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Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Mansfield, Texas  
P. O. Box 819010  
Mansfield, TX 75381-9010

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

We are pleased to set forth in this letter the terms of our engagement as bond and finance counsel for the City of Mansfield, Texas (the “City”) in connection with its issuance from time to time of bonds and other debt instruments, including the City’s Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014 and General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, (collectively, the “Bonds”), and such other general finance matters as may be referred to us from time to time. We appreciate the confidence you have shown in Bracewell & Giuliani LLP (“B&G” or “Firm”) and look forward to this opportunity to represent your interests.

It is our practice to confirm the terms and conditions of our engagements, and that is the purpose of this Engagement Letter and the attached Terms of Engagement. This engagement has been approved by B&G subject to the conditions described in this letter.

#### Scope of Engagement

We agree that our services as Bond Counsel will include the following services:

1. Attendance at all City Council meetings of the City as required or requested in connection with the planning and authorization of Bonds, including consultation on federal income tax matters;
2. Preparation of the ordinances of the City authorizing issuance of Bonds, together with all other legal documents comprising the transcript of proceedings for authorization and issuance of Bonds and other debt instruments;

3. Preparation of and submission to the Attorney General of Texas of a transcript of proceedings for each series of Bonds or other debt instruments to obtain the approval of the Attorney General and registration of Bonds by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of Texas;
4. Preparation and filing of legal documents required under federal income tax law for the Bonds, and the preparation of and delivery to the City of a Letter of Instructions with respect to the federal income tax treatment of Bond proceeds;
5. Representation of the City at the closing of the sale of Bonds, including preparation of all closing documents; and
6. If appropriate, the delivery at closing of our approving opinion as to the validity of the Bonds under Texas law, and the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income of the holders under federal income tax law.

The services outlined above do not include such matters as services as disclosure counsel in connection with the sale of the Bonds, work on post closing federal tax or disclosure issues, obtaining IRS rulings or clarifications of federal tax law, presentations to rating agencies or bond insurers, or “blue sky” or securities registration services. We will be pleased to provide legal services in connection with any matters not included in paragraphs 1 through 6 above, but we believe that such additional services, if requested by the City, should be the subject of an addendum to this letter or a separate letter of engagement. Our representation of the City with respect to any particular series of Bonds will end upon the closing for that particular series of Bonds.

This Engagement Letter may be supplemented to reflect new matters or issues that deviate from the current engagement in scope, billing arrangements, complexity, risk, or that otherwise require a substantial change in terms and conditions. The Terms of Engagement, however, will govern all projects and engagements for Client.

For our services in connection with the issuance of each series of Bonds our fees shall be:

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Fees, Expenses and Billing with Respect to Services

**Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014**

\$22,000 plus expenses of \$750;

**General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014**

\$15,000 plus expenses of \$850; and

Our fees with respect to each issue of Bonds shall be payable at the time of delivery of the Bonds to the purchaser thereof. Occasionally, the City may request us to perform miscellaneous legal services not related to a specific issue of Bonds. We propose that such services be performed on an hourly basis according to our discount hourly rates charged to other clients and billed monthly.

Conflicts of Interest: Applicable Standard

For purposes of evaluating conflicts of interests, you acknowledge that B&G relies upon the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. B&G may represent other clients that may be adverse to your interests in substantially unrelated matters, and it may represent other clients within the same industry.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Disputes arising under or pertaining to this engagement shall be resolved, if possible, by a non-binding mediation conducted by a mutually acceptable mediator at a location acceptable to the City and B&G. The mediation process may be initiated by a written request with a list of acceptable mediators and site for the proceeding.

Conclusion

You are encouraged to discuss the terms of this engagement letter with the independent counsel of your choice. Please call me if you wish to discuss any aspect of this engagement.

If this Engagement Letter, including the provisions in the attached Terms of Engagement, correctly reflects your understanding of the terms and conditions of our representation, please sign the enclosed copy of this letter in the space provided and return one original to B&G.

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you in this matter.

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Very truly yours,

Bracewell & Giuliani LLP

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Robert R. Collins III

Attachments

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

CITY OF MANSFIELD, TX

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **BRACEWELL & GIULIANI LLP**

### **TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT**

#### **Introduction**

These are the Terms of Engagement adopted by Bracewell & Giuliani LLP (“B&G”) and the addressee of the preceding Engagement Letter (“Client”) and referred to in our Engagement Letter as the basis for our representation. Because they are an integral part of our agreement to provide representation, we ask that you review this document carefully and retain it for your files. If you have any questions after reading it, please promptly inform your principal contact at the Firm.

#### **Client of the Firm**

Because B&G has been engaged to represent the Client only, the engagement does not include the Client’s family members, affiliated or related entities, or their respective individual officers, directors, partners, equity owners or employees.

Unless otherwise specifically stated in the Engagement Letter, our representation does not include any parent, subsidiary, or affiliated entity; employee, officer, director, shareholder, member or partner of an entity; or, any commonly owned entity. For any trade association, our representation does not include any member of the trade association; and for individuals, our representation does not include any employer, partner, spouse, sibling, or other family member. In the event we are asked to undertake representation of any other entity in connection with this engagement, we will do so only by agreement defined in the Engagement Letter. By execution of the Engagement Letter, Client consents to B&G’s use of the name and a generic description of the transaction in B&G marketing materials. Confidential Client information will not be included in such materials.

#### **Our Relationship with Others and Conflicts of Interest**

Conflict of Interest is a concern for B&G and its clients. We attempt to identify actual and potential conflicts at the outset of each engagement. Unfortunately, conflicts sometimes arise or become apparent after work begins on an engagement. When that happens, we will do our best to address and resolve the situation in the manner that best serves the interests of all of our affected clients.

Client and B&G agree that matters relating to legal ethics and professionalism, including Conflicts of Interest, will be resolved by the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

B&G accepts this engagement on the understanding that our representation of you will not preclude us from accepting another engagement from a new or existing client provided that (1) such engagement is not substantially related to the subject matter of services we provide to you and (2) such other engagement would not impair the confidentiality of related client information.

### Staffing the Project

In most cases, one attorney will be your primary contact. In order to provide you with the expertise of our firm, and to provide services on a cost effective basis, that attorney will delegate parts of your work to other lawyers, paralegals and professionals.

### Billing Arrangements and Terms of Payment

Fees for professional services and expenses are not contingent on the outcome of the project, unless expressly stated in the Engagement Letter.

Unless expressly stated in the Engagement Letter, B&G issues invoices on a periodic basis, normally each month, for fees and expenses. Invoices are due on receipt and are considered past due 30 days after receipt.

Clients frequently ask us to estimate the fees and other charges they are likely to incur in connection with a particular matter. Any estimate is based on professional judgment and facts and circumstances that appear at the time. As such, any estimate is subject to the understanding that, unless we agree otherwise in writing, it does not represent a maximum, minimum, or fixed-fee quotation. The ultimate cost frequently is more or less than the amount estimated.

It may be necessary for us to retain third parties, such as consultants, experts and investigators, in order to represent you adequately. In that event, you will be responsible for the prompt payment of the invoices of those third parties. Although we may advance third-party disbursements in reasonable amounts, we will ask you to pay larger third-party invoices (usually those over \$500) directly to the third party providing the services.

If the representation will require a concentrated period of activity, such as a trial, arbitration, or hearing, we reserve the right to require the payment of all amounts owed and the prepayment of the estimated fees and expenses to be incurred in completing the trial, arbitration, or hearing, as well as arbitration fees likely to be assessed. If you fail to pay timely the estimated fees and expenses, we will have the right to cease performing further work and the right to withdraw from the representation, subject to any applicable rules of court or other applicable tribunal.

Although an insurer's payment of defense costs may be applied to billings of the firm, the payment obligation remains with you. Failure of any insurer to pay all or part of the billings

for this project does not relieve you from the obligation to pay billings in full and in a timely manner.

### Taxes

The Client agrees that all payments under the Engagement Letter shall be payable to B&G in U.S. Dollars, free and clear of any and all present and future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings, fees, liabilities and similar charges (the "Taxes"). If any Taxes are required to be withheld or deducted from any amount payable under the Engagement Letter, then the amount payable under the Engagement Letter shall be increased to the amount which, after deduction from such increased amount of all Taxes required to be withheld or deducted therefrom, will yield to B&G the amounts stated to be payable to B&G under the Engagement Letter.

### Termination

Because B&G has been engaged to provide services in connection with the representation specifically defined in our Engagement Letter, the attorney-client relationship terminates upon our completion of those services.

You may terminate the engagement at any time, with or without cause, by notifying us in writing. The firm also can terminate the engagement before the completion of its representation of you in the specified matter if (a) the continued representation would result in a violation of the applicable rules of professional conduct or other law; (b) the termination can be accomplished without material adverse effect on your interests; (c) you persist in a course of action that B&G reasonably believes is criminal or fraudulent, or you have used our services to perpetrate a crime or fraud, (d) the firm has a fundamental disagreement with the objective or tactics in this engagement; (e) you deliberately and substantially fail to discharge an obligation regarding this engagement, including the payment of fees and expenses and the duty of cooperation as provided in the Terms of Engagement; or (f) other good cause for termination exist. In the event that the firm intends to terminate the engagement, the firm will give reasonable notice and allow you access to your files relating to this engagement.

For purposes of this Engagement Letter, this engagement terminates upon written notice of termination by Client or by B&G.

The termination of our services will not affect your responsibility for payment of legal services rendered and other charges incurred before termination and in connection with an orderly transition of the project.

After completion of the representation, however, changes may occur in the applicable laws or regulations that could affect your future rights and liabilities in regard to the matter. B&G has no continuing obligation to give advice with respect to any future legal developments that may relate to the project.

### Retention of Client Files

Client files are limited to: materials supplied by Client; final contracts; estate planning documents, deeds and corporate records; and, routine correspondence related to this engagement. At the close of any matter, Client files may be returned to you, sent to a private storage facility, archived for a limited time or destroyed. The attorney closing the file will determine, at his or her discretion, the disposition of Client files, unless you make a specific written request that they be returned.

Your request for return of Client files must be delivered to B&G no later than 120 days after the last substantive service relating to the closed matter. A substantive service does not include audit letter research and preparation, or any other service that does not directly relate to the substantive discharge of a Client engagement. Your request must be specific and designate your representative to receive the files. Client is responsible for paying the reasonable cost to retrieve, duplicate and deliver the Client files.

B&G adopted a program of document retention and management of electronically stored information, including regular deletion of outdated, corrupt or useless files. Such program may change from time-to-time.

It is important for Client to alert B&G in advance of special treatment, sensitive information, retention requirements and other unique conditions pertaining to Client files. Client agrees that it will notify B&G in a timely, written and specific manner, concerning any requirement for special or unusual handling or attention of its Client files. This includes any statutory or regulatory requirements relating to confidentiality and retention of Client files.

### B&G Files

You agree that B&G will own and retain its own files and any related electronically stored information pertaining to the engagement. You will not have the right or ability to require us to deliver such files and records (or copies thereof) to you. Examples of B&G files and records are: firm administrative records, financial files and documents, time and expense reports, personnel and staffing materials, credit and accounting records, electronic mail correspondence (other than such correspondence which was sent to you by a member of our firm) and internal lawyer's work product, such as drafts, notes, memoranda and legal and factual research, including investigative reports prepared by or for the internal use of lawyers. Further, at the discretion of the responsible partner for the project in question, we may destroy any such documentation which is the property of B&G or any documentation which such partner determines to be duplicative or unnecessary in all cases without having to obtain your consent.



### Choice of Law

Because B&G performs legal services in a number of jurisdictions, for consistency and predictability, the Client and B&G agrees that the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct (found at [www.texasbar.com](http://www.texasbar.com) or [www.txethics.org](http://www.txethics.org)) will govern all issues of legal ethics and professionalism.

### Disclaimer

We cannot guarantee the outcome of any matter. Any expression of our professional judgment regarding your matter or the potential outcome is, of course, limited by our knowledge of the facts and based on the law at the time of expression. It is also subject to any unknown or uncertain factors or conditions beyond our control.

Either at the commencement or during the course of the representation, we may express opinions or beliefs about the matter or various courses of action and the results that might be anticipated. Any expressions on our part concerning the outcome of the representation, or any other legal matters, are based on our professional judgment and are not guarantees.

By signing the Engagement Letter or otherwise indicating your acceptance of the Engagement Letter, you acknowledge that B&G has made no promises or guarantees to you about the outcome of the representation, and nothing in these Terms of Engagement shall be construed as such a promise or guarantee.

### Your Cooperation

To enable us to provide effective representation, you agree to: (1) disclose to us fully, accurately and on a timely basis, all facts and documents that are or might be material or that we may request; (2) keep us apprised on a timely basis of all developments relating to the representation that are or might be material; (3) attend meetings, conferences, and other proceedings when it is reasonable to do so; (4) provide updated information for conflicts purposes, if necessary; and (5) cooperate fully with us in all matters relating to the engagement.

### Modification of Our Agreement

The Terms of Engagement reflect our agreement on the terms of all engagements, and are not subject to any oral agreements, modifications, or understandings. Any change in these Terms of Engagement must be made in writing signed by both B&G and Client.

### In Conclusion

If you have questions or concerns, at any time, relating to the terms and conditions of this engagement, the services or advice provided by B&G, or the fees and expenses reflected in the invoices, please bring them to the attention of your principal contact at our firm, or B&G's General Counsel or Managing Partner.