

June 4, 2024

Board of Trustees
Charter Township of White Lake
7525 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383

Dear Board of Trustees:

As the Township's Auditor, Plante Moran respectfully submits the following proposed fee schedule for a three-year extension for the audit of the Township for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2024 through 2026.

It has been our professional pleasure to serve as the Township's auditors over the past many years, and we are proud of the long-term relationship we have developed. The Township is an important and valued client of our firm, and we look forward to the privilege of working with you in the future.

We believe that we have served the Township well during our time as auditors. We have performed timely audits, assisted with accounting issues, recommended value-added suggestions for improvements in operations and internal controls, and worked well with Township staff and the board, maintaining constant communication throughout the year and really being a sounding board for the Township as you continue to grow and enter into unique agreements and adopt new standards.

Over the years, we have provided training opportunities, along with toolkits and checklists for your staff to ensure that we can help the Township be well prepared for any new changes coming down the pipeline. These have all been free of charge. We have assisted the Township with the implementation of countless new accounting standards. In the last 10 years alone, the Township has implemented or considered adoption of GASB's 67 through 96.

More recently, we have helped the Township with the proper accounting for the opioid settlement, ARPA considerations, federal grant/SEFA guidance, accounting for the HVS and DWRP arrangements, new building allocation guidance, and library building accounting to name a few.

Further, while certain audit team members rotate on the engagement for a continued fresh look at Township financial matters, we have maintained certain key engagement staff, which lessens

the distractions for the Clerk/Treasurer's office and allows you to avoid spending needless time training auditors.

We also have the unique ability to be able to say that we have extensive knowledge of the Township's processes, procedures, and controls that we have obtained from working with the Township over many years. Our vast knowledge of the Township, combined with our deep understanding of the fundamental operations of governmental entities in the State of Michigan, have proven to be a very valuable resource to the Township over the years and will continue to be.

We pride ourselves on being more than just your external auditors. Many others will be able to issue an opinion on the Township's financial statements, but not all will have the extensive knowledge of what is happening in the industry and at the State level, which is a benefit to the Township when new and complex issues arise. We want to continue being your trusted advisor.

We are sending this letter and the accompanying Professional Services Agreement, which is hereby incorporated as part of this engagement letter, to confirm our understanding of the nature, limitations, and terms of the services we will provide to Charter Township of White Lake ("White Lake Township").

Scope of Services

We will audit White Lake Township's financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 through 2026. In addition, the supplemental information accompanying the financial statements, consisting of the nonmajor governmental funds combining balance sheet, combining statement of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balances, and fiduciary funds statement of assets and liabilities, will be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements.

This contract is for professional services for the audit of the financial statements of the Township as described in the attached Professional Services Agreement – Audit Services. The initial audit engagement under this contract is for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. Upon completion of the audit and delivery of the audit report for that fiscal year, the contract will automatically renew for one year to cover the following fiscal year unless terminated by either party. The automatic renewals apply for the audits for the years ending December 31, 2025 and 2026. Notice of termination shall be in accordance with the "Termination of Engagement" section of the Professional Services Agreement.

In connection with our audit engagement, we will assist you in drafting your financial statements, supplementary information, and related notes. This assistance is considered a non-audit service; you agree to the contemporaneous provision of these audit and non-audit services.

If you determine that you need additional services, including accounting, consulting, or tax assistance, PM can be available to provide such additional services if and to the extent provided for in a separate, signed engagement agreement.

Timing of Services

We expect to begin fieldwork for this engagement at your offices in late March and/or early April of each year. We anticipate that our on-site audit work will end in early April and that our report will be issued shortly thereafter.

Fees and Payment Terms

Our fee for this engagement will be based on the value of the services provided, which is primarily a function of the time that Plante Moran staff expend at our current hourly rates.

Audit Fees for the Years ending December 31:

	2024	2025	2026
Audit of Township	\$51,000	\$52,500	\$54,000

This fee does not include a fee for a Single Audit. As the Township does not typically need a Single Audit each year, we did not include that. If one is needed in a given year, a fee would be discussed at that point.

NOTE: Routine calls or consultations are considered part of the basic services at no additional charge. Further, access to our thought leadership, CPE-approved webinars, tools, and templates will continue to be provided at no additional charge. Any services provided outside of the scope of the audit will be discussed and determined before any billing takes place. Rates including our governmental discount will be dependent upon the nature of the services rendered.

Fee Background:

From 2014 to 2023, our base audit fee had only increased \$4,300 (average of 1% increase per year, which is well below the average annual rate of inflation over this time period).

A lot has changed in the last 10+ years, and our proposed fees reflect a market adjustment as a result of the increased complexity of the audit. Our fees are based on the staff time spent on the engagement, and as you have witnessed at the Township, there has been a significant increase

in wage inflation related to staff as well as inflation in general, as you have seen with your construction and other contracts.

The Township has also seen substantial growth during this time and has also been required to adopt several new accounting standards.

Below are a few examples of what has changed over the last 10 years making the audit more complex than it was:

- *Increased complexity due to continued growth experienced by the Township:*
 - *Total governmental fund revenues have increased approximately 28%*
 - *Total governmental fund expenditures have increased approximately 33%*
 - *Water fund operating revenue has increased approximately 75% (does not include capital contribution increases)*
 - *Water fund operating expenses have increased approximately 58%*
 - *Total net book value of capital assets has increased approximately 51%*
 - *Total long-term debt has increased approximately 249%*
- *New sewer enterprise fund (2021 and beyond)*
- *New fiduciary funds, including OPEB fund and custodial funds, as a result of GASB 74 and 84 (2020 and beyond)*
- *Several new projects and complex arrangements*
- *Significant new accounting standards required to be implemented with significant financial statement impact requiring auditing of these items every year:*
 - *GASB 67 and 68 for pension plans (2015 and beyond)*
 - *GASB 74 and 75 for OPEB plans (2018 and beyond)*
 - *GASB 84 fiduciary activities (2020 and beyond)*
 - *Others GASBs worth noting – 72 (fair value measurement), 77 (tax abatements), 79 (external investment pools), 80/90 (component units), 87 (leases) 88 (debt disclosures), and 96 (subscription-based IT arrangements)*
- *New auditing standards (SAS 143 and 145)*

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve the Charter Township of White Lake. The Township is an important client to us personally and to our firm as a whole. We are appreciative of the opportunity to continue to serve the Township and will work very diligently with you to ensure that the audit remains effective and efficient with high value add.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (810) 766-6022.

Yours truly,

PLANTE & MORAN, PLLC

Pamela L. Hill, CPA
Partner

Agreed and Accepted

We accept this engagement letter and the accompanying Professional Services Agreement, which set forth the entire agreement between Charter Township of White Lake and Plante & Moran, PLLC with respect to the services specified in the Scope of Services section of this engagement letter.

Charter Township of White Lake

Rik Kowall

Date

Title

Anthony Noble

Date

Title

Professional Services Agreement – Audit Services Addendum to Plante & Moran, PLLC Engagement Letter

The terms of this Professional Services Agreement are incorporated into the accompanying engagement letter, (collectively, the Professional Services Agreement and the accompanying engagement letter are referred to herein as “Agreement”) for audit services dated June 11, 2024 between Plante & Moran, PLLC (referred to herein and in such letter as “PM”) and Charter Township of White Lake (referred to as “Client”). Any work performed in connection with the engagement before the date of this letter will also be governed by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

- 1. Financial Statements** – The financial statements of Client being audited by PM are to be presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

PM has determined, based on representations Client has made to PM, that the applicable independence rules for the services contemplated hereunder are those specified by the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA) Code of Professional Conduct. Client represents and warrants that it agrees with that determination.

Management Responsibilities – Client management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework, including compliance with the requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the completeness and accuracy of the information presented and disclosed therein. Management is also responsible for the capability and integrity of Client personnel responsible for Client’s underlying accounting and financial records.

Client personnel will provide PM, in a timely and orderly manner, with access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters and additional information that PM may request from management for the purpose of the audit.

This includes providing assistance and information PM requests during the course of its audit, including retrieval of records and preparation of schedules, analyses of accounts, and confirmations. A written request for information to be provided will be submitted under separate cover and supplemented by additional written and oral requests as necessary during the course of PM’s audit. In addition, Client will provide PM with all information in its possession that has a material impact on any material transaction and that information will be complete, truthful, and accurate. Client will allow PM unrestricted access to personnel within Client from whom PM determines it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Client represents and warrants that any and all information that it transmits, or otherwise makes available, to PM will be done so in full compliance with all applicable federal, state, local, and foreign privacy and data protection laws, as well as all other applicable regulations and directives, as may be amended from time to time (collectively, “Data Privacy Laws”). Client shall not disclose personal data of data subjects (“Personal Data”) who are entitled to certain rights and protections afforded by Data Privacy Laws to PM without prior notification to PM. Client shall make reasonable efforts to limit the disclosure of Personal Data to PM to the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the disclosure to PM.

Management is responsible for making all management decisions and performing all management functions relating to the financial statements, supplementary financial information, and related notes and for accepting full responsibility for such decisions, even if PM provides advice as to the application of accounting principles or assists in drafting the financial statements, supplementary financial information, and related notes. Client has designated Ms. Elaine Homeister to oversee financial statement related services PM provides. Management will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter that it has reviewed and approved the financial statements, supplementary financial information, and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for the adequacy of the financial statements.

Management is responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing PM about all known or suspected fraud affecting Client involving (a) management, (b) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (c) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Management’s responsibilities include informing PM of its knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting Client received in communications from employees, former employees, regulators, or others. In addition, management is responsible for identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with applicable laws and regulations.

Management is responsible for providing PM with complete, accurate, and timely information that could bear on PM’s independence under applicable professional standards, including, but not limited to, information and representations regarding affiliates of Client, business or personal relationships between Client and PM, and business, personal and employment relationships between those in a financial reporting oversight role, including members of governance, and PM (collectively, Independence Information). Client represents and warrants (a) that

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it has provided PM any and all Independence Information existing as of the date of this Agreement; (b) that such Independence Information is accurate and complete as of the date of this Agreement; (c) that it will notify PM of any changes to Independence Information that has been provided as of the date of this Agreement; and (d) that, after the date of this Agreement, it will provide any new Independence Information to PM as soon as it becomes known to Client.

Objective of an Audit of Financial Statements – The objective of PM's audit is the expression of an opinion on the Client's financial statements specified in the accompanying engagement letter. PM offers no guarantee, express or implied, that its opinion will be unmodified or that it will be able to form an opinion about these financial statements in the event that Client's internal controls or accounting and financial records prove to be unreliable or otherwise not auditable. If PM's opinion is to be modified, PM will discuss the reasons with Client management in advance of the issuance of its audit report. If, for any reason, PM is prevented from completing its audit or is unable to form an opinion on these financial statements, PM may terminate the engagement and decline to issue a report.

Supplementary Information – In any document that contains supplementary information to the basic financial statements that indicates that the auditor has reported on such supplementary information, management agrees to include the auditor's report on that supplementary information. In addition, management agrees to present the supplementary information with the audited financial statements or to make the audited financial statements readily available no later than the date of issuance by Client of the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.

Internal Controls – Client is responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, including controls established for the purpose of preventing or detecting errors in financial reporting, preventing fraud or misappropriation of assets, and identifying and complying with applicable laws and regulations. PM, in making its risk assessments, will consider internal control relevant to Client's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. PM's audit will not be designed to provide assurance on the design or operating effectiveness of Client's internal controls or to identify all conditions that represent significant deficiencies in those internal controls. PM will communicate all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal controls relevant to the audit of the financial statements, instances of fraud, or misappropriation of assets that come to PM's attention.

Audit Procedures and Limitations – PM's audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and will include examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the Client financial statements specified in this engagement letter. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. An audit in accordance with GAAS involves judgment about the number of transactions to be tested and the overall approach to testing in each area. As a result, PM's audit can only be designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that these financial statements are free from material misstatement. In addition, an audit in accordance with GAAS is not designed to detect errors or fraud that are immaterial to the financial statements. Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected always exists, even in an audit properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS. In recognition of these limitations, Client acknowledges that PM's audit cannot guarantee that all instances of error or fraud will be identified.

Auditor Communications – PM is obligated to communicate certain matters related to the audit to those responsible for governance of Client, including instances of error or fraud and significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control that PM identifies during its audit. PM will communicate these matters to the members of Client's governing board, and Client acknowledges and agrees that communication in this manner is sufficient for Client's purposes.

Accounting and Financial Records – Client agrees that it is responsible for providing PM with accounting and financial records that are closed, complete, accurate, and in conformity with the requirements of GAAP, for providing schedules and analyses of accounts that PM requests, and for making all Client financial records and related information available to PM for purposes of PM's audit, whether obtained from within or outside of the general ledger and subsidiary ledgers. Where PM has provided estimates of the timing of its work and completion of PM's engagement and issuance of PM's report, those estimates are dependent on Client providing PM with all such accounting and financial records, schedules, and analyses on the date PM's work commences. PM will assess the condition of Client's accounting and financial records, schedules, and analyses of accounts prior to commencing its work. In the event that such records, schedules, and analyses are not closed, complete, accurate, or in conformity with GAAP, PM may have to reschedule its work, including the dates on which PM expects to complete its on-site procedures and issue its audit report.

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In any circumstance where PM's work is rescheduled due to Client's failure to provide information as described in the preceding paragraph, PM offers no guarantee, express or implied, that PM will be able to meet any previously established deadlines related to the completion of the audit work or issuance of its audit report. Because rescheduling audit work imposes additional costs on PM, in any circumstance where PM has provided estimated fees, those estimated fees may be adjusted for the additional time PM incurs as a result of rescheduling its work. These fee adjustments will be determined in accordance with the Fee Adjustments provision of this Agreement.

Audit Adjustments – PM will recommend adjustments to Client's accounting records that PM believes are appropriate. Client management is responsible for adjusting Client accounting records and financial statements to correct material misstatements and for affirming to PM in writing that the effects of any unrecorded adjustments identified during PM's audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the Client's financial statements specified in this Agreement.

Management Representations – Client is responsible for the financial statements being audited and the implicit and explicit representations and assertions regarding the recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of information therein. During the course of the audit, PM will request information and explanations from Client officers, management, and other personnel regarding accounting and financial matters, including information regarding internal controls, operations, future plans, and the nature and purpose of specific transactions. PM will also require that management make certain representations to PM in writing as a precondition to issuance of PM's report.

PM's audit procedures will be significantly affected by the representations and assertions PM receives from management and, accordingly, false representations could cause material error or fraud to go undetected by PM's procedures. Accordingly, Client acknowledges and agrees that it will instruct each person providing information, explanations, or representations to an auditor to provide true and complete information, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief. It is also agreed that any deliberate misrepresentation by any director, officer, or member of management, or any other person acting under the direction thereof ("Client Personnel"), intended to influence, coerce, manipulate, or mislead PM in the conduct of its audit of the financial statements will be considered a material breach of this Agreement. In addition, as a condition of its audit engagement, Client agrees to indemnify and hold PM and its partners, affiliates, and employees harmless from any and all claims, including associated attorneys' fees and costs, based on PM's failure to detect material misstatements in Client's financial statements resulting in whole or in part from deliberate false or misleading representations, whether oral or written, made to PM by Client Personnel. This indemnity will be inoperative only if, and to the extent that, a court having competent jurisdiction has determined that PM failed to conduct its audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and such failure resulted in PM not determining such misrepresentation by Client Personnel was false.

Use of Report – PM's report on the financial statements must be associated only with the financial statements that were the subject of PM's audit engagement. Client may make copies of the audit report, but only if the entire financial statements (including related footnotes and supplemental information, as appropriate) are reproduced and distributed with that report. Client agrees not to reproduce or associate PM's audit report with any other financial statements, or portions thereof, that are not the subject of this engagement.

If PM's report on the financial statements being audited is to be published in any manner or if Client intends to make reference to PM in a publication of any type, Client agrees to submit proofs of the publication to PM for review prior to such publication and cooperate with PM in PM's performance of any additional audit procedures PM deems necessary in the circumstances, the nature and extent of which will be at PM's sole discretion. Client acknowledges and agrees that additional fees for such work will be determined in accordance with the Fee Adjustments provision of this Agreement. With regard to the electronic dissemination of audited financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on Client's Internet website, Client understands that electronic sites are a means to distribute information and, therefore, PM is not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

Securities Offerings – PM's audit does not contemplate, and does not include, any services in connection with any offering of securities, whether registered or exempt from registration. In the event Client elects to incorporate or make reference to PM's report in connection with any offering of debt or equity securities and requests PM's consent to such incorporation or reference, Client understands that additional procedures will need to be performed. In the event PM agrees in writing to perform such additional procedures, the nature and extent of which will be at PM's sole discretion, it is agreed and acknowledged that PM's performance of such additional procedures will be subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Additional fees for such work will be determined based on the actual time that PM staff expend at current hourly rates, plus all reasonable and necessary travel and out-of-pocket costs incurred, and that payment for all such additional fees will be made in accordance with the payment terms provided in this Agreement.

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If Client incorporates or makes reference to PM's report in connection with any offering of debt or equity securities without obtaining consent from PM as described above, Client agrees to include the following provision in the offering document:

Plante & Moran, PLLC, our independent auditor, has not performed or been engaged to perform any services in connection with the offering of securities. Nor has Plante & Moran, PLLC performed or been engaged to perform any procedures on the financial statements of Client since the date of the Plante & Moran, PLLC report included herein. Plante & Moran, PLLC also has not performed any procedures relating to this offering document.

Tax Return Preparation – This engagement does not include preparation of any tax returns or filings. If Client requires tax services, including tax consulting or preparation of tax returns, those services will be detailed in a separate engagement letter.

Confidentiality, Ownership, and Retention of Workpapers – During the course of this engagement, PM and PM staff may have access to Client's confidential, proprietary information, including, but not limited to, information regarding general ledger balances, financial transactions, trade secrets, business methods, plans, or projects. PM acknowledges that such information, regardless of its form, is confidential and proprietary to Client. PM will comply with all applicable ethical standards, laws, and regulations as to the retention, protection, use and distribution of such confidential client information. Except to the extent set forth herein, PM will not disclose such information to any third party without the prior written consent of Client.

In the interest of facilitating PM's services to Client, PM may communicate or exchange data by internet, e-mail, facsimile transmission, or other electronic methods. While PM will use its best efforts to keep such communications and transmissions secure in accordance with PM's obligations under applicable laws and professional standards, Client recognizes and accepts that PM has no control over the unauthorized interception of these communications or transmissions once they have been sent, and consents to PM's use of these electronic devices during this engagement.

Professional standards require that PM create and retain certain workpapers for engagements of this nature. All workpapers created in the course of this engagement are and shall remain the property of PM. PM will maintain the confidentiality of all such workpapers as long as they remain in PM's possession.

Both Client and PM acknowledge, however, that PM may be required to make its workpapers available to regulatory authorities or by court order or subpoena in a legal, administrative, arbitration, or similar proceeding in which PM is not a party. Disclosure of confidential information in accordance with requirements of regulatory authorities or pursuant to court order or subpoena shall not constitute a breach of the provisions of this Agreement. In the event that a request for any confidential information or workpapers covered by this Agreement is made by regulatory authorities or pursuant to a court order or subpoena, PM agrees to inform Client in a timely manner of such request and to cooperate with Client should Client attempt, at Client's cost, to limit such access. This provision will survive the termination of this Agreement. PM's efforts in complying with such requests will be deemed billable to Client as a separate engagement. PM shall be entitled to compensation for its time and reasonable reimbursement of its expenses (including legal fees) in complying with the request.

Both Client and PM acknowledge that upon completion of the audit PM is required to send an electronic copy of Client's financial report, PM's official letter of comments and recommendations, and auditing procedures report directly to the State of Michigan pursuant to Michigan Department of Treasury Regulations. Client authorizes and directs PM to provide such information and disclosure of such information shall not constitute a breach of the provisions of this Agreement.

PM reserves the right to destroy, and it is understood that PM will destroy, workpapers created in the course of this engagement in accordance with PM's record retention and destruction policies, which are designed to meet all relevant regulatory requirements for retention of workpapers. PM has no obligation to maintain workpapers other than for its own purposes or to meet those regulatory requirements.

Upon Client's written request, PM may, at its sole discretion, allow others to view any workpapers remaining in its possession if there is a specific business purpose for such a review. PM will evaluate each written request independently. Client acknowledges and agrees that PM will have no obligation to provide such access or to provide copies of PM's workpapers, without regard to whether access had been granted with respect to any prior requests.

Data Access Management and Consent – PM has operations both in and outside the United States and may, from time to time and at its reasonable discretion, use third-party service providers both in and outside the United States in support of its operations and the services for Client (individually and collectively "Third-Party Provider(s)"). Third-Party Providers may include, for example and without limitation, PM's international affiliates that support PM's domestic operations, cloud service providers that support PM's infrastructure in general, or independent

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contractors that serve to supplement a particular engagement team's services for specific engagements. In such circumstances, PM will be solely responsible for the provision of any services by such Third-Party Providers and, where such Third-Party Providers' services involve the accessing or processing of Client data, PM will require Third-Party Providers to maintain the confidentiality of any such data and not use such data for any purpose unrelated to assisting with PM's services for Client. In turn, Client, by its duly authorized signature on the accompanying engagement letter, consents to PM disclosing or otherwise allowing access to Client's data to such Third-Party Providers for such purposes. Client further acknowledges that, from time to time, PM representatives may have occasion to access Client data from outside the United States, for example and without limitation, when such PM representative(s) reside in or travel to another country. In such instances, PM agrees to use data access and storage protocols designed to reasonably safeguard data and Client consents to PM accessing Client data from outside of the United States under such circumstances.

Fee Quotes – In any circumstance where PM has provided estimated fees, fixed fees, or not-to-exceed fees ("Fee Quotes"), these Fee Quotes are based on information provided by Client regarding the nature and condition of its accounting, financial, and tax records; the nature and character of transactions reflected in those records; and the design and operating effectiveness of its internal controls. Client acknowledges that the following circumstances may result in an increase in fees:

- Client's failure to prepare for the audit as evidenced by accounts and records that have not been subject to normal year-end closing and reconciliation procedures;
- Client's failure to complete the audit preparation work by the applicable due dates;
- Significant unanticipated or undisclosed transactions, audit issues, or other such unforeseeable circumstances;
- Delays by Client causing scheduling changes or disruption of fieldwork;
- After audit or post fieldwork circumstances requiring revisions to work previously completed or delays in resolution of issues that extend the period of time necessary to complete the audit;
- Issues with the prior audit firm, prior year account balances, or report disclosures that impact the current year engagement;
- An excessive number of audit adjustments.

PM will use best efforts to advise Client in the event these circumstances occur; however, it is acknowledged that the exact impact on the Fee Quotes may not be determinable until the conclusion of the engagement. Such fee adjustments will be determined in accordance with the Fee Adjustments provision of this Agreement.

Payment Terms – PM's invoices for professional services are due upon receipt unless otherwise specified in the engagement letter. In the event any of PM's invoices are not paid in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, PM may elect, at PM's sole discretion, to suspend work until PM receives payment in full for all amounts due or terminate this engagement. In the event that work is suspended, for nonpayment or other reasons, and subsequently resumed, PM offers no guarantee, express or implied, that PM will be able to meet any previously established deadlines related to the completion of PM's services or issuance of PM's report upon resumption of PM's work, whether imposed by agreement or by law. Client agrees that in the event PM stops work or terminates this Agreement as a result of Client's failure to pay fees on a timely basis for services rendered by PM as provided in this Agreement, or if PM terminates this Agreement for any other reason, PM shall not be liable for any damages that occur as a result of PM ceasing to render services.

Fee Adjustments – Any fee adjustments for reasons described in this Agreement will be determined based on the actual time expended by PM staff at PM's current hourly rates, plus all reasonable and necessary travel and out-of-pocket costs incurred, and included as an adjustment to PM's invoices related to this engagement. Client acknowledges and agrees that payment for all such fee adjustments will be made in accordance with the payment terms provided in this Agreement.

Exclusion of Certain Damages – In no event shall either party be liable to the other, whether a claim be in tort, contract, or otherwise, for any indirect, consequential, punitive, exemplary, lost profits, or similar damages in claims relating to PM's services provided under this engagement.

Receipt of Legal Process – In the event PM is required to respond to a subpoena, court order, or other legal process (in a matter involving Client but not PM) for the production of documents and/or testimony relative to information PM obtained and/or prepared during the course of this engagement, Client agrees to compensate PM for the affected PM staff's time at such staff's current hourly rates, and to reimburse PM for all of PM's out-of-pocket costs incurred associated with PM's response unless otherwise reimbursed by a third party.

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Subsequent Discovery of Facts – After the date of PM's report on the financial statements, PM has no obligation to make any further or continuing inquiry or perform any other auditing procedures with respect to the audited financial statements covered by PM's report, unless new information that may affect the report comes to PM's attention. If PM becomes aware of information that relates to these financial statements but was not known to PM at the date of its report, and that is of such a nature and from such a source that PM would have investigated it had it come to PM's attention during the course of the audit, PM will, as soon as practicable, undertake to determine whether the information is reliable and whether the facts existed at the date of PM's report. In this connection, PM will discuss the matter with Client and request cooperation in whatever investigation and modification of the financial statements that may be necessary. Additional fees for such work will be determined based on the actual time that PM staff expend at PM's current hourly rates, plus all reasonable and necessary travel and out-of-pocket costs incurred, and Client acknowledges and agrees that payment for all such additional fees will be made in accordance with the payment terms provided in this Agreement.

Termination of Engagement – This engagement may be terminated by either party upon written notice. Upon notification of termination of this engagement, PM will cease providing services under the engagement. Client shall compensate PM for all time expended and reimburse PM for all out-of-pocket expenditures incurred by PM through the date of termination of this engagement.

Entire Agreement – This Agreement is contractual in nature and includes all of the relevant terms that will govern the engagement for which it has been prepared. The terms of this Agreement supersede any prior oral or written representations or commitments by or between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof. Any material changes or additions to the terms set forth in this Agreement will only become effective if evidenced by a written amendment to this Agreement, signed by all of the parties.

Severability – If any provision of this Agreement (in whole or part) is held to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Force Majeure – Neither party shall be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement as a result of any delays or nonperformance directly or indirectly resulting from circumstances or causes beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, fire or other casualty, acts of God, war, other violence, epidemic, pandemic or other public health emergency or government mandated shut down (each individually a "Force Majeure Event"). A Force Majeure Event shall not excuse any payment obligation relating to fees or costs incurred prior to any such Force Majeure Event.

Electronic Signatures – The parties intend that any electronic signature shall be given full legal effect as if it were a handwritten signature.

Governing Law – This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, and jurisdiction over any action to enforce this Agreement, or any dispute arising from or relating to this Agreement shall reside exclusively within the State of Michigan.

End of Professional Services Agreement – Audit Services