

Something More Media Office Lease

Date: October 1, 2026

Landlord:

CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS, a Texas home-rule municipality
202 N. Virginia
Port Lavaca, TX 77979

Tenant: **TANIA FRENCH DBA
SOMETHING MORE MEDIA**
106 South Commerce St. Suite 4
Port Lavaca, Texas 77979

Premises:

Approximate square feet: 597 sf (office) + 25 sf (restroom) = 622 net square feet

Name of Building: Nautical Landings

Street address/suite: Suite 4

City, state, zip: Port Lavaca, Texas 77979

Term (months): 24 months with a one (1) year option to extend upon 90 days' advance written notice

Commencement Date: October 1, 2026

Termination Date: September 30, 2028

Monthly payments due:

Premises lease at \$1.34/sf:	\$836.30
Trash Service:	<u>\$32.50</u>
Subtotal rent:	\$868.80
Electricity:	\$125.70
Water/sewer/GBRA fee:	<u>\$ 35.50</u>
Total monthly rent payment:	\$1,030.00

Rent shall be adjusted on October 1st each year by the increase of the Municipal Cost Index as of the latest date it was published prior to October 1st. City may give a courtesy notice of any increase annually; however, failure to give such notice does not relieve Tenant of the obligation to pay such increases.

Permitted Use: Business Office Establishment

Tenant's Electricity Share: \$125.70/month (*ref Section B.1.g.i*)

Tenant's Water/Sewer/GBRA raw water fee Share: \$35.50/month (*ref Section B.1.g.ii*)

Tenant's Trash Disposal Service Share: \$32.50/month (*ref Section B.1.g.iii*)

Tenant's Insurance: As required by Insurance Addendum

Landlord's Insurance: As required by Insurance Addendum

Tenant's Rebuilding Obligations: If the Premises are damaged by fire or other elements, Tenant will be responsible for repairing or rebuilding the following leasehold improvements: All partitions, walls, ceiling systems, wiring, light fixtures, floors, finishes, wall coverings, floor coverings, signs, doors, hardware, windows, window coverings, plumbing, heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning equipment, and other improvements originally installed in the Premises by Tenant.

A. Definitions

A.1. "Agent" means agents, contractors, employees, licensees, and, to the extent under the control of the principal, invitees.

A.3. "Common Areas" means all facilities and areas of the Building and Parking Facilities and the related land that are intended and designated by Landlord from time to time for the common, general, and nonexclusive use of all tenants of the Building. Landlord has the exclusive control over and right to manage the Common Areas.

A.4. "Essential Services" means the following services: (a) air-conditioning and heating to the Premises reasonable for the Permitted Use (exclusive of air-conditioning or heating for electronic data-processing or other specialized equipment) during Building Operating Hours and at such other times at such additional cost as Landlord and Tenant may agree on; (b) hot and cold water for lavatory and drinking purposes; (c) electric current for normal office machines and the Building's standard lighting reasonable for the Permitted Use; and (d) lighting in Common Areas and fluorescent lights in the Building's standard light fixtures on the Premises.

A.5. "Injury" means (a) harm to or impairment or loss of property or its use, (b) harm to or death of a person, or (c) "personal and advertising injury" as defined in the form of liability insurance Tenant is required to maintain.

A.6. "Parking Facility" means the common area parking located on the Premises.

A.7. "Rent" means Base Rent plus any other amounts of money payable by Tenant to

Landlord.

B. Tenant's Obligations

B.1. Tenant agrees to -

B.1.a. Lease the Premises for the entire Term beginning on the Commencement Date and ending on the Termination Date.

B.1.b. Accept the Premises in their present condition "AS IS," the Premises being currently suitable for the Permitted Use.

B.1.c. Obey (i) all laws relating to Tenant's use, maintenance of the condition, and occupancy of the Premises and Tenant's use of any Common Areas in the Building; (ii) any requirements imposed by utility companies serving or insurance companies covering the Premises or Building; and (iii) any rules and regulations for the Building and Common Areas adopted by Landlord.

B.1.d. Pay monthly, in advance, without demand, on the first day of the month, the Base Rent to Landlord at Landlord's Address.

B.1.e. Pay a late charge of 10 percent of any Rent not received by Landlord by the tenth day after it is due.

B.1.f. Obtain and pay for all utility services used by Tenant and not provided by Landlord.

B.1.g.i. **Electricity service:** Tenant shall reimburse Landlord directly for its electric service with a monthly sum of **\$125.70**, being a mutually agreed-upon estimate of the average cost of electricity used monthly, based upon an energy rate of **\$0.07182/kWh**. Such payment for electricity is due on the first day of the month and is subject to a late charge of 10 percent if not received by Landlord by the tenth day after it is due. This monthly reimbursement amount will be reviewed annually and adjusted per any percentage change in the energy rate being paid by Landlord.

B.1.g.ii. **Water/Sewer service and GBRA raw water fee:** Tenant shall reimburse Landlord directly for its water and sewer service and GBRA raw water fee with a monthly sum of **\$35.50**, being a mutually agreed upon estimate of the average cost of water and sewer services and GBRA raw water fee used monthly, based upon the water, sewer, and GBRA raw water fee rates in effect on the beginning date of this lease. Such payment for water and sewer service and GBRA raw water fee is due on the first day of the month and is subject to a late charge of 10 percent if not received by Landlord by the tenth day after it is due. This monthly reimbursement amount will be reviewed annually and adjusted per any percentage change in the water, sewer, and GBRA raw water fee rate being paid by Landlord.

B.1.g.iii. **Trash Disposal:** Tenant shall reimburse Landlord directly for trash disposal

services (use of dumpster) with a monthly sum of **\$32.50**, being a mutually agreed-upon compensation for these services. Such payment for these services is due on the first day of the month and is subject to a late charge of 10 percent if not received by Landlord by the tenth day after it is due. This monthly reimbursement amount will be reviewed annually and adjusted per any percentage change in the cost of trash disposal services paid by Landlord.

B.1.h. Allow Landlord to enter the Premises to perform Landlord's obligations, inspect the Premises, and show the Premises to prospective purchasers or tenants.

B.1.i. Repair, replace, and maintain any part of the Premises that Landlord is not obligated to repair, replace, or maintain, normal wear excepted.

B.1.j. Submit in writing to Landlord any request for repairs, replacement, and maintenance that are the obligations of Landlord.

B.1.k. Vacate the Premises and return all keys to the Premises on the last day of the Term.

B.1.l. INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD LANDLORD AND ITS RESPECTIVE AGENTS, HARMLESS FROM ANY INJURY (AND ANY RESULTING OR RELATED CLAIM, ACTION, LOSS, LIABILITY, OR REASONABLE EXPENSE, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND OTHER FEES AND COURT AND OTHER COSTS) OCCURRING IN ANY PORTION OF THE PREMISES IF CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF TENANT OR ITS AGENTS, INCLUDING IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF TENANT OR ITS AGENTS. **THE INDEMNITY CONTAINED IN THIS PARAGRAPH (i) IS INDEPENDENT OF TENANT'S INSURANCE, (ii) WILL NOT BE LIMITED BY COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE STATUTES OR DAMAGES PAID UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT OR SIMILAR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACTS, (iii) WILL SURVIVE THE END OF THE TERM, AND (iv) WILL APPLY EVEN IF AN INJURY IS CAUSED IN PART BY THE ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE OR STRICT LIABILITY OF LANDLORD BUT WILL NOT APPLY TO THE EXTENT AN INJURY IS CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF LANDLORD, LIENHOLDER, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENTS.**

B.2. **Tenant agrees not to -**

B.2.a. Use the Premises for any purpose other than the Permitted Use.

B.2.b. Create a nuisance.

B.2.c. Interfere with any other tenant's normal business operations or Landlord's management of the Building.

B.2.d. Permit any waste.

B.2.e. Use the Premises in any way that would increase insurance premiums, or void

insurance on the Building.

B.2.f. Change Landlord's lock system.

B.2.g. Alter the Premises.

B.2.h. Allow a lien to be placed on the Premises.

B.2.i. Assign this lease or sublease any portion of the Premises without Landlord's written consent. Any assignment shall be void and of no effect. If City does consent to an assignment, Tenant herein shall not be relieved of any responsibility under this Lease.

B.2.j. Smoking, vaping, and/or chewing tobacco products on the Premises or in the common area is strictly prohibited.

C. Landlord's Obligations

C.1. Landlord agrees to -

C.1.a. Lease to Tenant the Premises for the entire Term beginning on the Commencement Date and ending on the Termination Date.

C.1.b. Obey all laws relating to Landlord's operation of the Building and Common Areas.

C.1.c. Provide the Essential Services.

C.1.d. Repair, replace, and maintain the (i) roof, (ii) foundation, (iii) Common Areas, (iv) structural soundness of the exterior walls, doors, corridors, and windows, and (v) other structures or equipment serving the Premises.

C.1.e. TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY TEXAS LAW, BUT NOT OTHERWISE, INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD TENANT HARMLESS FROM ANY INJURY AND ANY RESULTING OR RELATED CLAIM, ACTION, LOSS, LIABILITY, OR REASONABLE EXPENSE, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND OTHER FEES AND COURT AND OTHER COSTS, OCCURRING IN ANY PORTION OF THE COMMON AREAS. **THE INDEMNITY CONTAINED IN THIS PARAGRAPH (i) IS INDEPENDENT OF LANDLORD'S INSURANCE, (ii) WILL NOT BE LIMITED BY COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE STATUTES OR DAMAGES PAID UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT OR SIMILAR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACTS, (iii) WILL SURVIVE THE END OF THE TERM, AND (iv) WILL APPLY IF CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF LANDLORD OR ITS AGENTS, INCLUDING IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF LANDLORD OR ITS AGENTS, EVEN IF AN INJURY IS CAUSED IN PART BY THE ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE OR STRICT LIABILITY OF TENANT BUT WILL NOT APPLY TO THE EXTENT AN INJURY IS CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF TENANT.**

C.2. Landlord agrees not to -

C.2.a. Interfere with Tenant's possession of the Premises as long as Tenant is not in default.

C.2.b. Unreasonably withhold consent to a proposed assignment or sublease.

D. General Provisions

Landlord and Tenant agree to the following:

D.1. *Alterations.* Any physical additions or improvements to the Premises made by Tenant will become the property of Landlord and must be ADA compliant. Landlord may require that Tenant, at the end of the Term and at Tenant's expense, remove any physical additions and improvements, repair any alterations, and restore the Premises to the condition existing at the Commencement Date, normal wear excepted.

D.2. *Signage.* Landlord shall allow Tenant to place regulatory agency mandated signage (stickers) on or near the front entrance of the Premises.

D.3. *Abatement.* Tenant's covenant to pay Rent and Landlord's covenants are independent. Except as otherwise provided, Tenant may not abate Rent for any reason.

D.4. *Insurance.* Tenant and Landlord will maintain the respective insurance coverages described in the attached Insurance Addendum.

D.5. *Release of Claims/Subrogation.* LANDLORD AND TENANT RELEASE EACH OTHER, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENTS, FROM ALL CLAIMS OR LIABILITIES FOR DAMAGE TO THE PREMISES OR BUILDING, DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BUILDING, AND LOSS OF BUSINESS OR REVENUES THAT ARE INSURED BY THE RELEASING PARTY'S PROPERTY INSURANCE OR THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN INSURED BY THE REQUIRED INSURANCE IF THE PARTY FAILS TO MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY COVERAGES REQUIRED BY THIS LEASE. THE PARTY INCURRING THE DAMAGE OR LOSS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DEDUCTIBLE OR SELF-INSURED RETENTION UNDER ITS PROPERTY INSURANCE. LANDLORD AND TENANT WILL NOTIFY THE ISSUING PROPERTY INSURANCE COMPANIES OF THE RELEASE SET FORTH IN THIS PARAGRAPH AND WILL HAVE THE PROPERTY INSURANCE POLICIES ENDORSED, IF NECESSARY, TO PREVENT INVALIDATION OF COVERAGE. THIS RELEASE WILL NOT APPLY IF IT INVALIDATES THE PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE OF THE RELEASING PARTY. **THE RELEASE IN THIS PARAGRAPH WILL APPLY EVEN IF THE DAMAGE OR LOSS IS CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE OR STRICT LIABILITY OF THE RELEASED PARTY OR ITS AGENTS BUT WILL NOT APPLY TO THE EXTENT THE DAMAGE OR LOSS IS CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF THE RELEASED PARTY OR**

ITS AGENTS.

D.6. Casualty/Total or Partial Destruction

D.6.a. If the Premises are damaged by casualty and can be restored within ninety days, Landlord will, at its expense, restore the roof, foundation, Common Areas, and structural soundness of the exterior walls of the Premises and any leasehold improvements within the Premises that are not within Tenant's Rebuilding Obligations to substantially the same condition that existed before the casualty and Tenant will, at its expense, be responsible for replacing any of its damaged furniture, fixtures, and personal property and performing Tenant's Rebuilding Obligations. If Landlord fails to complete the portion of the restoration for which Landlord is responsible within ninety days from the date of written notification by Tenant to Landlord of the casualty, Tenant may terminate this lease by written notice delivered to Landlord before Landlord completes Landlord's restoration obligations.

D.6.b. If the Premises cannot be restored within ninety days, Landlord has an option to restore the Premises. If Landlord chooses not to restore, this lease will terminate. If Landlord chooses to restore, Landlord will notify Tenant of the estimated time to restore and give Tenant an option to terminate this lease by notifying Landlord within ten days. If Tenant does not terminate this lease, the lease will continue and Landlord will restore the Premises as provided in D.6.a. above.

D.6.c. To the extent the Premises are untenantable after the casualty, the Rent will be adjusted as may be fair and reasonable.

D.7. Uniform Commercial Code. Tenant grants Landlord a security interest in Tenant's personal property now or subsequently located on the Premises. This lease is a security agreement under the Uniform Commercial Code. Landlord may file financing statements or continuation statements to perfect or continue the perfection of the security interest.

D.8. Default by Landlord/Events. Defaults by Landlord are failing to comply with any provision of this lease within thirty days after written notice and failing to provide Essential Services to Tenant within ten days after written notice.

D.9. Default by Landlord/Tenant's Remedies. Tenant's remedies for Landlord's default are to sue for damages and, if Landlord does not provide an Essential Service within thirty days after default, terminate this lease.

D.10. Default by Tenant/Events. Defaults by Tenant are (a) failing to pay Rent timely, (b) abandoning the Premises or vacating a substantial portion of the Premises, and (c) failing to comply within ten days after written notice with any provision of this lease other than the defaults set forth in (a) and (b).

D.11. Default by Tenant/Landlord's Remedies. Landlord's remedies for Tenant's default are to (a) enter and take possession of the Premises and either sue for Rent as it accrues or accelerate all rent due under this lease and sue; (b) enter and take possession of the Premises, after

which Landlord may relet the Premises on behalf of Tenant and receive the Rent directly by reason of the reletting, and Tenant agrees to reimburse Landlord for any expenditures made in order to relet; (c) enter the Premises and perform Tenant's obligations; and (d) terminate this lease by written notice and sue for damages. Landlord may enter and take possession of the Premises by self-help, by picking or changing locks if necessary, and may lock out Tenant or any other person who may be occupying the Premises, until the default is cured, without being liable for damages.

D.12. Default/Waiver. All waivers must be in writing and signed by the waiving party. Landlord's failure to enforce any provisions of this Lease or its acceptance of late installments of Rent will not be a waiver and will not estop Landlord from enforcing that provision or any other provision of this Lease in the future.

D.13. Holdover. If Tenant does not vacate the Premises following termination of this Lease, Tenant will become a tenant at will and must vacate the Premises on receipt of notice from Landlord. No holding over by Tenant, whether with or without the consent of Landlord, will extend the Term.

D.14. Attorney's Fees. If either party retains an attorney to enforce this lease, the party prevailing in litigation is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and other fees and court and other costs.

D.15. Venue. Exclusive venue is in the county in which the Premises are located.

D.16. Entire Agreement. This lease, its exhibits, addenda and riders, are the entire agreement of the parties concerning the lease of the Premises by Landlord to Tenant. There are no representations, warranties, agreements, or promises pertaining to the Premises or the lease of the Premises by Landlord to Tenant, and Tenant is not relying on any statements or representations of any agent of Landlord that are not in this lease and any exhibits, addenda, and riders.

D.17. Amendment of Lease. This lease may be amended only by an instrument in writing signed by Landlord and Tenant.

D.18. Limitation of Warranties. THERE ARE NO IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR OF ANY OTHER KIND ARISING OUT OF THIS LEASE, AND THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES THAT EXTEND BEYOND THOSE EXPRESSLY STATED IN THIS LEASE.

D.19. Notices. Any notice required or permitted under this lease must be in writing. Any notice required by this lease will be deemed to be given (whether received or not) the earlier of receipt or three business days after being deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the intended recipient at the address shown in this lease. Notice may also be given by regular mail, personal delivery, courier delivery, or e-mail and will be effective when received. Any address for notice may be changed by written notice given as provided herein.

D.20. Use of Common Areas. Tenant will have the nonexclusive right to use the Common

Areas subject to any reasonable rules and regulations that Landlord may prescribe.

D.21. Abandoned Property. Landlord may retain, destroy, or dispose of any property left on the Premises at the end of the Term.

E. Special Provisions

The Landlord and Tenant agree that, provided and on condition that (1) the Tenant is in possession of the Premises; (2) this Lease is not previously canceled or terminated as in this Lease provided, by operation of law or otherwise; (3) the Tenant has faithfully complied with and performed all the covenants and conditions in the Lease on its part to be performed during the original term hereof; and (4) Tenant is not in default at the time of the exercise of this option to extend, the parties hereto covenant and agree that the Tenant shall have the option to renew the original term of this Lease for one (1) additional year (hereafter referred to as the Renewal Term) by Tenant giving to Landlord written notice of its exercise of this Option to Extend at least 90 days prior to the expiration of the original term. In the event that Tenant shall fail to exercise this Option to Extend, then this Option shall be null, void, and of no effect, effective at the end of the day, September 30, 2028, it being understood that the time for Tenant to exercise this option to extend shall be of the essence. Upon the giving of the Notice above referred to, this Lease shall be deemed to have been renewed for a term of one year immediately following the expiration of the original term, without the necessity of the execution of any further instrument or instruments, upon the same terms and conditions, covenants and agreements as are contained in this Lease. For the additional term of one year, the rent shall be increased by the Municipal Cost Index as most recently published prior to October 1, 2028. City may give a courtesy notice of any increase; however, failure to give such notice does not relieve Tenant of the obligation to pay such increases.

City of Port Lavaca, Texas,
a Texas Home Rule Municipality

Luis De La Garza, Mayor

(TENANT)

Printed Name: _____