

**ORDINANCE 2018-013**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-135 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF**  
**AMENDMENT TO ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS**  
**AND MORRILL & ASSOCIATES, PC**

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon Hills, County of Lake, State of Illinois (*"the Village"*) is a duly organized and existing municipality and unit of local government created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon Hills and Morrill & Associates, PC ("M&A") entered into a two year contract for the provision of Illinois state government relations representation on December 12, 2017 approved by Ordinance 2017-135; and

WHEREAS, beginning on January 1, 2018, M&A has reconstituted to Morrill & Fiedler ("M&F") – consisting of the exact same professional staff, office locations, and resources. With this development, after having been part of its professional team for more than a decade, Curt Fiedler will have an equity interest in its state and local lobbying firm; and

WHEREAS, also beginning on January 1, 2018, while continuing to service state and local lobbying clients through M&F, Stephen S. Morrill became "of counsel" to the law firm Barnes & Thornburg, LLP, from which going forward he will perform any and all federal government relations and legal services work (while M&F will confine its work to non-legal state and local government relations services, as well as marketing and relationship building services for private sector entities); and

WHEREAS, it is expressly noted and understood that M&F and B&T are separate and distinct entities; neither is responsible for the actions or omissions of the other, and each has its separate obligations to their respective clients; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the parties to amend the above-mentioned engagement agreement to reflect that M&F, as successor to M&A, is the contracting party.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1: EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT:** Effective January 1, 2018, the above-mentioned engagement agreement between the Village of Vernon Hills and M&A is hereby amended so that M&F, rather than M&A, is the contracting party. The Village Manager is authorized to execute an Amendment to Engagement Agreement Between the Village of Vernon Hills and Morrill & Associates, PC, subject to Village attorney's approval.

**SECTION 2: AUTHORIZATION & RELEASE OF PAYMENT:** The Finance Director is authorized to make payments to Morrill & Fiedler in the amount of \$4,500 per month for a total annual cost of \$54,000 to begin on January 1, 2018 and end on December 31, 2019.

**SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from its passage and approval.

**SECTION 4: ORDINANCE NUMBER:** This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance Number 2018-013.

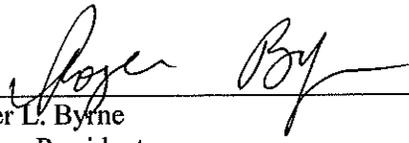
*(SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS)*

Dated this 6th day of February 2018

AYES: 6 – Koch, Hebda, Marquardt, Oppenheim, Schultz, Takaoka

NAYS: 0 - None

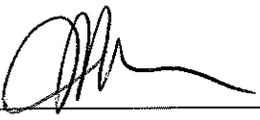
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

  
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Roger L. Byrne  
Village President

PASSED: 2/06/2018

APPROVED: 2/06/2018

ATTEST: 2/07/2018

  
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John M. Kalmar  
Village Clerk

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**Background**

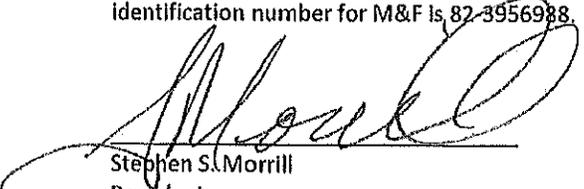
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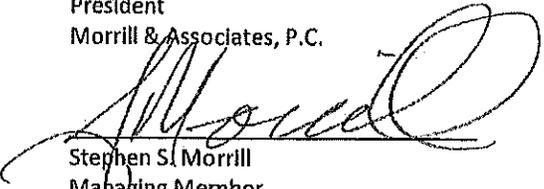
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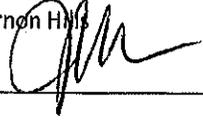
**Amendment**

Accordingly, effective January 1, 2018, the above-mentioned engagement agreement between the Village of Vernon Hills and M&A is hereby amended so that M&F, rather than M&A, is the contracting party. The FEIN tax identification number for M&F is 82-3956988.

  
Stephen S. Morrill  
President  
Morrill & Associates, P.C.

  
Stephen S. Morrill  
Managing Member  
Morrill & Fiedler, LLC

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:  
Village of Vernon Hills

  
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Signature

John Kalmar, Village Manager  
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Print name

Date: 02/07/2018