

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Water Rights Consulting Services – Miller Creek, McKinley Lake, & Flynn Lowney

This Agreement is made and entered into October 6, 2021, between the **CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA**, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Montana, 435 Ryman St., Missoula, MT 59802-4297, referred to here as “City,” and **WGM Group, Inc.** 1111 East Broadway Street, Missoula, MT 59802, referred to here as “Consultant.”

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained here, the receipt and sufficiency of the same being acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Purpose:** City agrees to hire Consultant as an independent contractor to perform services for City described in the Scope of Services, attached as Exhibit A, and by reference made a part of this agreement.
- 2. Effective Date:** This agreement is effective on the date of its execution.
- 3. Scope of Work/Task Deadlines:** Consultant will perform the work and provide the services in accordance with the requirements of Exhibit A.
- 4. Payment:** City agrees to pay Consultant an amount not to exceed **Fifty-One Thousand, Six Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars (\$51,676.00)** for services performed pursuant to the Scope of Services. Any alteration or deviation from the described work that involves extra costs will be performed by Consultant after written request by the City and will become an extra charge over and above the agreement amount. The parties must agree in writing upon any extra charges.
- 5. Independent Contractor Status:** The parties agree that Consultant, is an independent contractor for purposes of this agreement and the parties agree that Consultant is and shall be an independent contractor when performing services pursuant to this agreement. Consultant is not subject to the terms and provisions of the City’s personnel policies handbook and may not be considered a City employee for workers’ compensation or any other purpose. Consultant is not authorized to represent the City or otherwise bind the City in any dealings between Consultant and any third parties.

Consultant shall comply with the applicable requirements of the Workers’ Compensation Act, Title 39, Chapter 71, MCA, and the Occupational Disease Act of Montana, Title 39, Chapter 71, MCA. Consultant shall maintain workers’ compensation coverage for all members and employees of Consultant’s business, except for those members who are exempted by law.

Consultant shall furnish the City with copies showing one of the following: (1) a binder for workers’ compensation coverage by an insurer licensed and authorized to provide workers’ compensation insurance in the State of Montana; or (2) proof of exemption from workers’ compensation granted by law for independent contractors.

6. Indemnity and Insurance: For other than professional services rendered, to the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold the City harmless against claims, demands, suits, damages, losses, and expenses connected therewith that may be asserted or claimed against, recovered from or suffered by the City by reason of any injury or loss, including but not limited to, personal injury, including bodily injury or death, property damage, occasioned by, growing out of, or in any way arising or resulting from any intentional or negligent act on the part of Consultant or Consultant's agents or employees.

For the professional services rendered, to the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless against claims, demands, suits, damages, losses, and expenses, including reasonable defense attorney fees, to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the Consultant or Consultant's agents or employees.

For this purpose, Consultant shall provide City with proof of Consultant's liability insurance issued by a reliable company or companies for personal injury and property damage in amounts not less than as follows:

- Workers' Compensation – statutory
- Employers' Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence; \$2,000,000 annual aggregate
- Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence; \$2,000,000 annual aggregate
- Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 property damage/bodily injury; \$2,000,000 annual aggregate
- Professional Liability - \$1,000,000 per claim; \$2,000,000 annual aggregate

The city shall be included or named as an additional or named insured on the Commercial General and Automobile Liability policies. The insurance must be in a form suitable to City.

7. Professional Service: Consultant agrees that all services and work performed under this agreement will be accomplished in a professional manner.

8. Compliance with Laws: Consultant agrees to comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. Consultant agrees to purchase a City business license.

9. Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action: Consultant agrees and shall comply with the following Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action policies:

NON-DISCRIMINATION. All hiring shall be on the basis of merit and qualification and there shall be no discrimination in employment on the basis of race, ancestry, color, physical or mental disability, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital or familial status, creed, ex-offender status, physical condition, political belief, public assistance status, sexual orientation, or gender identity/expression, except where these criteria are reasonable bona fide occupational qualifications.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY. Contractors, subcontractors, sub grantees, and other firms doing business with the City of Missoula must be in compliance with the City of

Missoula's Affirmative Action Plan, and Title 49 Montana Codes Annotated, entitled "Human Rights" or forfeit the right to continue such business dealings.

The City's Affirmative Action Policy Statement is:

The Mayor of the City of Missoula or the Mayor's designee may adopt an affirmative action plan to provide all persons equal opportunity for employment without regard to race, ancestry, color, handicap, religion, creed, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or marital status. In keeping with this commitment, we are assigning to all department heads and their staff the responsibility to actively facilitate equal employment opportunity for all present employees, applicants, and trainees. This responsibility shall include assurance that employment decisions are based on furthering the principle of equal employment opportunity by imposing only valid requirements for employment and assuring that all human resource actions are administered on the basis of job necessity.

Specific responsibility for developing, implementing, monitoring and reporting are assigned to the City Personnel staff under the supervision and direction of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Mayor.

It is the policy of the City of Missoula to eliminate any practice or procedure that discriminates illegally or has an adverse impact on an "affected" class. Equal opportunity shall be provided for all City employees during their terms of employment. All applicants for City employment shall be employed on the basis of their qualifications and abilities.

The City of Missoula, where practical, shall utilize minority owned enterprises and shall ensure that subcontractors and vendors comply with this policy. Failure of subcontractors and vendors to comply with this policy statement shall jeopardize initial, continued, or renewed funds.

Our commitment is intended to promote equal opportunity in all employment practices and provide a positive program of affirmative action for the City of Missoula, its employees, program participants, trainees and applicants.

10. Default and Termination: If either party fails to comply with any condition of this agreement at the time or in the manner provided for, the other party, at its option, may terminate this agreement and be released from all obligations if the default is not cured within ten (10) days after written notice is provided to the defaulting party. Said notice shall set forth the items to be cured. Additionally, the non-defaulting party may bring suit for damages, specific performance, and any other remedy provided by law. These remedies are cumulative and not exclusive. Use of one remedy does not preclude use of the others. Notices shall be provided in writing and hand-delivered or mailed to the parties at the addresses set forth in the first paragraph of this agreement.

11. Modification and Assignability: This document contains the entire agreement between the parties and no statements, promises or inducements made by either party or agents of either party, which are not contained in this written agreement, may be considered valid or binding. This agreement may not be enlarged, modified or altered except by written amendment signed by

both parties hereto. The Consultant may not subcontract or assign Consultant's rights, including the right to compensation or duties arising under this agreement, without the prior written consent of City. Any subcontractor or assignee will be bound by all of the terms and conditions of this agreement.

12. Ownership and Publication of Materials: All reports, information, data, and other materials prepared by the Consultant pursuant to this agreement are the property of the City. The City has the exclusive and unrestricted authority to release, publish or otherwise use, in whole or part, information relating thereto. Any re-use without written verification or adaptation by the Consultant for the specific purpose intended will be at the City's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to the Consultant. No material produced in whole or in part under this agreement may be copyrighted or patented in the United States or in any other country without the prior written approval of the City.

13. Liaison: City's designated liaison with Consultant is Logan McInnis and Consultant's designated liaison with City is Kyle Mace.

14. Applicability: This agreement and any extensions of it shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Montana.

15. Signing of Contract: The contract may be signed in counterparts and signed electronically by all parties.

WITNESS, the parties here have executed this instrument the day and year first above written.

CONSULTANT:
WGM Group, Inc.

MAYOR
City of Missoula, Montana

John Engen

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

Martha L. Rehbein, CMC, City Clerk

Jim Nugent, City Attorney

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