applicable departments
- Provide feedback to keep plan review process on schedule
- Communicate plan review findings and recommendations in writing
- Return a set of finalized plans and all supporting documentation
- Provide review of plan revisions and remain available to applicant after the review is complete

#### Remote Plan Review Services

- Provide plan review services electronically or in the traditional paper format
- Review plans for compliance with adopted building codes, local amendments or ordinances
- Be a resource to applicants on submittal requirements and be available throughout the process
- Provide feedback to keep plan review process on schedule
- Communicate plan review findings and recommendations in writing
- Return a set of finalized plans and all supporting documentation
- Provide review of plan revisions and remain available to applicant after the review is complete

### 2. ADDITIONAL SERVICES UPON REQUEST BY MUNICIPALITY

#### Building Official Services

- Manage and help administer the department and report to Municipality’s designated official
- Be a resource for Consultant team members, Municipal staff, and applicants
- Help guide citizens through the complexities of the codes in order to obtain compliance
- Monitor changes to the codes including state or local requirements and determine how they may impact projects in the area and make recommendations regarding local amendments
- Assist Municipal staff in revising and updating municipal code to comply with adopted requirements
- Provide Building Code interpretations for final approval
- Oversee our quality assurance program and will make sure that we are meeting our agreed upon performance measurements and your expectations
- Provide training for our inspectors on Municipality adopted codes and local amendments as needed
- Oversee certificate of occupancy issuance to prevent issuance without compliance of all departments
- Attend staff and council meetings as mutually agreed upon
- Responsible for reporting for Municipality – frequency and content to be mutually agreed upon
- Responsible for client and applicant satisfaction
- Work with Municipal staff to establish and/or refine building department processes
- Issue stop-work notices for non-conforming activities – as needed

#### Permit Technician Services

- Provide qualified individuals to perform the functions of this position
- Facilitate the permitting process from initial permit intake to final issuance of permit
- Review submittal documents and request missing information to ensure packets are complete
- Provide front counter customer service as necessary
- Answer questions concerning the building process and requirements at the counter or over the phone
- Form and maintain positive relationships with Municipal staff and maintain a professional image
- Determine permit fees based on Municipal fee schedule as established by ordinance, if requested
- Work with Municipal Clerk to facilitate Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, if requested
- Provide inspection scheduling and tracking to ensure code compliance
- Act as an office resource to inspectors in the field
- Process applications for Municipal Boards and Commissions – if requested
- Provide input, tracking and reporting to help increase efficiencies

#### Code Enforcement Services

The primary focus of any code enforcement program is to achieve compliance without confrontation and at minimum cost. In order to meet the needs of your community we will:

- Customize our approach at the direction of Municipal Council/Board and staff
- Customize services in compliance with applicable Municipal code and ordinance requirements
- Proactively work with Municipality and its citizens to maintain a safe and desirable community
- Respond to and investigate code violations as requested in writing by Municipality
- Post violation notices and provide initial citizen notifications and follow-up inspections
- Address specific code enforcement issues at the direction of Municipality
- Assist in the preparation of cases for court appearances and attend meetings as requested
- Participate in educational activities and customer service surveys related to code enforcement
- Provide professional recommendations for code revisions – as needed
- Make presentations to Municipal boards as requested
- Provide agreed upon reports to demonstrate our performance against set measurements

#### Planning/Zoning Consultation Services

Consultant shall provide planning and zoning consultation on an as-needed basis. Services will be provided at a per project rate. As specific projects are requested by Municipality, project specific pricing will be determined and mutually agreed upon by both Parties. Services may include:

- Review of zoning applications and site plans
- Preparation of staff reports and recommendations to planning commission and elected officials
- Administration of zoning codes
- Meeting with applicants
- Training programs for Planning Commission and Appeals Board
- Preparation of zoning code amendments
- Updates to the zoning code and other land development regulations
- Preparation of new master plan
- Preparation of special studies (subarea plans, corridor studies, etc.)

#### Floodplain Management Services

- Facilitate and assist with the floodplain oversight program as established by Municipality
- Assist Municipality with Municipal CRS audit and provide assistance on improving Municipal CRS rating
- Assist in the preparation of annual re-certification statements for continuing program compliance
- Review elevation certificates for new construction projects
- Assist the Municipality on all required flood plain documentation and elevation certificates before issuance of certificate of occupancy
- Assess current practices to help ensure Municipality is credited with eligible CRS program elements and maintain or improve current classification rating

- Provide assistance with the establishment of a Program for Public Information (PPI) to increase public awareness and earn higher CRS program ratings to reduce flood insurance premiums

Emergency Response Services

In cases of natural disaster, Consultant will provide emergency disaster response including:

- Rapid assessment of the structural integrity of damaged buildings using appropriate forms
- Determine whether structures are safe for use or if entry should be restricted or prohibited
- Post the structure with the appropriate placard
- Coordinate any disaster or emergency response with the appropriate local, state or federal agency(s)
- Track all hours and expenses for reimbursement from federal agencies when appropriate
- Survey construction sites for control of debris hazards
- Coordinate emergency permitting procedures

3. MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS

- Municipality will issue permits and collect all fees
- Municipality will provide Consultant with a list of requested inspections and supporting documents
- Municipality will intake plans and related documents for pick up by Consultant or submit electronically
- Municipality will provide a monthly activity report that will be used for monthly invoicing
- Municipality will provide zoning administration for projects assigned to Consultant
- Municipality will provide codes books for front counter use
- Municipality will provide office space, desk, desk chairs, file cabinets, local phone service, internet, use of copier and fax

4. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

- Consultant will perform Services during normal business hours excluding Municipal holidays
- Services will be performed during mutually agreed upon hours
- Consultant representative(s) will be on-site weekly based on activity levels
- Consultant representative(s) will be available by phone and email
- Consultant representative(s) will meet with the public by appointment
- Additional Inspectors will be dispatched on an as-needed basis

Deliverables	
<b>INSPECTION SERVICES</b>	Perform inspections received from the Municipality prior to 4:00 pm next business day
<b>PLAN REVIEW TURNAROUND TIMES</b>	Provide comments within the Municipality's preferred timelines

## EXHIBIT B – FEE SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES

1. FEE SCHEDULE

- Municipality will promptly notify Consultant of any revisions or amendments to Municipal Fee Schedule
- Municipality will periodically review its Municipal fee Schedule and valuation tables and make adjustment to reflect increases in the cost incurred by Consultant in providing services.
- The initial hourly rates shall remain in constant for initial term of Agreement. Ninety (90) days prior to expiration, Municipality may consider an adjustment to preceding year’s unit cost for subsequent year. Adjustments shall be based on a corresponding increase based upon the annual increase in the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or successor thereof, Consumer Price Index All Urban Consumers, for Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach area for the previous twelve (12) months upon publication of the applicable CPI data. If the index decreases, the rates listed shall remain unchanged. In the event that the Municipality determines that the requested increase is unsubstantiated, the Consultant agrees to perform all duties at the current cost terms.

<b>Service Fee Schedule:</b>	<b>Standard Hourly Rate*</b>
Structural Plan Reviewer	\$182.00 per hour
Plan Reviewer	\$130.00 per hour
– Building, Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing Trades	
Inspector	\$130.00 per hour
– Building, Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing Trades	
Remote Plan Reviewer (Building, Mechanical, Electrical or Plumbing)	\$130.00 per hour
A daily two-hour minimum will be applied per staff member traveling to Municipality who does not reside in Monroe County.	
*Services requested beyond normal business hours Monday through Friday will be invoiced at one-and-a-half times the standard hourly rate with a four (4) hour minimum.	
Services requested on Saturdays will be invoiced at one-and-a-half times the standard hourly rate with an eight (8) hour minimum.	
Services requested on Sundays or US Federal Holiday will be invoiced at two (2) times the standard hourly rate with an eight (8) hour minimum.	
<b>Additional Services</b>	
To be negotiated upon request	

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