

AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FORM

This AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FORM is made and entered into on the date set forth below ("Agreement") by and between _____ ("Owner") and Lisa Fishbein, Esq. ("Attorney") with respect to _____, Illinois ("Property"). Owner and Attorney agree as follows:

1. Tax Appeal and Documentation. Attorney will evaluate the Property to determine whether a property tax appeal is warranted for the Property. If, in Attorney's opinion, a property tax appeal is so warranted, Attorney will prepare, file and present the appeal of the Property to the proper non-judicial reviewing authorities. Owner will provide the necessary documentation for Attorney to prosecute the appeal. The terms and provisions of this Agreement shall apply to Attorney's appeal for *tax year 2025* and the property tax reductions which result from said appeal in *tax years 2025, 2026 and 2027*.
2. Contingent Fees. Owner will pay Attorney contingent fees (for pursuing the appeal described above) as follows: (i) 40% of the property tax reduction or refund (including interest) for the Property for *tax year 2025*; and (ii) 25% of the property tax reduction or refund (including interest) for the Property for each of *tax years 2026 and 2027*. The amount of the property tax reduction for *tax year 2025* shall be equal to the difference between: (a) the tax liability which would have been incurred based upon the Assessor's valuation for the Property prior to Attorney's appeal; and (b) the reduced tax liability for the Property resulting from Attorney's efforts. The amount of the property tax reductions for *tax years 2026 and 2027* shall each be equal to the difference between: (a) the tax liability which would have been incurred based upon the Assessor's valuation for the Property prior to Attorney's appeal, as adjusted by the township factor and any neighborhood or other factors applied to the Property for *tax years 2026 and 2027*; and (b) the reduced tax liability for the Property resulting from Attorney's efforts. The fees shall be due upon invoice, which Attorney will mail to Owner after the first installment tax bill for that tax year has been issued by the Lake County Treasurer. If the Property is sold (and closes) in 2026, Owner shall not be responsible for the contingent fee for property tax year 2026. If the Property is sold (and closes) in 2027, Owner shall not be responsible for the contingent fee for property tax year 2027.
3. Power of Attorney. Owner hereby appoints Attorney to appear and act on behalf of Owner with respect to the property tax appeal described in this Agreement before the Lake County Board of Review and PTAB, the state appeals board. Owner further empowers Attorney to take all reasonable steps in said matter deemed advisable to secure a reduction in the assessed valuation of the Property. Upon completion of the work described herein, this Power of Attorney shall become void.
4. Miscellaneous: This Agreement represents the complete understanding and agreement of the parties. Owner acknowledges that Attorney has made no guarantee regarding her ability to secure any reduction in valuation for the Property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Owner and Attorney have executed this Agreement this ____ day of _____, in Lake County, Illinois.

Owner

Attorney

Owner

P.I.N.: _____

Phone Number and Email Address: _____