Select Board

<u>Consent Agenda: Hearing Officer:</u> This is a renewal of the intermunicipal hearing officer agreement for appeals fir fire department violations.

<u>Consent Agenda</u>: Save-A-Buck Auto. Increase of display from one car to three cars. This change has received Planning Board approval, and the Building Inspector has signed off. The Select Board must approve the change in the Class II (used) Auto Sales License.

MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON AND TOWN OF HADLEY

This Agreement is hereby entered into this 1st day of July 2015, by and between the CITY OF NORTHAMPTON (the "TOWN") and the TOWN OF HADLEY (the "TOWN") to enable contractually the Municipal Hearing Officer of the CITY to perform the duties of such office for the TOWN.

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>: This is a contract under which the CITY agrees to provide Municipal Hearing Officer services described herein to the TOWN.
- 2. <u>Term</u>: This contract is for the Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 June 30, 2016). This Agreement may be renewed on an annual basis by mutual written agreement of both parties. Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing the other party with sixty (60) days written notice.
- 3. Scope of Services: The CITY will provide the services of a Municipal Hearing Officer pursuant to the provisions of Section 2, (c) of Chapter 148A of the Massachusetts General Laws. The CITY, upon receiving notification of a request for a hearing within twenty-one (21) days of the issuance of a code violation notice, shall promptly notify the Municipal Hearing Officer of such request and the date it was received by the TOWN. The Municipal Hearing Officer shall duly notify the CITY of the date, time and location of a hearing. Such hearing shall be held within forty-five (45) days of the CITY'S receipt of the notification. The hearing by the Municipal Hearing Officer shall be informal and the formal rules of evidence shall not apply. The Municipal Hearing Officer shall duly notify both the TOWN and the alleged violator of the final decision.
- 4. <u>Payment Provisions</u>: The TOWN shall make one annual payment to the CITY of eight hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$812.50) within thirty (30) days of the beginning of the fiscal year covered by this contract or within thirty (30) days of the execution of this agreement.
- 5. <u>Indemnification</u>. Notwithstanding the final sentence of G.L. c. 40, s. 4A, Hadley shall indemnify and hold harmless Northampton and each and all of its officials, officers, employees, agents, servants and representatives (the Indemnitees) from and against any claim arising from or in connection with the performance by the Hearing Officer of his duties in or for Hadley including, without limitation, any claim of liability, loss, damages, costs and expenses for personal injury or damage to real or personal property by reason of any negligent act or omission or intentional misconduct by the Hearing Officer while in or performing services for Hadley.

Such indemnification shall include, without limitation, current payment of all costs of defense (including reasonable attorneys' fees, expert witness fees, court costs and related expenses) as and when such costs become due and the amounts of any judgments, awards and/or settlements, provided that (a) Hadley shall have the right to select counsel to defend against such claims, such counsel to be reasonably acceptable to Northampton and its insurer, if any, and to approve or reject any settlement with respect to which indemnification is sought, (b) the Indemnitees shall cooperate with Hadley in all reasonable respects in connection with such defense, and (c) Hadley shall not be responsible to pay any judgment, award or settlement to the extent occasioned by the negligence or intentional misconduct of any of the Indemnitees other than the Hearing Officer.

- 6. <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement may be terminated by either party for any reason or no reason on thirty (30) days' written notice to the other. No such termination shall affect any obligation of indemnification that may have arisen hereunder prior to such termination. The parties shall equitably adjust any payments made or due relating to the unexpired portion of the Term following such termination.
- 7. <u>Assignment</u>. Neither party shall assign or transfer any of its rights or interests in or to this Agreement, or delegate any of its obligations hereunder, without the prior written consent of the other.
- 8. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, or if any such term is so held when applied to any particular circumstance, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Agreement, or affect the application of such provision to any other circumstances, and this Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision were not contained herein.
- 9. <u>Waiver</u>. The obligations and conditions set forth in this Agreement may be waived only by a writing signed by the party waiving such obligation or condition. Forbearance or indulgence by a party shall not be construed as a waiver, nor limit the remedies that would otherwise be available to that party under this Agreement or applicable law. No waiver of any breach or default shall constitute or be deemed evidence of a waiver of any subsequent breach or default.
- 10. <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be amended only by a writing signed by both parties duly authorized thereunto.
- 11. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, without regard to the conflicts of laws provisions thereof.
- 12. <u>Headings</u>. The paragraph headings herein are for convenience only, are not part of this Agreement and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

- 13. <u>Notices</u>. Any notice permitted or required hereunder to be given or served on either party by the other shall be in writing signed in the name of or on behalf of the party giving or serving the same. Notice shall be deemed to have been received at the time of actual receipt of any hand delivery or three (3) business days after the date of any properly addressed notice sent by mail as set forth below.
- a. <u>To Northampton</u>. Any notice to Northampton hereunder shall be delivered by hand or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to:

David J. Narkewicz, Mayor City Hall 210 Main Street Northampton, Massachusetts 01060

with a copy to:

Alan Seewald, City Solicitor
71 King Street
Northampton, Massachusetts 01060

or to such other address(es) as Northampton may designate in writing to Hadley.

b. <u>To Hadley</u>. Any notice to Hadley hereunder shall be delivered by hand or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to:

Board of Selectmen Town Hall 100 Middle Street Hadley, MA 01027

with a	a copy to:		

or to such other address(es) as Hadley may designate in writing to Northampton.

14. <u>Complete Agreement</u>. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof, superseding all prior agreements and understandings. There are no other agreements or understandings between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof. Each party acknowledges that it has not relied on any representations by the other party or by anyone acting or purporting to act for the other party or

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CITY OF NORTHAMPTON	TOWN OF HADLEY	
David J. Narkewicz, Mayor		
City Solicitor or Chief Procurement Officer as to form		
	Board of Selectmen	
	Approved as to Form:	
	Hadley Town Counsel	•

for whose actions the other party is responsible, other than the express, written representations set forth herein.

15. <u>Financial Safeguards</u>. The Hearing Officer shall maintain separate, accurate and comprehensive records of all services performed for each of the parties hereto. Northampton shall maintain accurate and comprehensive records of all costs incurred by or on account of the Hearing Officer, and all reimbursements and contributions received from Hadley. Hadley shall maintain separate, accurate and comprehensive records of all payments to Northampton as provided in paragraph 4 above. The parties shall regularly and in any event not less often than annually, audit the records of the Hearing Officer and the said records of Northampton and Hadley, and financial statements based on such audits shall be rendered to the parties hereto.

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