## FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

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January 8, 2020

Amanda Parker Gahanna Clerk of Courts 200 South Hamilton Road Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Dear Ms. Clerk of Courts:

The existing contract for indigent defense representation with your city is scheduled to expire January 1, 2020.

Enclosed please find a copy of a new contract for your review and hopefully your signature. Based upon an analysis of our cost efficiencies for the year 2020, the charge per case will be \$46.06. The total amount charged per case is also based upon an anticipated 2020 state reimbursement rate of 70%.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the above.

Respectfully,

Yeura R. Venters

Director

/mdj

**Enclosure** 

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## **CONTRACT**

This Agreement, beginning on <u>January 1, 2020</u>, by and between the Franklin County Public Defender Commission, pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code, section 120.14(E), Ohio Administrative Code 120-1-09, and the City of Gahanna, for the defense of indigent defendants before the Franklin County Municipal Court; the parties agree as follows:

The Franklin County Public Defender Commission hereby agrees to represent, through the personnel employed by the Franklin County Public Defender Commission, all indigent persons, coming before the Franklin County Municipal Court, Criminal Division, charged with a violation of an ordinance of the City of Gahanna, which occur within the limits of Gahanna, Ohio; provided that the Franklin County Public Defender Commission, reserves the right to decline representation if a conflict of interest exists in any specific case filed in or coming before the Franklin County Municipal Court; and, provided further, that the Mayor of Gahanna, Ohio, reserves the right to appoint other counsel to represent defendants charged with a violation of an ordinance of Gahanna, Ohio, or traffic and/or criminal statutes of the State of Ohio, which occur within the jurisdictional limits of Gahanna, Ohio in any specific case filed in or coming before the Franklin County Municipal Court.

The City of Gahanna agrees to pay the sum of \$46.06 per case. For purposes of the terms and conditions of this contract, a "case" is defined in accordance with the Ohio Public Defender "Standards and Guidelines for County Public Defender Office Reimbursement". Furthermore, the amount reflected in this contract does not exceed the fee schedule adopted by Franklin County Commissioners pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 120.33. Said sum due will be invoiced by the Franklin County Public Defender at quarterly intervals. Checks or warrants should be made payable to the Columbus City Treasurer - Public Defender Service.

The parties agree <u>all services shall conform with all rules</u>, <u>standards</u>, <u>and guidelines issued by the Office of the Ohio Public Defender and the Ohio Public Defender Commission</u>.

This contract may be terminated by either party at any time before the expiration of the contract, by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other party, of its intention to terminate.

The parties further agree that this Contract shall be in full force and effect from the date first written above through December 31, 2020, unless terminated earlier, as provided herein.

| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the pa | ties have executed this Contract, thisday of |
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|                            | City of Gahanna                              |
|                            | BY: Clerk of Courts/Mayor of Gahanna         |
|                            | BY: Auditor                                  |
|                            | Franklin County Public Defender Commission   |
|                            | BY: Richard F. Swope                         |

Chairman