

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JULY 11, 2012

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

BY: AMIR HAMIDZADEH, BUILDING OFFICIAL

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH CALIFORNIA CODE CHECK TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION SERVICES

The purpose of this agreement is to seek City Council approval for the City of Agoura Hills to continue services with California Code Check to provide professional plan review and inspection services.

Due to the effects of the economy on the consultant and their budget and staffing during the last few years, the Building and Safety Department found it necessary to have two contracts with reputable companies to provide plan review and inspection services. California Code Check is one of the two primary consultants that have served the City of Agoura Hills Building and Safety Department since 1999.

The cost of the plan review and inspection services for this contract extension remains the same as the latest contract that was approved by City Council on August 11, 2010:

- 75% of City's plan review fee if project valuation is under \$1,000,000
- 70% of City's plan review fee if project valuation is over \$1,000,000
- \$67 per hour for inspection services with 4-hour minimum service

These rates are very competitive when compared with the neighboring jurisdictions and will have no negative impact on the budget as the applicants are paying for these services by paying the plan review and permit fees at the time of plan review and permit issuance. All related revenues and fees have been accounted for in the approved Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget.

The original contract term was set for two years starting August 15, 2010 ending August 14, 2012 with the flexibility to extend the contract for an additional year, up to August 14, 2013 based on the consultant's performance.

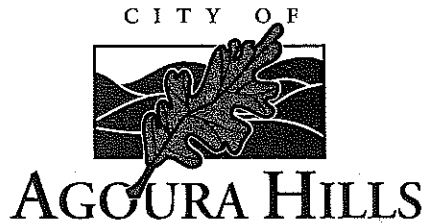
City staff has been pleased with the services provided by California Code Check in the past and is confident they will continue to provide high quality services to our City and its citizens in the upcoming years.

The proposed agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council approve the one-year contract extension with California Code Check for the professional plan review and inspection services.

Attachment: Original Professional Services Agreement
 First Amendment to Agreement



COPY

"Gateway to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area"

September 21, 2010

California Code Check
Attn: Tom Harris, Jr.
1000 Business Center Circle
Suite 200
Newbury Park, CA 91320

Subject: Agreement for Consultant Services

Enclosed please find one fully executed original agreement as approved by the City Council at their August 11, 2010 regular meeting.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this agreement, please contact Amir Hamidzadeh, Building Official, at (818) 597-7332.

Sincerely,



Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC
City Clerk

Enclosure

cc: Amir Hamidzadeh, Building Official

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AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES
WITH THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS

NAME OF CONSULTANT: California Code Check

RESPONSIBLE PRINCIPAL OF CONSULTANT: Attn: Tom Harris, Jr.

CONSULTANT'S ADDRESS: 1000 Business Center Circle
Suite 200
Newbury Park, CA 91320

CITY'S ADDRESS: City of Agoura Hills
30001 Ladyface Court
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
Attn: City Manager

PREPARED BY: Amir Hamidzadeh

COMMENCEMENT DATE: August 15, 2010

TERMINATION DATE: August 14, 2012

CONSIDERATION: N/A

**AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES
BETWEEN THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS**

AND

CALIFORNIA CODE CHECK

THIS AGREEMENT is made and effective as of August 15, 2010, between the City of Agoura Hills, a municipal corporation ("City") and California Code Check ("Consultant"). In consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

TERM. This Agreement shall commence on August 15, 2010, and shall remain and continue in effect until tasks described herein are completed, but in no event later than August 14, 2012, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement. The City may, at its option, extend this Agreement for one additional term of one year upon providing written notice of its intent to so-extend this Agreement to the Contractor not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the initial Term. Such extension shall be at the same price and conditions as set forth herein.

SERVICES. Consultant shall perform the services and tasks described and set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth in full. Consultant shall complete the tasks according to the schedule of performance which is also set forth in Exhibit A.

PERFORMANCE. Consultant shall at all times faithfully, competently and to the best of his or her ability, experience, and talent, perform all tasks described herein. Consultant shall employ, at a minimum, generally accepted standards and practices utilized by persons engaged in providing similar services as are required of Consultant hereunder in meeting its obligations under this Agreement.

PAYMENT

The City agrees to pay Consultant monthly, in accordance with the payment rates and terms and the schedule of payment as set forth in Exhibit B, Payment Rates and Schedule, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as though set forth in full, based upon actual time spent on the above tasks. Any terms in Exhibit B other than the payment rates and schedule of payment are null and void.

Consultant will submit invoices monthly for actual services performed. Invoices shall be submitted between the first and fifteenth business day of each month, for services provided in the previous month. Payment shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of each invoice as to all non-disputed fees. If the City disputes any of consultant's fees it shall give written notice to Consultant within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice of any disputed fees set forth on the invoice.

SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT WITHOUT CAUSE

The City may at any time, for any reason, with or without cause, suspend or terminate this Agreement, or any portion hereof, by serving upon the consultant at least ten (10) days prior written notice. Upon receipt of said notice, the Consultant shall immediately cease all work under this Agreement, unless the notice provides otherwise. If the City suspends or terminates a portion of this Agreement such suspension or termination shall not make void or invalidate the remainder of this Agreement.

In the event this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section, the City shall pay to Consultant the actual value of the work performed up to the time of termination, provided that the work performed is of value to the City. Upon termination of the Agreement pursuant to this Section, the Consultant will submit an invoice to the City pursuant to Section 4.

DEFAULT OF CONSULTANT

The Consultant's failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement shall constitute a default. In the event that Consultant is in default for cause under the terms of this Agreement, City shall have no obligation or duty to continue compensating Consultant for any work performed after the date of default and can terminate this Agreement immediately by written notice to the Consultant. If such failure by the Consultant to make progress in the performance of work hereunder arises out of causes beyond the Consultant's control, and without fault or negligence of the Consultant, it shall not be considered a default.

If the City Manager or his or her delegate determines that the Consultant is in default in the performance of any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, it shall serve the Consultant with written notice of the default. The Consultant shall have (10) days after service upon it of said notice in which to cure the default by rendering a satisfactory performance. In the event that the Consultant fails to cure its default within such period of time, the City shall have the right, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, to terminate this Agreement without further notice and without prejudice to any other remedy to which it may be entitled at law, in equity or under this Agreement.

OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

Consultant shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to sales, costs, expenses, receipts and other such information required by City that relate to the performance of services under this Agreement. Consultant shall maintain adequate records of services provided in sufficient detail to permit an evaluation of services. All such records shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall be clearly identified and readily accessible. Consultant shall provide free access to the representatives of City or its designees at reasonable times to such books and records, shall give City the right to examine and audit said books and records, shall permit City to make transcripts there from as necessary, and shall allow inspection of all work, data, documents, proceedings and activities related to this Agreement. Such records, together with supporting documents, shall be maintained for a period of three (3) years after receipt of final payment.

Upon completion of, or in the event of termination or suspension of this Agreement, all original documents, designs, drawings, maps, models, computer files containing data generated for the work, surveys, notes, and other documents prepared in the course of providing the services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement shall become the sole property of the City and may be used, reused or otherwise disposed of by the City without the permission of the Consultant. With respect to computer files containing data generated for the work, Consultant shall make available to the City, upon reasonable written request by the City, the necessary computer software and hardware for purposes of accessing, compiling, transferring and printing computer files.

INDEMNIFICATION. The Consultant agrees to defend, indemnify, protect and hold harmless the City, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, defense costs or expenses, including attorney fees and expert witness fees, or liability of any kind or nature which the City, its officers, agents and employees may sustain or incur or which may be imposed upon them for injury to or death of persons, or damage to property arising out of Consultant's negligent or wrongful acts or omissions arising out of or in any way related to the performance or non-performance of this Agreement, excepting only liability arising out of the negligence of the City.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS. Consultant shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property, which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Consultant, its agents, representatives, or employees.

Minimum Scope of Insurance. Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability form No. CG 00 01 11 85 or 88.

Insurance Services Office Business Auto Coverage form CA 00 01 06 92 covering Automobile Liability, code 1 (any auto). If the Consultant owns no automobiles, a non-owned auto endorsement to the General Liability policy described above is acceptable.

Worker's Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance. If the Consultant has no employees while performing under this Agreement, worker's compensation insurance is not required, but Consultant shall execute a declaration that it has no employees.

Professional Liability Insurance shall be written on a policy form providing professional liability for the Consultant's profession.

Minimum Limits of Insurance. Consultant shall maintain limits no less than:

General Liability: \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

Automobile Liability: \$2,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

Worker's Compensation as required by the State of California; Employer's Liability: One million dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident for bodily injury or disease.

Professional Liability coverage: One million (\$1,000,000) per claim and in aggregate.

Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the City Manager. At the option of the City Manager, either the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the City, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers; or the Consultant shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

Other Insurance Provisions. The general liability and automobile liability policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

The City, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds in respect to: liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Consultant; products and completed operations of the Consultant; premises owned, occupied or used by the Consultant; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Consultant. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the City, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.

For any claims related to this project, the Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insured maintained by the City, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of the Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

Any failure to comply with reporting or other provisions of the policies including breaches of warranties shall not affect coverage provided to the City, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.

The Consultant's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the City.

Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the City. Self insurance shall not be considered to comply with these insurance requirements.

Verification of Coverage. Consultant shall furnish the City with original endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The endorsements are to be on forms provided by the City. All endorsements are to be received and approved by the City before work commences. As an alternative to the City's forms, the Consultant's insurer may provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements effecting the coverage required by these specifications.

G. **Mailing Instructions.** All certificates of insurance should be directed to the attention of the City Clerk, City of Agoura Hills, 30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, CA 91301, and include a description of the project. Agreements cannot be released nor may any work commence until the appropriate proof of insurance is on file with the City Clerk.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Consultant is and shall at all times remain as to the City a wholly independent contractor. The personnel performing the services under this Agreement on behalf of Consultant shall at all times be under Consultant's exclusive direction and control. Neither City nor any of its officers, employees, agents, or volunteers shall have control over the conduct of Consultant or any of Consultant's officers, employees, or agents except as set forth in this Agreement. Consultant shall not at any time or in any manner represent that it or any of its officers, employees or agents are in any manner officers, employees or agents of the City. Consultant shall not incur or have the power to incur any debt, obligation or liability whatever against City, or bind City in any manner.

No employee benefits shall be available to Consultant in connection with the performance of this Agreement. Except for the fees paid to Consultant as provided in the Agreement, City shall not pay salaries, wages, or other compensation to Consultant for performing services hereunder for City. City shall not be liable for compensation or indemnification to Consultant for injury or sickness arising out of performing services hereunder.

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES. The Consultant shall keep itself informed of all local, State and Federal ordinances, laws and regulations which in any manner affect those employed by it or in any way affect the performance of its service pursuant to this Agreement. The Consultant shall at all times observe and comply with all such ordinances, laws and regulations. The City, and its officers and employees, shall not be liable at law or in equity occasioned by failure of the Consultant to comply with this section.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

All information gained by Consultant in performance of this Agreement shall be considered confidential and shall not be released by Consultant without City's prior written authorization. Consultant, its officers, employees, agents or subcontractors, shall not without written authorization from the City Manager or unless requested by the City Attorney, voluntarily provide declarations, letters of support, testimony at depositions, response to interrogatories or other information concerning the work performed under this Agreement or relating to any project or property located within the City. Response to a subpoena or court order shall not be considered "voluntary" provided Consultant gives City notice of such court order or subpoena.

Consultant shall promptly notify City should Consultant, its officers, employees, agents or subcontractors be served with any summons, complaint, subpoena, notice of deposition, request for documents, interrogatories, request for admissions or other discovery request, court order or subpoena from any party regarding this Agreement and the work performed there under or with respect to any project or property located within the City. City retains the right, but has no obligation, to represent Consultant and/or be present at any deposition, hearing or similar proceeding. Consultant agrees to cooperate fully with City and to provide City with the opportunity to review any response to discovery requests provided by Consultant. However, City's right to review any such response does not imply or mean the right by City to control, direct, or rewrite said response.

NOTICES. Any notices which either party may desire to give to the other party under this Agreement must be in writing and may be given either by (i) personal service, (ii) delivery by a reputable document delivery service, such as but not limited to, Federal Express, that provides a receipt showing date and time of delivery, or (iii) mailing in the United States Mail, certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the address of the party as set forth below or at any other address as that party may later designate by Notice. Notice shall be effective upon delivery to the addresses specified below or on the third business day following deposit with the document delivery service or United States Mail as provided above.

To City: City of Agoura Hills
30001 Ladyface Court
Agoura Hills, California 91301
Attention: City Manager

To Consultant: 1000 Business Center Circle
Suite 200
Newbury Park, CA 91320

ASSIGNMENT. The Consultant shall not assign the performance of this Agreement, nor any part thereof, nor any monies due hereunder, without prior written consent of the City. Upon termination of this Agreement, Consultant's sole compensation shall be payment for actual services performed up to, and including, the date of termination or as may be otherwise agreed to in writing between the City Council and the Consultant.

LICENSES. At all times during the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall have in full force and effect, all licenses required of it by law for the performance of the services described in this Agreement.

GOVERNING LAW. The City and Consultant understand and agree that the laws of the State of California shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and also govern the interpretation of this Agreement. Any litigation concerning this Agreement shall take place in the municipal, superior, or federal district court with geographic jurisdiction over the City of Agoura Hills. In the event such litigation is filed

by one party against the other to enforce its rights under this Agreement, the prevailing party, as determined by the Court's judgment, shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and litigation expenses for the relief granted.

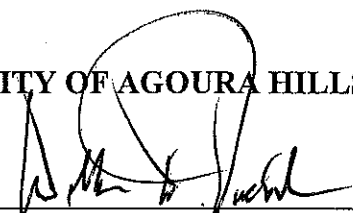
PROHIBITED INTEREST. No officer, or employee of the City of Agoura Hills shall have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement, the proceeds thereof, the Consultant, or Consultant's sub-contractors for this project, during his/her tenure or for one year thereafter. The Consultant hereby warrants and represents to the City that no officer or employee of the City of Agoura Hills has any interest, whether contractual, non-contractual, financial or otherwise, in this transaction, or in the business of the Consultant or Consultant's sub-contractors on this project. Consultant further agrees to notify the City in the event any such interest is discovered whether or not such interest is prohibited by law or this Agreement.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties relating to the obligations of the parties described in this Agreement. All prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations and statements, oral or written, are merged into this Agreement and shall be of no further force or effect. Each party is entering into this Agreement based solely upon the representations set forth herein and upon each party's own independent investigation of any and all facts such party deems material.

AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT. The person or persons executing this Agreement on behalf of Consultant warrants and represents that he or she has the authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Consultant and has the authority to bind Consultant to the performance of its obligations hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

CITY OF AGOURA HILLS



William D. Koehler
Mayor

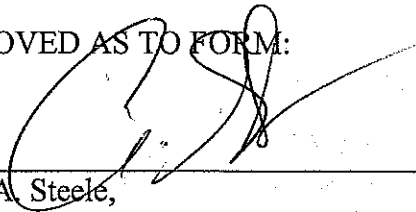
ATTEST:



Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC
City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Craig A. Steele,
City Attorney

CONSULTANT

*California Code Check
1000 Business Center Circle
Suite 200
Newbury Park, CA 91320
Attn: Tom Harris, Jr.
Tel: (805) 499-4584
fax: (805) 499-4489*

By: Tom Harris
Name: Tom Harris
Title: President

By: Erin Johnson
Name: Erin Johnson
Title: Secretary

[Signatures of Two Corporate Officers Required]

EXHIBIT A

TASKS TO BE PERFORMED

The specific elements (scope of work) of this service include:

PLAN REVIEW:

- Review of Construction plans and other related documents for compliance with the following codes:
 - Architectural / Latest City Adopted Building and Residential Code
 - Structural / Latest City Adopted Building and Residential Code
 - Electrical / Latest City Adopted Electrical Code
 - Plumbing / Latest City Adopted Plumbing Code
 - Mechanical / Latest City Adopted Mechanical Code
 - Fire / Latest City Adopted Fire Code
 - Energy / Latest City Adopted Title 24 Energy Code
 - Accessibility / Latest City Adopted Title 24 Accessibility Codes (State and Federal)
 - Green Building Latest City Adopted Green Building Code
 - Other City Ordinances, Policies, Procedures
- Maintain close liaison with other city departments and public agencies in order to make sure all appropriate requirements are incorporated in the construction documents
- Shall be available to address applicant's concerns and discuss plan review corrections
- Shall be able to review plans and return to applicant within ten (10) business days
- Shall be available during an emergency or natural disaster to assist the City with the plan review services

INSPECTION:

- Shall provide inspection services and assure that the construction meets the plans and is in compliance with the latest adopted codes, policies and procedures
- Shall be available to provide inspection services upon 48 hour notice
- Shall be available during an emergency or natural disaster to assist the City with inspection services

EXHIBIT B

PAYMENT RATES AND SCHEDULE

For the services provided under Exhibit "A", CONSULTANT shall be compensated at the rates listed below:

ITEM I – PLAN REVIEW

- For projects with a valuation of under \$1,000,000 – 75% of the City of Agoura Hills plan review fee (including all re-checks)
- For projects with a valuation of over \$1,000,000 – 70% of the City of Agoura Hills plan review fee (including all re-checks)
- Hourly Rates:
 - Commercial and Residential Plan Review on projects without fixed fees
 - \$105.00 per hour
 - Meetings/consultation on the field regarding specific project including travel time, if applicable (Note: There is no charge for general consultation time with Building Official or City Staff)
 - \$95.00 per hour

ITEM II – BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES

- Building Inspection Services will be provided at a rate of \$67.00 per hour with a minimum of 4 hour charge per inspector, per day

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES
WITH THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS

NAME OF CONSULTANT: California Code Check

RESPONSIBLE PRINCIPAL OF CONSULTANT: Attn: Tom Harris

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Newbury Park, CA 91320

CITY'S ADDRESS: City of Agoura Hills
30001 Ladyface Court
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
Attn: City Manager

PREPARED BY: Amir Hamidzadeh

COMMENCEMENT DATE: August 15, 2012

TERMINATION DATE: August 14, 2013

FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT

This FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT (“Amendment”) is made and entered into as of the 11th day of July 2012, by and between the City of Agoura Hills, a municipal corporation (“City”) and California Code Check (“Consultant”) and with respect to the following recitals:

A. On August 11, 2010, the City Council executed an agreement with California Code Check to provide the City of Agoura Hills Building and Safety Department with plan review and inspection services for a two (2) year term, starting August 15, 2010 terminating August 14 2012. This agreement allowed for a one year contract extension.

B. The City and Consultant now wish to modify the Agreement to extend the term of the Consulting Agreement by one (1) year.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL BENEFITS, PROMISES, COVENANTS, AND CONDITIONS HEREINAFTER CONTAINED, THE PARTIES, DO AGREE HEREBY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Agreement is to extend to August 14, 2013 with all the same conditions and pricing as set forth in the original agreement attached hereto.

SECTION 2. All other provisions of the Agreement remain unchanged.

SECTION 3. The Recitals are incorporated herein as though set forth in full.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this First Amendment as of the date first written above.

CITY OF AGOURA HILLS

John M. Edelston
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Craig A. Steele,
City Attorney

California Code Check

By: _____
Name:
Title:

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[*Signatures of Two Corporate Officers Required]