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City of Jacksonville 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the City of Jacksonville (the "City") for the year ended September 30, 2020. This letter is an addendum to our engagement agreement dated April 18, 2020.

#### **Additional Audit Services**

During our procedures related to the audit for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020 we encountered significant difficulties caused by the City's implementation of a new system which led to additional work being required which was outside the scope of the standard audit services and was not considered as part of our initial engagement letter. The previously quoted fees did not cover this additional required work therefore additional fees will be charged as described below.

### **Dispute Resolution**

In the event of a dispute between the parties which arises out of or relates to this contract or engagement letter, the breach thereof or the services provided or to be provided hereunder, if the dispute cannot be settled through negotiation, the parties agree that before initiating arbitration, litigation or other dispute resolution procedure, they will first try, in good faith, to resolve the dispute through non-binding mediation. All parties agree that an alternative form of dispute resolution shall not be undertaken by either party until the expiration of fifteen (15) calendar days following notice being provided to the other party indicating that the dispute cannot be settled through mediation. The mediation will be administered by the American Arbitration Association under its *Dispute Resolution Rules for Professional Accounting and Related Services Disputes*. The costs of any mediation proceedings shall be shared equally by all parties.

#### **Limitation of Liability**

Except as provided in this agreement, CRI shall not be liable for incidental, consequential, exemplary, special, punitive or ancillary damages of any kind alleged as a result of any cause of action from this agreement, whether arising out of breach of contract, tort or otherwise. Unless otherwise stated in this agreement, both CRI and you agree that the total cumulative liability of CRI (including its employees, directors, officers or agents), shall not exceed the amount of fees earned by CRI related to this engagement during the twelve months preceding the event giving rise to the claim, as such amount shall serve as a reasonable prospective estimate of any damages which you may suffer through any breach by CRI of the terms of this agreement, as such damages may be speculative or impossible to calculate. If there are unpaid fees owed to CRI, this cumulative liability will be reduced by the value of the unpaid fees with no additional interest or charges, as CRI retains the right to offset any sums claimed as due and owed by you, by any sums to which it is legally entitled. This limitation shall apply whether or not further damages are foreseeable, or whether either party (or its employees, agents, officers or directors) have been advised of the possibility of such damages.

#### **Statute of Limitations**

The parties agree that there shall be a five-year statute of limitation (from the delivery of the service or termination of the contract) for the filing of any requests for arbitration, lawsuit, or proceeding related to this agreement. If such a claim is filed more than five years, or the minimum durational period having been determined as permissible by applicable statutory law or by a court of competent jurisdiction, subsequent to the delivery of the service or termination of the contract, whichever occurs first in time, then it shall be precluded by this provision, regardless of whether or not the claim has accrued at that time.

## Electronic Data Communication and Storage and Use of Third Party Service Provider

In the interest of facilitating our services to your company, we may send data over the Internet, securely store electronic data via computer software applications hosted remotely on the Internet, or allow access to data through third-party vendors' secured portals or clouds. Electronic data that is confidential to your company may be transmitted or stored using these methods. We may use third-party service providers to store or transmit this data, such as, but not limited to, providers of tax return preparation software. In using these data communication and storage methods, our firm employs measures designed to maintain data security. We use reasonable efforts to keep such communications and data access secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws and professional standards. We also require our third-party vendors to do the same.

You recognize and accept that we have no control over, and shall not be responsible for, the unauthorized interception or breach of any communications or data once it has been sent or has been subject to unauthorized access, notwithstanding all reasonable security measures employed by us or our third-party vendors. You consent to our use of these electronic devices and applications and submission of confidential client information to third-party service providers during this engagement.

To enhance our services to you, we will use a combination of remote access, secure file transfer, virtual private network or other collaborative, virtual workspace or other online tools or environments. Access through any combination of these tools allows for on-demand and/or real-time collaboration across geographic boundaries and time zones and allows CRI and you to share data, engagement information, knowledge, and deliverables in a protected environment. In order to use certain of these tools and in addition to execution of this acknowledgement and engagement letter, you may be required to execute a separate client acknowledgement or agreement and agree to be bound by the terms, conditions and limitations of such agreement. You agree that CRI has no responsibility for the activities of its third-party vendors supplying these tools and agree to indemnify and hold CRI harmless with respect to any and all claims arising from or related to the operation of these tools. While we may back up your files to facilitate our services, you are solely responsible for the backup of your files and records; therefore, we recommend that you also maintain your own backup files of these records. In the event you suffer a loss of any files or records due to accident, inadvertent mistake, or Act of God, copies of which you have provided to us pursuant to this agreement, we shall not be responsible or obligated to provide you a copy of any such file or record which we may retain in our possession.

# Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

Robert Lemmon is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the audit services.

Our fee for the additional services will be \$60,000.

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We appreciate the opportunity to assist you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know.

If you agree with the terms of our engagement letter addendum as described in this letter, please sign below and return the signed letter to us.

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Very truly yours,

# CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

RESPONSE:
This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the City of Jacksonville.
Signature:
Title:
Date: