

FIRST AMENDED CONTRACT FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF WALLER

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THIS FIRST AMENDED CONTRACT is made and entered into by and between **WALLER COUNTY** a political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting by and through its Commissioner Court, hereinafter called Taxing Authority, and **PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS & MOTT, L.L.P.**, Attorneys at Law, Houston, Texas, or their duly authorized representatives, hereinafter called the Firm.

I.

Taxing Authority agrees to employ and does hereby employ the Firm to enforce by suit or otherwise, the collection of all delinquent taxes, penalty and interest, owing to the Taxing Authority which the Taxing Authority's Tax Collector refers to the Firm, provided current years taxes becoming delinquent within the period of this contract shall become subject to its terms upon the following conditions:

- A. Taxes that become delinquent during the term of this contract that are not delinquent for any prior year become subject to the terms of this contract on the 1st day of the month in which penalties attach to the taxes pursuant to Section 33.07, 33.08 and/or 33.11 of the TEX. TAX CODE; and
- B. Taxes that become delinquent during the term of this contract on property that are delinquent for prior years shall become subject to its terms on the first day of delinquency when such property is under litigation or comes under litigation or is referred to the firm for collection by the Taxing Authority's Tax Collector.
- C. Taxing Authority reserves the right to make the final decision as to whether or not to enforce by suit any delinquent tax account turned over to the Firm for collection.

II.

The Firm is to call to the attention of the collector or other officials any errors, double assessments or other discrepancies coming under their observation during the progress of the work and

is to intervene on behalf of the Taxing Authority in all suits for taxes hereafter filed by any taxing unit on property located within its taxing jurisdiction.

III.

The Firm agrees to make progress reports to the Taxing Authority on request and to advise the Taxing Authority of all cases where investigation reveals taxpayers to be financially unable to pay their delinquent taxes.

IV.

All activities performed by the Firm in connection with this contract (i.e. title research fees) are at no out-of-pocket cost to the taxing authority.

V.

Taxing Authority agrees to pay the Firm as compensation for services rendered hereunder, the percentage as set forth below, of the total amount of all delinquent taxes, penalty and interest which are subject to this contract and which are actually collected and paid to the Taxing Authority's Collector of Taxes, when an equal amount of Section 33.07, 33.08 or 33.11 penalties is recovered from the taxpayer. Other taxes, including current taxes, which are turned over to the Firm by the Taxing Authority's Tax Assessor-Collector because of the necessity of filing claims in Bankruptcy, with other Federal authorities, or for other reasons, shall become subject to the terms of this contract at the time they are turned over to the Firm and the Firm shall be entitled to the appropriate percentage, as set forth below, of any amounts of delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest actually received by the Taxing Authority, and also the appropriate percentage, as set forth below, of current taxes actually received by the Taxing Authority when such percentage is actually recovered from the taxpayer, if collected prior to July 1st of any tax year.

Compensation Amounts

15% of tax year 2024 and prior year collections;

20% of tax year 2025 and subsequent year collections;

And additional penalty on delinquent taxes for tax year 2025 and subsequent years as provided by Section 33.11 in the amount of 20% of the delinquent tax, penalty, and interest if the tax becomes delinquent on or after February 1 of a year and remains delinquent on the 60th day thereafter.

VI.

Taxing Authority agrees to furnish to the Firm all data and information as to the name and address of the taxpayer, the legal description of the property, years and amount of taxes due. Taxing Authority further agrees to update said information by furnishing a list of paid accounts and adjustments to the tax roll as necessary. Section 33.48(a) (4) of the TEX. TAX CODE provides: "In addition to other costs authorized by law, a taxing unit is entitled to recover...reasonable expenses that are incurred by the taxing unit in determining the name, identity and location of necessary parties and in procuring necessary legal descriptions of the property on which a delinquent tax is due:..." The Firm agrees to advance on behalf of Taxing Authority such costs and expenses. In consideration of the advancement of such costs and expenses by the Firm, Taxing Authority assigns its right to recover the same to the extent approved by the Court and/or customarily and usually approved by the Court. The Firm expressly waives any claim against Taxing Authority for uncollected costs or expenses.

VII.

This Contract shall commence on **August 1, 2025** and continue in force and effect until **May 5, 2026** and thereafter on a month to month basis except that either party to this agreement may terminate this agreement by giving the other party thirty (30) days written notice of their desire and intention to terminate this agreement; and further provided that the Firm shall have an additional six (6) months to reduce to payment or judgment all tax litigation and bankruptcy claims filed prior to the date this agreement becomes terminated.

This contract is amended for the purposes of including and adopting the assignment of delinquent taxes subject to section 33.11 of the TEX. TAX CODE, and to amend the Firm's compensation amount for services rendered hereunder to twenty percent (20%) of the total amount of all delinquent taxes, penalties and interest which are subject to this contract and which are actually collected and paid to the Taxing Authority's Collector of Taxes as to tax year 2025 and subsequent year collections as described in the above paragraph V.

All other terms, provisions, conditions and agreements included in the prior contract executed on March 20, 2024 between the parties remain the same.

VIII.

Every provision of this Agreement is intended to be severable. If any term or provision hereof is hereafter deemed by a Court to be illegal, invalid, void or unenforceable, for any reason or to any extent whatsoever, such illegality, invalidity, or unenforceability shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement, it being intended that such remaining provisions shall be construed in a manner most closely approximating the intention of the Parties with respect to the illegal, invalid, void or unenforceable provision or part thereof.

Pursuant to Chapters 2252, 2271, and 2274 of the Texas Government Code, the Firm verifies that it does not and will not for the term of this contract boycott Israel or energy companies; that it does not have a policy which discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association nor will it create such a policy for the term of this contract; and that it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization.

The State Bar of Texas investigates and prosecutes professional misconduct committed by Texas attorneys. If you have a complaint against or dispute with this firm involving professional misconduct, the State Bar's Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel will provide you with information about how to file a complaint.

In consideration of the terms and compensation here stated, the Firm hereby accepts said employment and undertakes the performance of this Contract as above written.

This Contract is executed on behalf of the Taxing Authority by the presiding officer of the governing body who is authorized to execute this instrument by Order heretofore passed and duly recorded in its minutes.

WITNESS the signatures of all parties hereto in duplicate originals this the _____ day of

_____, 2025, Waller County, Texas.

WALLER COUNTY

By: _____

Attest: _____

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