

**THIRD AMENDMENT TO
LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

THIS THIRD AMENDMENT TO LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT is made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 2026, by and between the City of Merced, a California Charter Municipal Corporation (“City”), and Richards, Watson & Gershon, (“RWG”).

WHEREAS, City and RWG previously entered into a Legal Services Agreement (“Agreement”) dated February 20, 2024, for a total not to exceed amount of \$125,000;

WHEREAS, City and RWG entered into a First Amendment to Agreement dated April 15, 2024, to increase the total not to exceed contract amount from \$125,000 to \$195,000;

WHEREAS, City and RWG entered into a Second Amendment to Agreement dated June 16, 2025, to increase the total not to exceed contract amount from \$195,000 to \$231,000; and,

WHEREAS, City and RWG desire to amend said Agreement to extend the term of the Agreement and provide for \$60,000 of additional compensation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter recited, agree as follows:

1. The Agreement dated February 20, 2024 is hereby amended by extending the term through June 30, 2028.
2. The Agreement dated February 20, 2024, between the City and RWG shall be amended by increasing the not to exceed contracted amount from \$231,000 to \$291,000.
3. Except as herein amended, the Agreement dated February 20, 2024, First Amendment dated April 15, 2024, and Second Amendment dated June 16, 2025, shall remain in full force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Third Amendment to Agreement to be executed on the date first above written.

CITY OF MERCED
A California Charter Municipal
Corporation

BY: _____
D. Scott McBride
City Manager

ATTEST:
D. SCOTT MCBRIDE, CITY CLERK

BY: _____
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CRAIG J. CORNWELL, CITY ATTORNEY

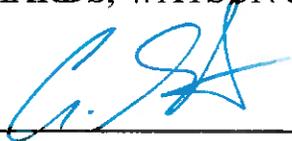
BY: Craig Cornwell 1/20/2026
City Attorney Date

ACCOUNT DATA:
M. VENUS RODRIGUEZ, FINANCE OFFICER

BY: _____
Verified by Finance Officer

{Signatures continued on next page}

RICHARDS, WATSON & GERSHON

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