Agreement to Provide Legal Services

This agreement dated January 20, 2027, is made by and between the Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland, Maryland, the Cumberland Housing Alliance, Inc., whose address is 635 E. First Street, Cumberland, Maryland 21502, referred collectively herein as the "The Cumberland Housing Group" and (INSERT NAME HERE), whose address is (ADDRESS), referred to as "Attorney."

Parties to This Agreement. The Cumberland Housing Group, in order to properly conduct its business, contractually employs the Attorney for legal services. The Attorney is duly licensed by the laws of this state and engaged in the business of providing independent legal services and assistance to the Cumberland Housing Group.

Services to be provided. During the length of this contract, the Attorney shall serve The Cumberland Housing Group and perform any and all services as provided in Attachment 1, entitled "Request for Proposal – Legal Services".

Term of Agreement. The term of this agreement shall be for a twelve-month period commencing April 1, 2027 and terminate on March 31, 2028, with two one-year option periods.

Payments to Attorney. The Cumberland Housing Group agrees to pay the Attorney for services in the amount of (INSERT AMOUNT) Dollars and No Cents ($) per hour and a flat fee of (INSERT AMOUNT) Dollars and No Cents ($INSERT AMOUNT) per Board Meeting for the base twelve-month period. The Cumberland Housing Group and Attorney will negotiate fees each year afterward during the two one-year option periods. The Cumberland Housing Group also agrees to pay the Attorney for services above and beyond the scope of work identified in the RFP at a rate of $(INSERT AMOUNT) per hour.

When Payments Are Due. the Attorney shall bill The Cumberland Housing Group on a regular basis for services rendered, which bills will be due and payable upon receipt.

Termination of this Agreement. Either party may terminate this agreement on thirty days' notice to the other party. All such notices shall be by certified mail or delivered personally.

Entire Agreement. This contract expresses the entire agreement between The Cumberland Housing Group and the Attorney regarding this matter. This agreement can only be modified with another written agreement signed by both The Cumberland Housing Group and the Attorney. This agreement shall be binding upon The Cumberland Housing Group and the Attorney and their respective heirs, legal representatives and successors in interest.

Governing Law. This agreement shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Maryland.

Independent Contractors. Both the Attorney and The Cumberland Housing Group agree that the relationship created by this agreement is that of independent contractor and not that of employee and employer. The Attorney is responsible for the payment of any taxes, including without limitation, all Federal, State and local personal and business income taxes, sales and use taxes, other business taxes and license fees arising out of the activities of the Attorney.

Signatures. Both the Cumberland Housing Group and the Attorney have read and agreed to this agreement.

For Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland: ATTEST:

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J. Eric Delaney, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Michele Bender, President/CEO

For the Cumberland Housing Group Alliance, Inc.: ATTEST:

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Garland Kearney, Chairman of the Board of Directors Michele Bender, President/CEO

For Vendor:

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(INSERT NAME HERE), ATTEST: