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Via Email: MNorton@burkelaw.com

Lake County Forest Preserve District
c/o Matthew Norton, Esq.
Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P.C.
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Chicago, Illinois 60611

Re: Lake County Tax Sale Certificates

Dear Mr. Norton:

This engagement letter is to confirm our understanding regarding Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. (Reiter) representation as attorneys for the Lake County Forest Preserve District (Client) as it relates to Tax Sale Certificates obtained by Client at Lake County Tax Sales.

Scope of Representation. Reiter is being retained for the purpose of filing initial Section 22-5 Take Notices and Petitions for Tax Deed, which includes the drafting and preparation of all statutorily required notices. The scope of work will also include attending any court hearing(s) on the Petition(s) for Tax Deed to obtain court ordered Tax Deeds to the parcel(s) Client purchases at the Lake County Tax Sales. Additionally, Reiter will file additional appearance(s) and/or stipulation and substitution(s) in any currently pending tax deed matters where the Lake County Forest Preserve District is petitioning for a Tax Deed.

This Scope of Representation does not encompass if any tax deed matter becomes contested from any owner, occupant or party interested. If this occurs, an additional engagement letter will be entered into to address this additional representation.

Rates. Regarding the initial Section 22-5 Take Notice: Reiter will charge a flat fee per Section 22-5 Take Notice of \$100.00 per notice.

Regarding Reiter's fee for filing a Petition for Tax Deed: Reiter will charge per Petition in two installments: (1) at the time of filing of a Petition for Tax Deed; and if no redemption occurs (2) at the entry of a court ordered tax deed.

Installment 1: \$600.00

Installment 2: \$600.00

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Expenses Paid by Client. It is further understood and agreed that Reiter will incur expenses on behalf of Client when filing the required 22-5 Take Notice(s) and costs associated with Petition(s) for Tax Deed. Expenses include, but are not limited to: (1) county clerk fees, (2) circuit court fees, (3) county sheriff fees, (4) publication costs, (5) title search fees, (6) costs in obtaining and copying other court documents as part of due diligence research, and (7) county recorder fees. These expenses must be paid by Client directly and are not included within the legal fees paid to Reiter. Reiter reserves the right to withdraw from this representation should any bill for attorney fees or expenses go unpaid for a period in excess of forty-five (45) days.

Best Efforts/No Guaranteed Result. Reiter will use all of its best efforts but cannot guarantee any particular result. Accordingly, payment of Reiter's fees and expenses will not be dependent upon obtaining any particular result.

Return of Signed Agreement and Retainer Fee. If the foregoing correctly sets forth our agreement with respect to Reiter's representation of Client, please sign below indicating your acceptance of the terms set forth above. Upon receipt of this executed agreement, Reiter can formally begin its representation.

Certainly, if you have any questions relating to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to call (312) 368-9910 or (312) 823-3111 or email, greiter@reiterlawoffices.com or llockwitz@reiterlawoffices.com.

Sincerely,

REITER LAW OFFICES, LTD.

By: /s/Gregory M. Reiter

Lake County Forest Preserve District

By: _____

Date: _____