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RE: Engagement Letter – Victoria Kempton

Dear Law Director Riley:

This letter confirms the terms on which I have been engaged to represent Councilwoman Victoria Kempton in connection with her claims as plaintiff in a Civil Stalking Protection Order case against Aaron Knapp pending before Judge Christopher R. Rothgery in the Lorain County Court of Common Pleas, and the terms on which the City of Lorain has agreed to pay legal fees and expenses for that representation.

My representation is limited to the Civil Stalking Protection Order matter presently pending in the Lorain County Court of Common Pleas, including investigation, preparation, negotiations, court appearances, and related filings in that case. This engagement does not include any appeal, separate civil action, criminal matter, administrative matter, or any other legal issue unless we agree otherwise in a separate writing.

My hourly rate for this matter is \$225.00 per hour. The City of Lorain will be billed for time spent on this matter, including meetings, telephone conferences, legal research, drafting, court appearances, correspondence, travel time if applicable, and other work reasonably necessary to the representation. In addition to attorney fees, either the City of Lorain or Councilwoman Kempton will remain responsible for costs and expenses incurred in connection with the matter, including filing fees, service costs, subpoena fees, transcript costs, witness fees, investigator fees, copying, postage, and other out-of-pocket expenses.

An advanced retainer in the amount of \$2,500.00 is required for this representation. The retainer will be deposited and applied to future fees and costs as they are earned or incurred. If the retainer is exhausted, the City of Lorain agrees to replenish it upon request. Any unused portion of the retainer remaining at the end of the representation, after all fees and costs have been paid, will be refunded as required by law.

The City of Lorain has agreed to pay legal fees for this matter. Notwithstanding that arrangement, Victoria Kempton is my client, and my professional duties of loyalty, confidentiality, and independent judgment are owed solely to her. Payment by the City of Lorain does not give it the right to direct or regulate my professional judgment, to control the representation, or to receive confidential information relating to



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