RESOLUTION NUMBER 7878

A resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with Forvis Mazars, LLP for the provision of software implementation and software licenses related to the preparation of the City of Beatrice's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEATRICE, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with Forvis Mazars, LLP for the provision of software implementation and software licenses related to the preparation of the City of Beatrice's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. A copy of the said Agreement, marked as Exhibit "A", is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of November, 2026.

Attest:

Erin Saathoff, MMC, City Clerk

Michael McLain, Mayor

Exhibit "A"

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October 26, 2026

City of Beatrice, NE (referred to herein as "you" or "your")
400 Ella Street
Beatrice, NE 68310

We appreciate your selection of Forvis Mazars, LLP ("Forvis Mazars") as your service provider and are pleased to confirm the arrangements of the engagement in this letter agreement (this letter agreement and the attachments hereto are collectively referred to as the "Agreement"). Within the requirements of our professional standards and any duties owed to the public, regulatory, or other authorities, our goal is to provide you an **Unmatched Client Experience®**.

The Agreement shall include the following, each incorporated fully by this reference:

- Scope of Services
- The Reporting Solution End User License Agreement
- Terms and Conditions Addendum

Summary Scope of Services

As described in the attached **Scope of Services,** Forvis Mazars' services will include the following:

- The Reporting Solution implementation services and training for the year ended September 30, 2025
- The Reporting Solution license for the year ended September 30, 2026

You agree to be ultimately responsible for the results of nonattest services, including assuming all management responsibility, overseeing the services by a management-level individual(s) who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience, and evaluating the adequacy and results of the services, as well as the business decisions you make following the services or any other services Forvis Mazars may provide.

Engagement Fees

The implementation fee for The Reporting Solution license is a one-time fee of $15,000, which includes replication of the September 30, 2025 ACFR. In addition, you will be billed an administrative fee of five (5)% (the "Administrative Fee") to cover certain technology and administrative costs associated with Forvis Mazars' implementation services. The annual service fee for September 30, 2026 is $5,000. In addition, you will be billed travel costs and fees for services from other professionals, if any.

Pricing under this Agreement for this engagement and the fee structure are based upon the expectation that invoices will be paid promptly. Invoices will be sent upon you completing training and activating the solution for the next fiscal year. Payment of all Forvis Mazars' invoices is due upon receipt. Forvis Mazars will bill upon replication and training for the implementation fee. The annual service fee is invoiced upon completion of the fiscal year, when the ACFR begins.

Agreement

Please sign and return this Agreement to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for the completion of the services subject to this Agreement including each party's respective responsibilities.

Forvis Mazars, LLP

Forvis Mazars, LLP

Acknowledged and agreed to as it relates to the entire Agreement, including the **Scope of Services, The Reporting Solution End User License Agreement,** and **Terms and Conditions Addendum,** on behalf of City of Beatrice, NE.

BY Michael McLean Mayo
Name and Title

DATE 11-2-26

Scope of Services

Forvis Mazars will provide access to and use of The Reporting Solution (TRS), a web-based Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) preparation software. As part of the implementation, Forvis Mazars will work with you to replicate the September 30, 2025 ACFR within TRS and will provide TRS training. For the year ended September 30, 2026, Forvis Mazars will provide access to, use of, and support for TRS. You will use TRS to create the ACFR for each applicable reporting period.

Specifically, Forvis Mazars will:

Implementation – September 30, 2025 ACFR Replication within TRS

- Import your trial balance data into TRS based on files approved and provided by you; account classifications and presentation will be replicated from the September 30, 2025 ACFR
- Upload the prior year annual financial report narrative content into TRS; you will review uploaded content for accuracy
- Provide training on formatting the financial statements and narrative portions of the software to reconcile to the prior year published ACFR

Annual Services

- Provide access to TRS
- Assist with importing your trial balance four (4) times
- Provide support for questions and issues related to TRS
- Assist with GASB pronouncement implementation within TRS, as needed

The following apply for these services:

Forvis Mazars' Responsibilities

Forvis Mazars will not make management decisions, perform management responsibilities or obligations, or manage the operations of the entity, the responsibility for which remains with management and the Board of Directors. Forvis Mazars will also not act or appear to act in a capacity equivalent to that of a member of your management or an employee.

Forvis Mazars will use and rely on information furnished by you, your employees, and representatives and may use and rely on information available from generally recognized public sources. Forvis Mazars is not responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the information and is not responsible to investigate or verify it.

Forvis Mazars will not be representing you during compliance-related discussions with regulatory agencies.

Limitations & Fraud

This engagement is not designed to prevent or discover errors, misrepresentations, fraud, or illegal acts, and you agree Forvis Mazars has no such responsibility.

Because of the limits in any internal control structure, errors, fraud, illegal acts, or instances of noncompliance may occur and not be detected.

Standards & No Opinion

Forvis Mazars will perform this engagement in accordance with the Statement on Standards for Consulting Services established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). This engagement will not constitute an examination, audit, attestation, or agreed-upon procedures engagement as those services are defined under relevant AICPA standards. Accordingly, Forvis Mazars will not provide an audit or attest opinion or other form of assurance and will not verify or audit any information provided to Forvis Mazars.

In addition, Forvis Mazars has not been engaged to provide an opinion with respect to the effectiveness of your controls over financial reporting or the degree of compliance with your policies and procedures or applicable laws and/or regulations.

Your Responsibilities

You acknowledge and understand your responsibility for the following:

- Ensuring appropriate level of due diligence related to the ACFR building in TRS in connection with this Agreement has been performed. This includes determining whether TRS possesses the appropriate level of functionality and performance for your current and future needs
- Providing Forvis Mazars with accurate and complete information necessary to complete the engagement
- Ensuring your staff and stakeholders are available to assist Forvis Mazars in performing the services, including but not limited to interviews and information requests, providing feedback, and reviewing on a timely basis
- Establishing and maintaining your internal controls

Third-Party Submissions

The engagement will not include the submission of documentation to any third parties. Forvis Mazars will not make this or any other submission unless separately engaged to do so. You understand that the timely submission of this information is your responsibility.

The Reporting Solution End User License Agreement

Please read this document carefully because it explains the legal rights and obligations inherent to your ability to access and use The Reporting Solution

This End User License Agreement ("EULA") governs use of The Reporting Solution and any related, upgraded, or substitute for the web application, software, and services provided by or on behalf of Forvis Mazars, LLP ("Forvis Mazars") relating to preparation of certain financial reports ("Software"). By accessing and/or using the Software, you and the entity you are working for or on behalf of agree to be bound by the terms of this EULA, although this EULA does not abrogate any other agreement or understanding regarding the Software and your relationship with Forvis Mazars, *e.g.*, a sales agreement, purchase agreement, privacy policy, disclaimer, etc., relating to the Software and/or services provided by Forvis Mazars. This EULA is effective as of the first time the Software is accessed and it will remain in effect—in its current or any future amended form—for however long the Software is used or until another EULA is executed. Some of the obligations in this EULA survive and extend beyond the term of this EULA and/or the point in time after which you voluntarily or involuntarily stop accessing or using the Software.

1. License Grant

By providing credentials to access the Software, Forvis Mazars grants you a nonexclusive, nontransferable, non-sublicensable, limited right, and license to use the Software on compatible devices you own or control for preparation of financial reports for your entity in a single, given reporting year (the "License"). The rights granted under the License are subject to the terms of this EULA as well as any prior or future agreement you have or may enter into with Forvis Mazars or that you may otherwise be explicitly or implicitly required to follow owing to your employment by or fiduciary or other duty of care owed to an entity doing business with Forvis Mazars. You (both personally and in any representative capacity you may or do have for a particular entity) may only make use of the License if you comply with all applicable terms, including but not limited to this EULA.

The Software is licensed, not sold, under this License. The License does not grant any title or ownership in the Software. Any individual accessing the Software is expressly representing that they have the authority and ability to act on behalf of an entity that possesses the ability to access and use the Software, and you and that entity will be jointly and severally responsible for any and all actions taken by an actor using credentials, irrespective of whether that person has the actual authority or ability to act on behalf of that entity.

2. Conditions & Restrictions on Use Pursuant to the License

You may not and will not do, attempt to do, or otherwise attempt to have anyone else do on your behalf or for your benefit any of the following with respect to the Software: (a) copy, reproduce, distribute (including via a network server), display, or use it in a way that is not expressly authorized by Forvis Mazars (either via this EULA or some other written instrument); (b) sell, rent, lease, license, distribute, transfer, or use it in a manner that actually or is reasonably likely to harm Forvis Mazars or its existing or future business prospects; (c) reverse engineer, derive source code from, modify, adapt, translate, decompile, or disassemble it or make derivative works based on it; (d) remove, disable, circumvent, or modify any security technology or proprietary notice or label included in it; (e) use it to infringe or violate the rights of any third party, including but not limited to any intellectual property, publicity, or privacy rights; (f) use, export, or re-export it in violation of any applicable law or regulation; or (g) deliberately or negligently access or use it in a manner that transmits or propagates any virus, Trojan horse, worm, bomb, and/or corrupted or malicious files or that otherwise threatens, defames, disparages, harasses, or endangers the integrity of any person or entity, the Software, Forvis Mazars' hardware and networks, the hardware and networks of any other user of the Software or other person or entity, and/or any data and information inherent to any of the same.

In the event you gain access to data or information of others and/or to functionality in the Software, either of which is beyond the scope or intent of the understanding by which credentials were originally granted to you, you will notify Forvis Mazars as soon as is reasonably practical. Further, you will not copy, alter, delete, use, or otherwise exploit such data, information, and/or functionality and, instead, will treat it with and use the highest degree of care necessary to protect its confidentiality. These obligations of notification and confidentiality will survive the termination of this EULA.

3. Disclaimers & Limitation of Liability

Except to the extent an explicit warranty or representation is made in a separate, written agreement, the Software is provided on an "as is" and "as available" basis, "with all faults" and without warranty of any kind. Forvis Mazars, its licensors, its and their affiliates, successors, and assigns disclaim all warranties, conditions, common law duties, and representations (express, implied, oral, and written) with respect to the Software, including without limitation all express, implied, and statutory warranties and conditions of any kind. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Forvis Mazars, its licensors, its and their affiliates, successors, and assigns make no warranty that (1) that the operation of the Software or Services will be uninterrupted, bug free, or error free in any or all circumstances, or (2) that any defects in the Software or Services can or will be corrected. This paragraph will apply to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law.

To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, neither Forvis Mazars, nor its licensors, nor its or their affiliates, nor any of Forvis Mazars' agents or service providers (collectively, the "Forvis Mazars Parties"), shall be liable in any way for any loss of profits or any indirect, incidental, consequential, special, punitive, or exemplary damages, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or the Software. Further, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law and in the absence of any contrary written agreement, the aggregate liability of the Forvis

Mazars Parties arising out of or in connection with this EULA will not exceed the total amounts you have paid to Forvis Mazars for the Software. These limitations and exclusions regarding damages apply even if any remedy fails to provide adequate compensation. For the avoidance of any doubt, these provisions shall survive termination or expiration of this EULA.

4. Indemnity

You are responsible for any damage caused to Forvis Mazars and/or any other person or entity that has a right to use the Software and was harmed as a result of your violation of this EULA.

YOU HEREBY AGREE TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND KEEP INDEMNIFIED Forvis Mazars AGAINST ANY CLAIM OR ALLEGED CLAIMS, LIABILITIES, LOSSES, DAMAGES, AND ALL COSTS (INCLUDING LAWYERS' FEES), DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO YOUR FAULT AND/OR RESULTING FROM (A) A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS EULA OR (B) YOUR MISUSE OF THE SOFTWARE. For the avoidance of any doubt, this provision shall survive termination or expiration of this EULA.

5. Termination

This EULA will terminate concurrently according to the understanding by which credentials were originally granted for access and use of the Software. Forvis Mazars reserves the right to terminate this EULA, without cause, with at least 30 days' written notice to you. Forvis Mazars may immediately terminate this EULA if it reasonably concludes that doing so is warranted under the circumstances due to unlawful use or failure to pay.

6. Changes to this EULA by Forvis Mazars

Forvis Mazars reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to revise, supplement, and/or delete certain terms of this EULA for security, legal, best practice, or regulatory reasons, provided that any such revisions, supplements, and/or deletions do not contravene any separate written agreement between you and Forvis Mazars. Such changes will be effective with or, as applicable, without prior notice to you. You can review the most current version of this EULA in the Software or by requesting the same from Forvis Mazars. You are responsible for checking this EULA periodically for changes. Your continued use of the Product following any revision to this EULA constitutes your acceptance of any and all such changes.

7. Other Terms

This Agreement and any document or information referred to in this EULA constitute the entire agreement between you and Forvis Mazars relating to the subject matter covered by this EULA. All other communications, proposals, and representations with respect to the subject matter covered by this EULA are excluded and, instead, must be memorialized in a separate written agreement executed by an authorized representative of each party involved.

If any court of competent jurisdiction or competent authority finds that any provision of this EULA is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, that provision will be, to the extent required, deemed to be deleted, and the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of this EULA will not be affected. If any invalid, unenforceable, or illegal provision of this EULA would be valid, enforceable, and legal if some part of it were deleted, the provision will apply with the minimum modification necessary to make it legal, valid, and enforceable to reflect the intent of this EULA.

Any action by Forvis Mazars to exercise, or its failure or delay in exercising, any of its rights under this Agreement will not be deemed a waiver of those or any other rights or remedies available in agreement, at law, or in equity.

You agree that this Agreement does not confer any rights or remedies on any person other than the parties to this Agreement, except as expressly stated.

To the extent permitted by applicable law, this EULA, and any disputes or claims arising out of or in connection with it, or its subject matter or formation (including noncontractual disputes or claims) are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the United States and the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any principles of conflicts of laws. This EULA shall not be governed by the United Nations Conventions of Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, the application of which is hereby expressly excluded from any interpretation of this EULA.

Forvis Mazars' obligations are subject to existing laws and legal process, and Forvis Mazars may comply with law enforcement or regulatory requests or requirements despite any contrary term in this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

Forvis Mazars, LLP

By: _____

Name: Denny Ard

Title: Partner

City of Beatrice, NE

By: _____

Name: Michael McClain

Title: Mayor

Terms and Conditions Addendum

GENERAL

1. **Overview.** This Terms and Conditions Addendum ("Terms and Conditions") sets forth the standard terms and conditions applicable to Forvis Mazars, LLP ("Forvis Mazars") providing services (collectively the "Services") to the specific client ("You" or "Client"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in these Terms and Conditions shall be defined as set forth in the Agreement.

BILLING, PAYMENT, & TERMINATION

2. **Billing and Payment Terms.** Forvis Mazars will bill Client for fees and costs as outlined in the Agreement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, payment is due upon receipt. Interest will be charged on any unpaid balance after 30 days at the rate of 10% per annum. All fees, charges, and other amounts payable to Forvis Mazars hereunder do not include any sales, use, excise, value-added, or other applicable taxes, tariffs, or duties, payment of which shall be the Client's sole responsibility. Fees also do not include any applicable taxes based on Forvis Mazars' net income or taxes arising from the employment or independent contractor relationship between Forvis Mazars and Forvis Mazars' personnel.

   Forvis Mazars reserves the right to suspend or terminate work under the Agreement for nonpayment of fees. If the Services are suspended or terminated for nonpayment of fees, Client acknowledges and agrees that Forvis Mazars will not be responsible for Client's failure to meet any deadlines or for any penalties or interest that may be assessed against Client resulting from failure to meet such deadlines.

   Client agrees that the fees incurred to complete the Services may increase if Forvis Mazars' duties or responsibilities are increased by the rulemaking of any regulatory body or any new accounting or auditing standards. The fees do not include any time for post-engagement consultation with Client's personnel or third parties, consent letters and related procedures for the use of the reports generated as part of the Services, in offering documents, inquiries from regulators, or testimony or deposition regarding any subpoena. Charges for such services will be billed separately.

3. **Billing Records.** If the Services are determined to be within the scope and authority of Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act, Forvis Mazars will make available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or to the U.S. Comptroller General, or their duly authorized representatives, the books, documents, and records that are necessary to certify the nature and extent of the Services, until the expiration of four (4) years after the furnishing of the Services. The Agreement allows access to contracts of a similar nature between subcontractors and related organizations of the subcontractor, and to their books, documents, and records.

4. **Termination.** Either party may terminate the Agreement at any time for any reason. If the Agreement is terminated, Client agrees to pay Forvis Mazars for time expended through the date of termination. In addition, Client will be billed costs and fees for services from other professionals, if any, as well as the Administrative Fee. Unless terminated sooner in accordance with the Agreement, the Agreement shall terminate upon the completion of the Services.

DISPUTES & DISCLAIMERS

5. **Mediation.** Any dispute arising out of or related to the Agreement will, prior to resorting to litigation, be submitted for nonbinding mediation upon written request by either party. Both parties agree to try in good faith to settle the dispute through mediation. The mediator will be selected by agreement of the parties. The mediation proceeding shall be confidential. Each party will bear its own costs in the mediation, but the fees and expenses of the mediator will be shared equally.

6. **Indemnification.** Client agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Forvis Mazars and any of its partners, principals, shareholders, officers, directors, members, employees, agents, or assigns with respect to any and all third-party claims including, but not limited to, claims for direct, indirect, consequential, incidental, and special damages such as loss of revenue and anticipated profits (collectively "Damages") arising from the Services, regardless of the nature of the claim, except to the extent the Damages were caused by the intentional or willful misconduct of Forvis Mazars. This provision shall not apply if enforcement is disallowed by applicable law or professional standards.

7. **Statute of Limitations.** Client agrees that any claim or legal action arising out of or related to the Agreement shall be commenced no more than one (1) year from the date of delivery of the Work Product to Client or the termination of the Services (whichever is earlier), regardless of any law, regulation, or statute of limitations prescribing a longer period of time for commencing such a claim. This time limitation shall apply regardless of whether Forvis Mazars performs other or subsequent services for Client. A claim is understood to be a demand for money or services, demand for mediation, or the service of suit based on a breach of the Agreement or the acts or omissions of Forvis Mazars in performing the Services. This provision shall not apply if enforcement is disallowed by applicable law or professional standards.

8. **Limitation of Liability.** Client agrees that Forvis Mazars' liability, if any, arising out of or related to the Agreement shall be limited to the amount of the fees paid by Client for the Services. This limitation shall not apply to the extent it is finally, judicially determined that the liability resulted from the intentional or willful misconduct of Forvis Mazars or if enforcement of this provision is disallowed by applicable law or professional standards.

9. **Waiver of Certain Damages.** In no event shall Forvis Mazars be liable to Client or a third party for any indirect, special, consequential, punitive, or exemplary damages, including but not limited to lost profits, loss of revenue, interruption, loss of use, damage to goodwill or reputation, regardless of whether Client was advised of the possibility of such damages, regardless of whether such damages were reasonably foreseeable, and regardless of whether such damages arise under a theory of contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise.

10. **Choice of Law.** Client acknowledges and agrees that any dispute arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to its conflict of laws principles.

11. **WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE NOT TO ELECT A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY ISSUE TRIABLE OF RIGHT BY JURY, AND WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY FULLY TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY SUCH RIGHT SHALL NOW OR HEREAFTER EXIST WITH REGARD TO THIS AGREEMENT, OR ANY CLAIM, COUNTERCLAIM, OR OTHER ACTION ARISING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. THIS WAIVER OF RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IS GIVEN KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY BY THE PARTIES AND IS INTENDED TO ENCOMPASS INDIVIDUALLY EACH INSTANCE AND EACH ISSUE AS TO WHICH THE RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY WOULD OTHERWISE ACCRUE.**

12. **Severability.** If any term or provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, then the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected, and each such term and provision of this Agreement shall be fully valid and enforceable permitted by law.

13. **Assignment.** Client acknowledges and agrees that the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the parties' successors and assigns, subject to applicable laws and regulations.

14. **Disclaimer of Legal or Investment Advice.** The Services do not constitute legal or investment advice. Client should seek the advice of legal counsel in such matters. Client acknowledges the applicable laws, regulations, and regulators' enforcement activities related to the Services may change over time. Regulatory authorities may interpret circumstances differently than Forvis Mazars has in completing the Services.

RECORDS, WORKPAPERS, DELIVERABLES, & PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

15. **Maintenance of Records.** Client agrees to assume full responsibility for maintaining Client's original data and records and that Forvis Mazars has no responsibility to maintain this information. Client agrees that Client will not rely on Forvis Mazars to provide hosting, electronic security, or backup services, *e.g.*, business continuity or disaster recovery services, to Client unless separately engaged to do so. Client understands that Client's access to data, records, and information from Forvis Mazars' servers, *i.e.*, Forvis Mazars portals used to exchange information, can be terminated at any time and Client will not rely on using these services to host Client's data and records.

16. **Forvis Mazars Workpapers.** Forvis Mazars' Workpapers and documentation retained in any form of media for this engagement are the property of Forvis Mazars. "Workpapers" are papers or records of the procedures applied, tests performed, information obtained, and conclusions reached in the work, including programs or documents for professional services, analyses, memoranda, correspondence, checklists, and other supporting documentation for the work so specified, retained in any form of media.

17. **Subpoenas or Other Legal Process.** Client acknowledges Forvis Mazars can be compelled to provide information under legal process. In addition, Forvis Mazars may be requested by regulatory or enforcement bodies (including any State Board) to make certain Client information or Workpapers available to them pursuant to authority granted by law or regulation. Unless Forvis Mazars is prohibited from doing so by law or regulation, Forvis Mazars will inform Client of any such legal process or request. Client agrees that Forvis Mazars has no legal responsibility to Client in the event Forvis Mazars determines Forvis Mazars is obligated to provide such documents or information. In the event Forvis Mazars is required to respond to any subpoena, court order, government regulatory inquiry legal process, or request for the production of documents and/or testimony relative to information Forvis Mazars obtained or prepared incident to this Agreement, in a matter in which Forvis Mazars is not a party, Client agrees to compensate Forvis Mazars for reasonable time expended in connection with such response at normal and customary hourly rates. Furthermore, Client will reimburse Forvis Mazars for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in such response.

18. **Use and Disclosure of Work Product and Drafts.** Client agrees that any advice, recommendation, information, deliverable, or work product (collectively "Work Product") provided to Client in connection with the Services is based in part upon the accuracy of Client's factual representations to Forvis Mazars and is not intended to be relied upon by any other parties. Unless specifically authorized by Forvis Mazars in writing or as authorized by applicable law, Client agrees that Client will not provide anyone else with the Work Product for their use or reliance. Client agrees that Client will not modify any Work Product or drafts prepared by Forvis Mazars for internal use or for distribution to any third parties. Client also understands that Forvis Mazars may send Client documents marked as draft and understands that those are for Client's review purpose only, should not be distributed in any way, and should be destroyed as soon as possible after review.

19. **Forvis Mazars Proprietary Information.** Client acknowledges that Forvis Mazars' pre-existing proprietary information, documents, materials, management techniques, and other intellectual property are a material source of the Services Forvis Mazars performs. Excluding Work Product, any new forms, software, documents, or intellectual property Forvis Mazars develops during completion of the Services for Client's use shall belong to Forvis Mazars, and Client shall have the limited right to use the Work Product solely within Client's business. Excluding the Work Product, all reports, templates, manuals, forms, checklists, questionnaires, letters, agreements, and other documents which Forvis Mazars makes available to Client are confidential and proprietary. Neither Client, nor any of Client's agents, will copy, electronically store, reproduce, or make any such documents available to anyone other than Client's personnel. This provision will apply to all materials whether in digital, "hard copy" format, or other medium.

REGULATORY

20. **U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and other Regulatory Bodies.** Where Forvis Mazars provides services requiring independence either for (a) an entity that is registered with the SEC; (b) an affiliate of such registrant; or

(c) an entity or affiliate that is subject to rules, regulations, or standards beyond those of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA"), any term of this Agreement that would be prohibited by or impair independence under applicable law or regulation shall not apply to the extent necessary only to avoid such prohibition or impairment.

21. **Not a Municipal Advisor.** Forvis Mazars is not acting as Client's municipal advisor under Section 15B of the *Securities Exchange Act of 1934*, as amended. As such, Forvis Mazars is not recommending any action to Client and does not owe Client a fiduciary duty with respect to any information or communications regarding municipal financial products or the issuance of municipal securities. Client should discuss such matters with internal or external advisors and experts Client deems appropriate before acting on any such information or material provided by Forvis Mazars. Any such information is provided purely for educational purposes only.

22. **Not a Fiduciary.** Client acknowledges and agrees that Forvis Mazars is not in a fiduciary relationship with Client, and Forvis Mazars has no fiduciary responsibilities to Client in the performance of the Services.

TECHNOLOGY

23. **Electronic Sites.** Client agrees to notify Forvis Mazars if Client desires to place any of the Work Product, including, if applicable, any reports on Client's financial statements, along with other information, such as a report by management or those charged with governance on operations, financial summaries or highlights, financial ratios, etc., on an electronic site. Client acknowledges and agrees that Forvis Mazars has no responsibility to review information contained in/on electronic sites.

24. **Electronic Signatures and Counterparts.** This Agreement and other documents to be delivered pursuant to this Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement or document, and will be effective when counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other parties. Each party agrees that the electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the parties included in this Agreement are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Delivery of a copy of this Agreement or any other document contemplated hereby, bearing an original manual or electronic signature by facsimile transmission (including a facsimile delivered via the internet), by electronic mail in "portable document format" (".pdf") or similar format intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, or through the use of electronic signature software, will have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing an original signature.

25. **Electronic Data Communication and Storage.** In the interest of facilitating the Services, Forvis Mazars may send data over the internet, temporarily store electronic data via computer software applications hosted remotely on the internet, or utilize cloud-based storage. Client acknowledges and agrees that Client's confidential electronic data may be transmitted or stored using these methods. In using these data communication and storage methods, Forvis Mazars will employ industry recognized measures designed to maintain data security. Forvis Mazars will use reasonable efforts to keep such communications and electronic data secure in accordance with any obligations under applicable laws, regulations, and professional standards.

    Client acknowledges and agrees that Forvis Mazars has no control over the unauthorized interception or breach of any communications or electronic data once it has been transmitted or if it has been subject to unauthorized access while stored, notwithstanding all reasonable security measures employed to keep such data secured. Client agrees to Forvis Mazars' use of these electronic devices and applications during the completion of the Services.

OTHER MATTERS

26. **Cooperation.** Client agrees to cooperate with Forvis Mazars in the performance of completing the Services, including the reasonable and timely access to Client's facilities, data, information, and personnel. Client shall be responsible for the performance and actions of Client's employees and agents.

27. **Service Providers.** Forvis Mazars may from time to time utilize affiliates, subsidiaries, third-party service providers, including but not limited to entities in the Network (defined hereafter), onshore providers, and offshore providers. Forvis Mazars may need to disclose confidential information about Client to other Forvis Mazars firms or third-party service providers to comply with regulatory requirements, to check conflicts, to provide financial accounting and other administrative support services, for quality and risk management services, or in order to complete the Services, and Client data may reside or be accessed outside of the United States. Forvis Mazars maintains internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality and security of Client's information. Forvis Mazars will be responsible to You for maintaining the confidentiality of the Client information.

28. **Independent Contractor.** When providing services to Client, Forvis Mazars will be functioning as an independent contractor; and in no event will Forvis Mazars or any Forvis Mazars employees be an officer of Client. This Agreement does not create a relationship of joint venturers, partners, employer and/or employee, principal and/or agent, or any similar relationship giving rise to a fiduciary duty to Client. Decisions regarding management of Client's business remain the sole responsibility of Client at all times. Neither Client nor Forvis Mazars shall act or represent itself, directly or by implication, as an agent of the other or in any manner assume or create any obligation on behalf of, or in the name of, the other.

29. **Hiring of Forvis Mazars Personnel.** Forvis Mazars asks that Client respect the employment relationship that Forvis Mazars personnel have with the firm and to refrain from any employment offers to Forvis Mazars personnel. However, if Client finds it necessary to make an offer of employment and if it is accepted, during the term of this engagement and for a period of 18 months after Forvis Mazars stops providing Services, Client agrees that Forvis Mazars will be paid a one-time employment fee equal to 100% of the employee's highest annual salary. This fee will be payable prior to Forvis Mazars personnel commencing employment with Client. Provided,

however, Client shall not be in violation of the nonsolicitation covenant set forth herein with respect to any position Client advertises in the form of a general solicitation not delivered to or focused upon any single individual.

30. **Use of Party Names.** Any time either party intends to reference the other party's name in any manner in any published materials, including on an electronic site, the referencing party agrees to provide the other party with draft materials for review and written approval before publishing or posting such information. For purposes of this approval, email approval is deemed sufficient by both parties.

31. **Network.** Forvis Mazars Global Limited ("the Network") is a leading global professional services network consisting of independent members Forvis Mazars, LLP in the U.S. and Forvis Mazars Group, a Belgium integrated partnership with member firms operating in over 100 countries. The Network is a United Kingdom company limited by guarantee and does not provide any services to clients.

32. **Entire Agreement.** The Agreement, including these Terms and Conditions, the Business Associate Agreement (if any) and any other attachments or addenda, encompasses the entire agreement between Client and Forvis Mazars and supersedes all previous understandings and agreements between the parties, whether oral or written. Any modification to the terms of this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by both Client and Forvis Mazars.

33. **Force Majeure.** Excluding incurred fees, neither party shall be held responsible for any failure to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement if such failure was caused by circumstances beyond its control, including, without limitation, fire or other casualty, act of God, act of terrorism, strike or labor dispute, war or other violence, explosion, flood or other natural catastrophe, epidemic or pandemic, or any law, order, or requirement of any governmental agency or authority affecting either party, including without limitation orders incident to any such epidemic or pandemic, lockdown orders, stay-at-home orders, and curfews.

34. **Data Usage.** Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Client's information and data may be utilized for internal purposes applying various technologies, including but not limited to large language models or generative artificial intelligence. To the extent necessary, Forvis Mazars will utilize confidentiality and similar standards for such applications as it utilizes for similar work on Forvis Mazars' own work and processes. Forvis Mazars shall not sell or resell information obtained from Client.