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November 16, 2022

Jim Anderson
City Manager
City of Port St. Joe
305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd.
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you very much for your interest in The Southern Group of Florida, Inc. (The Southern Group). We appreciate the opportunity to provide lobbying services to City of Port St. Joe in Tallahassee. The Southern Group is committed to providing the highest level of service in furtherance of your goals. This agreement will describe the terms under which that representation will occur.

You have asked that we represent the City of Port St. Joe before the legislative and executive branches of Florida government. The entire team of The Southern Group's lobbyists will be available to advance the interests of the City of Port St. Joe. You may wish to review in detail the qualifications of the team at www.thesouthern.com. However, in order to ensure that your needs are efficiently and fully addressed, I will be the primary contact for this representation. If I should ever be unavailable, I would encourage you to contact Mercer Fearington. Our contact information is reflected on the attached sheet.

In exchange for these services, City of Port St. Joe has agreed to pay The Southern Group \$6,000 per month beginning December 1, 2022. The Southern Group will send an invoice on the first of each month for the current month's services and payment is due by the end of each month. Our preferred method of payment is via ACH or wire transfer. Otherwise, all payments should be remitted to P.O. Box 10570, Tallahassee, FL 32302. This Agreement is for a 12-month term and will automatically renew annually for additional 12-month terms unless terminated in writing by either party at least 30 days prior to the expiration thereof. City of Port St. Joe may terminate this Agreement prior to the expiration thereof and all fees then due and owing, in addition to all fees due and owing for the remainder of the term of the Agreement, shall be paid within 30 days. Costs directly attributable to the performance of this work will be billed in addition to the monthly retainer, and these costs may include travel, lobbyist registration fees, and other expenses incurred on behalf of City of Port St. Joe. No monthly costs that in the aggregate exceed \$500 will be incurred without your prior approval.

Mr. Jim Anderson

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Also, by signing below, you agree that you will complete any forms necessary to comply with lobbyist registration requirements under Florida law that may arise as a result of our representation of City of Port St. Joe during the term of this contract or after its termination should reporting periods overlap.

Please be aware that Florida has a lobbying fee disclosure law that requires quarterly disclosure of fees. It should also be noted that The Southern Group has affiliated offices in other states and within the state of Florida. The Southern Group has a policy of declining representation of clients when that representation would immediately create a direct conflict with other clients that The Southern Group currently represents. You have retained The Southern Group for representation in Florida, and we know of no conflicts with our current clients. In order to ensure the candor and trust in our relationship that forms the basis of effective representation, it is the policy of The Southern Group to keep confidential within each office all information about your business interests and strategies.


I believe the above reflects our understanding. If it does, please sign this agreement and return with the completed client information, which is enclosed. I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to working with you. Please never hesitate to contact me if we can assist City of Port St. Joe in any way.

Sincerely,



Clark Smith

Enclosures

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For City of Port St. Joe

1/4/2023

Date