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CITY OF CARLOS PO BOX 276 CARLOS MN 56319

Dear City Council:

RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THORNTON LAW OFFICE

Our office has been fortunate to represent the City over the past several years in civil and criminal matters, and our office very much appreciates this long-standing relationship. However, due to the existing workload of attorneys in our office and limited staff, we are in a situation in which we need to limit our areas of practice.

As a result, our office will be discontinuing representation of cities in civil municipal matters at the end of the year. My partner, Megan Burkhammer, will still be available to handle any criminal prosecution matters, but we will no longer be able to provide representation in municipal civil matters after January 1, 2025.

Please be assured that any files that are not completed before year end will be completed after year end, but our office is unable to take on any new, additional civil matters.

Please advise us if the City would like to continue to be represented in criminal matters. As for civil representation, I have reached out to Joe Krueger of Quinlivan & Hughes in Long Prairie, as their office represents multiple municipalities. The City is, of course, free to select its own legal counsel, but I did want to pass along Mr. Krueger's name in the event the City desires to discuss with Mr. Krueger possible representation in civil matters.

Again, thank you asking our office to assist you over the past several years, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

By

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