

AGREEMENT BIBLIOGRAPHY

Name of Firm:	Woodruff, Spradlin and Smart
Service Provided:	Attorney Services
Date Approved by City Council:	06 10 2008
Start Date:	07 01 2008
End Date:	N/A
Amount of Contract:	See agreement
Insurance Expiration:	04 12 2009
Comments:	Amendment to 06/12/01
Date Archived:	



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

(714) 741-5040

William J. Dalton
Mayor

Mark Rosen
Mayor Pro Tem

Dina Nguyen
Council Member

Bruce A. Broadwater
Council Member

Steven R. Jones
Council Member

June 26, 2008

Woodruff, Spradlin and Smart
ATTN: Tom Nixon
P.O. Box 3070
Garden Grove, CA 92842

Enclosed is the Amendment to the Agreement by and between the City of Garden Grove and Woodruff, Spradlin and Smart to furnish City Attorney services.

The City Council approved the Agreement on June 10, 2008.

Sincerely,

Kathy Bailor
City clerk

By: Denise Kehn
Records Specialist

Enclosure

c: City Manager
Finance Department
Finance Department/Purchasing

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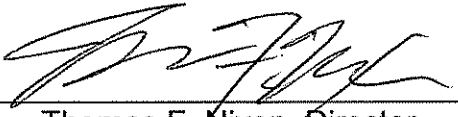
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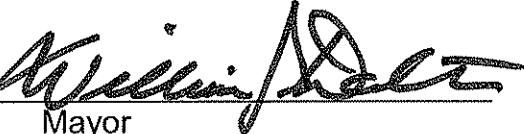
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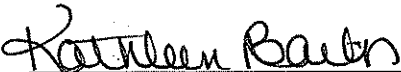
By: 
Thomas F. Nixon, Director

City:

City of Garden Grove

By: 
Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk

ACORD CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

OP ID TN
WOODR-1 DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
04/11/08

PRODUCER
Narver Associates, Inc.
641 W. Las Tunas Drive
PO Box 1509
San Gabriel CA 91776
Phone: 626-943-2200 Fax: 626-299-1010

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

INSURED

Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart
555 Anton Blvd., Suite 1200
Costa Mesa CA 92626

INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
INSURER A: CNA Insurance Companies	
INSURER B: Westport Insurance Company	
INSURER C:	
INSURER D:	
INSURER E:	

COVERAGES

THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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B		Professional Liab. Claims Made Form	LLF010182-1	11/01/07	11/01/08	Per Claim \$5,000,000 Aggregate \$5,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 30* DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
W. Spradlin

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WOODR-1DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
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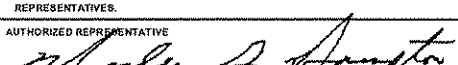
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*10 Days Notice of cancellation for non-payment of premium.

Reviewed and approved as to insurance language and/or requirements.

Pam Valentine 6/25/08
Risk Management

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THE CITY ATTORNEY LEFT THE MEETING AT 7:35 P.M.

Staff report dated June 10, 2008, was introduced.

Council Member Rosen indicated that the City Attorney has done an excellent job. His objection is to an automatic cost of living feature being included as a part of any municipal contract.

In response to Mayor Dalton's inquiry, staff indicated that this is the first hourly rate increase since 1992.

Council Member Rosen moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, that this matter be continued for two weeks to allow Woodruff, Spradlin and Smart an opportunity to make a counter offer.

Council Member Jones requested information on whether other City Attorney contracts in the area include a cost of living provision.

Council Member Broadwater commented that the City receives a magnificent deal from this firm, and would not want to jeopardize that relationship.

The foregoing motion carried by unanimous vote.

THE CITY ATTORNEY RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 7:41 P.M.

(Note: This item was further discussed at the end of the meeting.)

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The City Manager reported that Woodruff, Spradlin and Smart firm would be agreeable to amending the proposed agreement, removing the automatic cost of living increase.

It was moved by Council Member Broadwater seconded by Mayor Dalton, and carried by unanimous vote, that the Amendment to the Agreement by and between the City of Garden Grove and Woodruff, Spradlin and Smart, to provide City Attorney services, be approved as amended.

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: AMENDMENT TO CITY ATTORNEY CONTRACT

From: Maria Stipe
Dept.: City Manager
Date: June 10, 2008

OBJECTIVE

To recommend approval of an amendment to the contract with Woodruff, Spradlin and Smart to adjust the rate structure for City Attorney services.

BACKGROUND

Woodruff, Spradlin and Smart has provided City Attorney services to the City of Garden Grove since May 1992. These services include counsel on general city matters, counsel for the Planning Commission and other City hearing bodies, contract review, claims review, code enforcement prosecution, and litigation related to a wide variety of matters, including personnel issues. Woodruff, Spradlin and Smart rates have not been adjusted since 2001.

DISCUSSION

The City has received a request from Woodruff, Spradlin and Smart requesting an adjustment in their rates from \$160 to \$185 per hour for attorneys, and from \$85 to \$105 for paralegal services. In light of the quality of service being received by the City, and the amount of time, which has passed since their last increase, this adjustment seems appropriate and reasonable. Since 2001, annual increases to the consumer price index (CPI) add to 23%. Therefore, if those annual increases were applied, the compound hourly rate for attorneys would be \$201. During this time, expenditures for rent, firm employee salaries, supplies and communications have risen substantially. The proposed increase is well below the rise in the CPI. Woodruff, Spradlin, and Smart also proposes to include an annual CPI adjustment provision for future years, with an annual cap of 4%.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

If approved, funds will be included in the FY 2008-09 budget to cover the amount of the increase.

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

Legal services include counsel on matters directly related to the Community Vision (e.g., code enforcement prosecution, economic development, contract review, etc.).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Approve the attached amendment to the agreement with Woodruff, Spradlin and Smart for City Attorney services; and
- Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the amendment on behalf of the City.



MARIA STIPE
Assistant to the City Manager

Recommended for Approval



Matthew Fertal
City Manager

Attachment: Amendment to Agreement

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Attorneys:

Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart

By: _____
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City:

City of Garden Grove

By: _____
Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk