## LEGISLATIVE AGENT AGREEMENT JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2022

Agreement between the Massachusetts Town Clerks' Association (referenced hereafter as MTCA) and Joyce and Joyce Counsellors at Law and its principal, Thomas M. Joyce, Jr. (referenced hereafter as Legislative Agents) for services as a Legislative Agent as defined below:

SECTION ONE: The Legislative Agent will be employed by the MTCA from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. Legislative Agents are directly responsible to the MTCA President. The Legislative Agent shall advise and make recommendations to the MTCA on courses of action deemed appropriate. The Legislative Agent will receive specific instructions from the Legislative Committee.

SECTION TWO: The Legislative Agent shall be a Registered Lobbyist with the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and shall submit all required financial statements to the Commonwealth on a timely basis as required by the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

**SECTION THREE**: The responsibilities of the Legislative Agent shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Legislative Agents shall work with the MTCA to establish positive lines of communication with appropriate legislators, legislative staff members, legislative committees, Constitutional Officers and regulatory agencies and shall promote the goals and objectives of the MTCA to the same at all times.
- Filing legislation approved by the MTCA.
- Assist the MTCA in obtaining sponsorships for legislation to be filed on behalf of the MTCA.
- Legislative Agents shall identify legislation affecting the MTCA and report to the Legislative Committee on legislation and/or regulations affecting the MTCA.
- Legislative Agents shall persistently advocate the position of the MTCA on bills identified as priority by the MTCA and seek the approval of legislators to support the position of the MTCA.
- Legislative Agents shall attend all Legislative Committee meetings when requested by the committee to formulate a legislative strategy and agenda and present an update of the current legislation affecting the MTCA.
- Legislative Agent shall assist the Legislative Committee on all hearings whenever
  pertinent and testify when appropriate on all issues affecting the MTCA.
  Whenever appropriate, Legislative Agent will actively enlist testimony from
  members of the MTCA.
- Legislative Agents shall attend MTCA conferences and MTCA Executive Board meetings when requested by the President.

SECTION FOUR: The Legislative Agent shall also be responsible to MTCA for the following administrative functions:

- Legislative Agents shall submit quarterly, a written status report of the legislation
  and/or regulations, outlined in SECTION THREE to the MTCA President, the
  Legislative Committee, and the Editor of the Public Recorder (or the
  Communications Committee if the MTCA changes how it distributes its
  newsletter) that shall be suitable for distribution to the membership of the MTCA
  (with the exception of the months of July and August unless there is sufficient
  information that a report would be warranted).
- · Legislative Agents shall file a list of all clients of the Agent to the MTCA President

by January 31st of each year.

- Legislative Agents shall submit all required financial statements, reports, registrations and any and all other filings on a timely basis as required by federal and state law.
- Legislative Agents shall cooperate with the MTCA Treasurer and assist him/her to complete all filings and registrations required of the MTCA by the Lobbyist Division of the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

SECTION FIVE: The Legislative Agent shall confer at least on a twice-annual schedule with the MTCA Executive Board when requested by the President to evaluate MTCA strategies and assess progress being made by the Legislative Agent and the MTCA towards the goals and objectives of the MTCA.

SECTION SIX: The Legislative Agent shall receive the sum of Thirty Five Thousand (\$35,000.00) Dollars per annum payable in monthly payments of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen and 67/100 (2,916.67) Dollars commencing January 1, 2021.

SECTION SEVEN: This Agreement may be terminated without cause by the Legislative Agent or by majority vote of the MTCA Executive Board with a thirty (30) day written notification.

JOYCE & Joyce Counsellors at Law, . CLERKS'

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ASSOCIATION

Thomas M. Joyde, Jr., Legislative Agent

Nancy Talbot, President

Date: . 2020

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