

VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-013

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THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020

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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's current two (2) year agreement with Morrill & Fiedler expired at the end of the December 2019. Morrill has provided assistance in Springfield working with legislators and monitoring proposed legislative actions on the Village's behalf since 2006.

WHEREAS, Morrill has provided an updated two (2) year agreement with a proposed annual fee of \$54,000 and will hold this rate over both years of the contract.

WHEREAS, the Village has worked with Morrill & Associates for 13 years. The firm has served the Village well.

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: The Village Manager is authorized to execute an extension of the December 8, 2009 Professional Services Agreement under which Morrill and Fiedler, LLC provides the Village of Vernon Hills with Illinois government relations services during the calendar years of 2020 and 2021, subject to Village attorney's approval.

SECTION 2: AUTHORIZATION & RELEASE OF PAYMENT: The Finance Director is authorized to make payments to Morrill and Associates P.C. in the amount of \$4,500 per month for a total annual cost of \$54,000 to begin on January 1, 2020 and end on December 31, 2021.

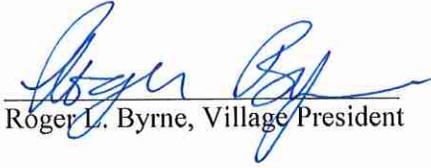
SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from its passage and approval.

SECTION 4: ORDINANCE NUMBER: This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance Number 2020-013.

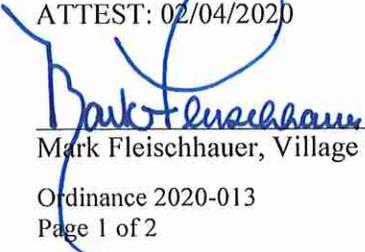
Dated this 4th day of February, 2020

Adopted by roll call votes as follows:

AYES: 4 - Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Byrne
NAYS: 1 - Oppenheim
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 2 - Takaoka, Brown


Roger L. Byrne, Village President

PASSED: 02/04/2020
APPROVED: 02/04/2020
ATTEST: 02/04/2020


Mark Fleischhauer, Village Clerk

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ATTACHMENT A
EXTENSION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT



November 23, 2019

VIA EMAIL

Mark Fleishhauer
Village Manager
Village of Vernon Hills
290 Evergreen Drive
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Re: Extension of Professional Services Agreement Between Morrill & Fiedler, LLC
And Village of Vernon Hills For Government Relations Representation During
Calendar Years 2020 and 2021

Dear Mark:

This letter agreement extends the existing professional services agreement dated December 8, 2009 for an eighth consecutive time. This extension incorporates herein the terms of the December 8, 2009 agreement under which Morrill & Fiedler, LLC ("M&F") – previously Morrill and Associates, P.C. ("M&A") – will provide the Village of Vernon Hills ("VHILLS") with Illinois government relations services during calendar years 2020 and 2021. The rate shall remain flat at \$4,500 per month (for a total of \$54,000 annually).

By execution of this letter, the parties agree to extend the original contract between them, dated December 8, 2009, for an additional 24-month period – with this extension running from January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2021. The monthly rate shall remain flat at \$4,500 per month for calendar years 2020 and 2021; however, if events warrant an increased role for M&F during this agreement, the parties shall discuss a possible increase in the fee.

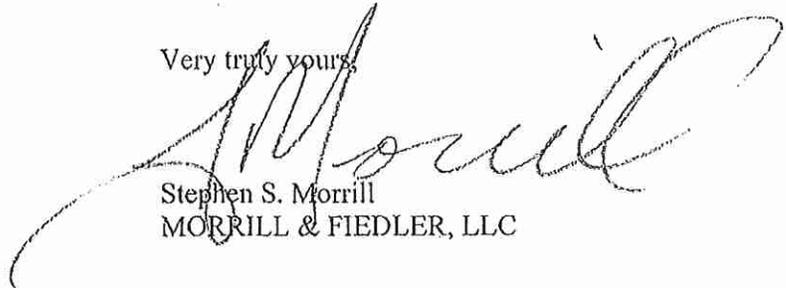
It is understood that the services provided by M&F to VHILLS are non-legal government relations services; legal services may be separately rendered by Steve Morrill through Barnes & Thornburg, LLP ("B&T"), a law firm of more than 650 attorneys with which Morrill is associated as "Of Counsel," should VHILLS desire to separately engage Morrill and B&T for such purpose. M&F is not structured as a law firm, and does not practice law. It is understood that M&F and B&T are separate and distinct entities, with neither being liable for the acts or omissions of the other; it is also understood that M&F's engagement by VHILLS cannot be asserted as a basis to disqualify B&T from its current or future representation of any client in any matters in which B&T's clients may be adverse to VHILLS, or vice versa.

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In addition to the scope and services outlined in previous engagement agreements, the work by M&F during 2020-2021 will include building strong relationships with the Illinois General Assembly, Governor J.B. Pritzker and senior administration personnel, state agency directors, and senior personnel within the agencies – including but not limited to the Office of the Governor, Illinois Department of Transportation, and Illinois Department of Revenue.

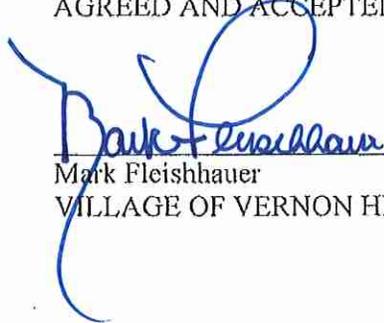
The engagement agreement dated December 8, 2009, and subsequent extension letters are available to VHILLS upon request. Please indicate your acceptance of and agreement to the terms of this letter agreement by signing below and returning one original copy, fully executed.

Very truly yours,



Stephen S. Morrill
MORRILL & FIEDLER, LLC

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:



Mark Fleishhauer
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

I, MARK FLEISCHHAUER, BEING FIRST DULY APPOINTED, DEPOSES AND SAYS ON OATH THAT AS VILLAGE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, HE DID CAUSE THE FOREGOING CERTIFICATE FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2020-013 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MORRILL AND FIEDLER, LLC AND THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$54,000 FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2020 AND 2021.



Mark Fleischhauer
Village Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE
THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020



Notary Public

