

## AGREEMENT

THIS IS AN AGREEMENT (“Agreement”), dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021, by and between:

**CITY OF COOPER CITY**, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida and whose address is 9090 SW 50<sup>th</sup> Place, Cooper City, Florida 33328 (“City”),

and

**LAW OFFICES OF STEVEN A. SCHAET, LLC**, a Florida limited liability company, whose address is 15 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33315, hereinafter "CONTRACTOR," who is authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

City and CONTRACTOR may each be referred to herein as “party” or collectively as “parties”.

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to enter into an agreement with the CONTRACTOR for the CONTRACTOR to provide certain municipal public defender services when required to provide defendants in municipal prosecutions with access to legal counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Code provides authority for the City to select and contract through the use of the competitive bid process of another government entity as an exception to the otherwise required formal bidding process; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties wish to incorporate the terms and conditions of the Agreement for Criminal Defense Attorney Services, between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the CONTRACTOR for criminal defense attorney services dated April 2, 2019, (“Fort Lauderdale Agreement”). The Fort Lauderdale Agreement was renewed for a one-year term on April 10, 2021. A copy of the Fort Lauderdale Agreement and the renewal are attached hereto as **Composite Exhibit “A”** and incorporated herein; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Parties agree to add the provisions of this agreement to the Fort Lauderdale Agreement as set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, CONTRACTOR has agreed to honor the prices and terms and conditions of the Fort Lauderdale Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, City desires to retain the services of CONTRACTOR by "piggybacking" the Fort Lauderdale Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has reviewed the scope of services of the competitively bid Fort Lauderdale Agreement, and has determined that it is an agreement that can be used by the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, the City Commission approved this Agreement and authorized the proper City officials to execute this Agreement; an

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.

**Section 2.** The prices, terms and conditions of the Fort Lauderdale Agreement shall govern the relationship between the City and CONTRACTOR, except as amended below:

- A. The Scope of Services for the Work ("Work") to be performed under this Agreement shall be as set forth in the Fort Lauderdale Agreement, except said Work shall be performed for the City.
- B. The CONTRACTOR agrees at all times to indemnify, hold the City harmless and, at the City's option, defend or pay for any attorney selected by the City to defend the City, its trustees, elected and appointed officers, agents, servants and employees, from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, liabilities, expenditures or causes of action of whatsoever kind or nature, and the resulting losses, costs, expenses, reasonable attorneys' fees, liabilities, damages, orders, judgments, or decrees, sustained by the City or any third party arising out of, or by reason of, or resulting from the CONTRACTOR's negligent acts, errors, or omissions.

- C. CONTRACTOR shall not commence the Work unless and until the requirements for insurance have been fully met by CONTRACTOR and appropriate evidence thereof, in the City's sole discretion, has been provided to and approved by the City.
- D. All payments shall be governed by the Local Government prompt Payment Act as provided under §§218.70-.80, Florida Statutes.

**Section 3.** In all other respects, the terms and conditions of the Fort Lauderdale Agreement, are hereby ratified and shall remain in full force and effect under this "piggybacking" arrangement, as provided by the terms of this Agreement. All recitals, representations, and warranties of CONTRACTOR made in those documents are restated as if set forth fully herein, made for the benefit of the City, and incorporated herein.

**Section 4.** The term of this Agreement is effective upon approval by the City Commission, and shall remain in effect for a term of one (1) year unless terminated sooner in accordance with the Fort Lauderdale Agreement. This Agreement may be renewed for one (1) additional one-year renewal terms, subject to the mutual written consent of the parties.

**Section 5. Public Records.**

- A. Public Records: CONTRACTOR shall comply with The Florida Public Records Act as follows:
  - 1. Keep and maintain public records in the CONTRACTOR's possession or control in connection with the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the City in order to perform the service.
  - 2. Upon request by City's records custodian, provide City with a copy of requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
  - 3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Agreement.
  - 4. Upon completion of this Agreement or in the event of termination of this Agreement by either party, any and all public records relating to this Agreement in the possession of CONTRACTOR shall be delivered by CONTRACTOR to City, at no cost to City, within seven days. All records

stored electronically by CONTRACTOR shall be delivered to City in a format that is compatible with CITY's information technology systems. Once the public records have been delivered to City upon completion or termination of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall destroy any and all duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public record disclosure requirements.

2. CONTRACTOR'S failure or refusal to comply with the provisions of this Section shall result in the immediate termination of this Agreement by the City.

**IF CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 954-434-4300, PRR@COOPERCITYFL.ORG OR BY MAIL: CITY OF COOPER CITY – CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 9090 SW 50<sup>TH</sup> PLACE, COOPER CITY, FL 33328.**

**Section 6. Scrutinized Companies.**

- A. CONTRACTOR certifies that it and its subcontractors are not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List. Pursuant to Section 287.135, F.S., the City may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if the CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors are found to have submitted a false certification; or if the CONTRACTOR, or its subcontractors are placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in the boycott of Israel during the term of the Agreement.
- B. If this Agreement is for more than one million dollars, the CONTRACTOR certifies that it and its subcontractors are also not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria as identified in Section 287.135, F.S. Pursuant to Section 287.135, F.S., the City may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if the CONTRACTOR, its affiliates, or its subcontractors are found to have submitted a false certification; or if the CONTRACTOR, its affiliates, or its subcontractors are placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria during the term of the Agreement.
- C. The CONTRACTOR agrees to observe the above requirements for applicable subcontracts entered into for the performance of work under this Agreement.
- D. As provided in Subsection 287.135(8), F.S., if federal law ceases to authorize the above-stated contracting prohibitions then they shall become inoperative.

**Section 7. E-Verify**

A. CONTACTOR certifies that it is aware of and complies with the requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time and briefly described herein below.

B. Definitions for this Section:

- 1 “Contractor” means a person or entity that has entered or is attempting to enter into a contract with a public employer to provide labor, supplies, or services to such employer in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration. “Contractor” includes, but is not limited to, the Law Offices Of Steven A. Schaet, LLC.
- 2 “Subcontractor” means a person or entity that provides labor, supplies, or services to or for a contractor or another subcontractor in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration.
- 3 E-Verify system” means an Internet-based system operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security that allows participating employers to electronically verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees.

C. Registration Requirement; Termination:

- 1 Pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, effective January 1, 2021, Contractors, shall register with and use the E-verify system in order to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. Contractor shall register for and utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’ s E-Verify System to verify the employment eligibility of:
- 2 All persons employed by a Contractor to perform employment duties within Florida during the term of the contract;
- 3 All persons assigned by Contractor to perform work pursuant to the contract with the City of Cooper City. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that registration and use of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’ s E-Verify System during the term of the contract is a condition of the contract with the City of Cooper City; and
- 4 The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., "Employment Eligibility," as amended from time to time. This includes, but is not limited to registration and utilization of the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. Contractor shall also require all subcontractors to provide an affidavit attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the contract. Failure to comply will lead to termination of this Contract, or if a subcontractor knowingly violates the statute, the subcontract must be terminated immediately. Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Circuit Court no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the date of termination. Termination of this Contract under this Section is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. If this contract is terminated for a violation of the statute by the Contractor, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for a period of one (1) year after the date of termination.

**Section 8. Assignment.** Neither party may assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the written consent of the other.

**Section 8. Notice.** Notice hereunder shall be provided in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, or customarily used overnight transmission with proof of delivery, to the following parties, with mandatory copies, as provided below:

For City: Joseph Napoli  
City Manager  
City of Cooper City  
9090 SW 50th Place  
Cooper City, Florida 33328

Copy to: Jacob G. Horowitz, Esq.  
City Attorney  
Goren, Cherof, Doody, and Ezrol, P.A.  
3099 E. Commercial Boulevard, Suite 200  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

For CONTRACTOR: Steven A. Schaet  
Law Offices Of Steven A. Schaet, LLC.  
100 North Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301  
[schaetlaw@hotmail.com](mailto:schaetlaw@hotmail.com)  
954-728-3477

**Section 9. Severability.** This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between CONTRACTOR and City with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations, understandings and agreements, written or oral, between the parties. This Agreement may not be modified except by the parties' mutual agreement set forth in writing and signed by the parties.

**Section 10. Governing Law/Venue.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any dispute under this Agreement shall be an appropriate court of competent jurisdiction in Broward County, Florida.

IN WITNESS OF THE FOREGOING, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals on the dates written below.

CITY OF COOPER CITY, a Florida municipal corporation

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY MANAGER

ATTEST:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:


BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY ATTORNEY

WITNESSED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Print name

LAW OFFICES OF STEVEN A. SCHAET, LLC

BY:   
STEVEN A. SCHAET  
PRESIDENT

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF BROWARD

SWORN TO (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization, this 14 day of July 2021, by STEVEN A. SCHAET, as President of LAW OFFICES OF STEVEN A. SCHAET, LLC, a State of Florida limited liability corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Personally Known OR  
 Produced Identification

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Type of Identification Produced

