

AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES
WITH THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS

NAME OF CONSULTANT: Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak, LLP

RESPONSIBLE PRINCIPAL OF CONSULTANT: Steven H. Rosenblit

CONSULTANT'S ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2067
2770 E. Slauson Avenue
Huntington Park, CA 90255-3099

CITY'S ADDRESS: City of Agoura Hills
30001 Ladyface Court
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
Attention: Greg Ramirez

COMMENCEMENT DATE: July 1, 2005

TERMINATION DATE: June 30, 2006

CONSIDERATION: Not to exceed \$50,000

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THIS AGREEMENT is made as of the Commencement Date set forth above, by and between the City of Agoura Hills (hereinafter called "CITY"), and Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak, LLP (hereinafter called "CONSULTANT").

RECITALS

A. CITY desires to have certain professional services provided (the "services") as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.

B. CONSULTANT represents that it is qualified and able to perform the services.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. CONSULTANT's Services. CONSULTANT shall perform the services as described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, to the full satisfaction of CITY.

Section 2. Time of Performance. CONSULTANT shall perform the services on or by the Termination Date set forth above, unless a later date is agreed to in writing by CITY.

Section 3. Compensation. CITY agrees to compensate CONSULTANT, and CONSULTANT agrees to accept in full satisfaction for the services the Consideration set forth above. Said Consideration shall constitute reimbursement of CONSULTANT's fee for the services as well as the actual cost of any equipment, materials, and supplies necessary to provide the services (including all labor, materials, delivery, tax, assembly, and installation, as applicable). CITY shall pay CONSULTANT said Consideration in accordance with the schedule of payment set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 4. Independent Contractor. CONSULTANT will act hereunder as an independent contractor. This Agreement shall not and is not intended to constitute CONSULTANT as an agent, servant, or employee of CITY and shall not and is not intended to create the relationship of partnership, joint venture or association between CITY and CONSULTANT.

Section 5. Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned in whole or in part by either party, without the prior written consent of the other party.

Section 6. CONSULTANT: Responsible Principal. The Responsible Principal set forth above shall be principally responsible for CONSULTANT's obligations under this Agreement and shall serve as principal liaison between CITY and

CONSULTANT. Designation of another Responsible Principal by CONSULTANT shall not be made without the prior written consent of CITY.

Section 7. Personnel. CONSULTANT represents that it has, or shall secure at its own expense, all personnel required to perform CONSULTANT's services under this Agreement. CONSULTANT may associate with or employ associates or subconsultants in the performance of its services under this Agreement, but at all times shall be responsible for their services.

Section 8. Interests of CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT affirms that it presently has no interest and shall not have any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of the services contemplated by this Agreement. No person having any such interest shall be employed by or be associated with CONSULTANT.

Section 9. Insurance.

(a) CONSULTANT shall submit to CITY certificates and endorsements indicating compliance with the following minimum insurance requirements not less than five working days prior to the beginning of performance under this Agreement.

(i) Worker's Compensation Insurance to cover its employees, if any, as required by the California Labor Code. CONSULTANT shall require all subcontractors similarly to provide such compensation insurance for their respective employees.

(ii) Comprehensive general liability insurance protecting CONSULTANT in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 for personal injury to any one person, \$1,000,000 for injuries arising out of any one occurrence, and \$500,000 for property damages or a combined single limit of \$1,000,000; or such other limits as are agreed to in writing by CITY.

(iii) Automobile insurance in at least the minimum amounts required by state law for any automobile used for business purposes with the City.

(iv) Errors and omissions liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence or such other limits as are agreed to in writing by CITY.

Such policies of insurance shall cover the operations of CONSULTANT pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; shall name and list CITY, its officers, agents, volunteers, employees, and attorneys as additional insureds (except on errors and omissions insurance); shall be issued by an insurance company which is admitted to do business in the State of California or which is approved in writing by the City; shall be placed with a current A. M. Best's rating of no less than A VII; shall be primary as respects CITY's officers, agents, volunteers, employees and attorneys; shall provide that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled or reduced in coverage or limits except after

thirty (30) days notice by certified mail has been given to CITY; and shall include a severability clause.

(b) CONSULTANT shall not commence the performance of the services until the above insurance has been obtained and certificate(s) of insurance evidencing all of the coverages required and additional insured endorsement(s) have been filed with and approved by CITY. Procurement of insurance by CONSULTANT shall not be construed as a limitation of CONSULTANT's liability or as full performance of CONSULTANT's duties to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend under this Agreement.

(c) CONSULTANT shall require all its subcontractors, including each person or entity responsible for the provision of services hereunder to be covered by similar insurance.

(d) Any self insured retainers or deductibles shall be subject to CITY approval.

Section 10. Indemnification. The CONSULTANT agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless the CITY against damages, liabilities and costs arising from the negligent acts of the CONSULTANT in the performance of professional services under this Agreement, to the extent that the CONSULTANT is responsible for such damages, liabilities and costs on a comparative basis of fault and responsibility between the CONSULTANT and the CITY. The CONSULTANT shall not be obligated to indemnify the CITY for the CITY'S own negligence.

Section 11. Termination. CITY may terminate this Agreement with or without cause upon five days' written notice to CONSULTANT without further action by CITY; provided, however, that, if said termination is without cause, CITY shall pay for services satisfactorily completed before the termination.

Section 12. Notice. Any notice required to be given to CONSULTANT shall be deemed duly and properly given upon delivery, if sent to CONSULTANT postage prepaid to the CONSULTANT's address set forth above or personally delivered to CONSULTANT at such address or other address specified to CITY in writing by CONSULTANT.

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Section 13. Entire Agreement. This Agreement represents the entire integrated agreement between CITY and CONSULTANT, and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument signed by both CITY and CONSULTANT.

EXECUTED the day and year first above stated.

CITY OF AGOURA HILLS

By _____
Ed Corridori, Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Rodrigues, City Clerk

CONSULTANT

By _____
Steven H. Rosenblit

Approved as to Form:

Craig Steele, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

Scope of Services

The CONSULTANT shall perform the following services as incorporated herein to the full satisfaction of the CITY:

A) Provide code enforcement services that shall include, without limitation, the review of alleged municipal code violations, the exercise of the City's administrative, civil or criminal remedies in connection therewith, training of staff and the review and analysis of municipal ordinances. Firm may also be involved in permit and approval processes and represent City's interests before deciding bodies, including the City Council.

B) Provide any other legal service as requested by the City Attorney.

EXHIBIT B

Schedule of Payment

CONSULTANT shall submit a monthly invoice to CITY with detailed accounting by task and amount expended per task and amount remaining of each task. All reimbursable expenses shall be itemized and submitted to CITY for approval. Upon approval, CITY shall make payment to CONSULTANT within 30 days. The CITY shall pay CONSULTANT said consideration in accordance with the schedule of payment incorporated herein:

Fees for Service

The CONSULTANT shall bill for each hour, or portion thereof, expended on any project on behalf of the CITY at the following rates:

- a) \$140.00 per hour for duly licensed attorney time.
- b) \$15.00 per hour surcharge for licensed attorney time for services rendered in connection with administrative hearings before a reviewing authority and for civil/injunctive/mandamus court and related code enforcement actions and for appeals before an appellate or higher court.
- c) \$25.00 per referral.
- d) Miscellaneous Costs
 - 1. Attorney Service Charges: As incurred by CONSULTANT for service of arraignment notices, the filing of pleadings in court and the procurement of public records from governmental agencies or court reporters, when needed, for a particular case.
 - 2. Commercial Data Base Providers: \$15.00 per request/search, plus actual charges of the service provider.
 - 3. On-Line Legal Research Charges: As incurred.
 - 4. Postage and Courier Charges: As incurred.
 - 5. Copier Charges: \$0.20 per page.
 - 6. Faxes: \$0.25 per page.
 - 7. Third Party Expert Witness or Consulting Fee: As incurred.
 - 8. Court Reporter or Transcript Fees: As incurred.
 - 9. Exhibit Preparation or Photograph Expense: As incurred.

Portions less than a full hour shall be billed and compensated in 1/10 hour increments, rounded to the nearest increment. CONSULTANT's total billings to CITY for hourly fees and expenses shall not exceed the total sum of \$50,000 for the entire term of this contract, unless an amendment to this contract is approved by the City Council and executed by both parties before any such fee or expense is incurred.