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April 20, 2026

*Via email: [bbennett@roundrocktexas.gov](mailto:bbennett@roundrocktexas.gov)*

Brooks Bennett, City Manager  
City of Round Rock, Texas  
221 East Main Street  
Round Rock, Texas 78664

**Re: Supplemental Engagement Letter – City of Round Rock, Texas  
Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project**

Dear Brooks:

This is a Supplemental Engagement Letter to the agreement for payment of fees and expenses described in our engagement letter dated October 31, 2025. The remaining terms and conditions contained in the October 31, 2025 engagement letter not specifically described herein remain in effect and are incorporated as if fully set forth herein. The engagement includes defending the City of Round Rock in the lawsuit styled *Thalle Construction Company, Inc. v. city of Round Rock*, Cause No. 26-1071-C480 in the 480<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Williamson County, Texas.

This engagement will be limited to a not-to-exceed budgeted amount of \$100,000.00. Should our scope expand, or should the existing, limited scope approach this amended not-to-exceed budget, we will submit an additional supplemental or amended engagement letter for review and approval by the City Manager for the City of Round Rock, Texas. As we have added new employees to the firm since our last engagement letter, I've attached an updated rate sheet with all current employees for your records.

If you have any questions about the terms of this supplemental engagement, please let me know immediately. We request that you sign and date in the space provided below and return a copy of this letter to reflect that you are aware of and agree to the terms and conditions of this representation.

Sincerely,



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**APPROVED AND AGREED:**

City of Round Rock, Texas

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brooks Bennett, City Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX "A"

### Professional Hourly Billing Rates 2026

Joe R. Basham	\$550.00
Matthew C. Ryan	\$550.00
Travis W. Brown	\$550.00
Amy M. Emerson	\$550.00
Jason T. Hill, Of Counsel	\$550.00
Will W. Allensworth	\$550.00
S.W. "Whitney" Knight	\$550.00
Matthew R. Talley	\$550.00
Tyler T. O'Halloran	\$550.00
Megan R. Kateff	\$525.00
Karly A. Houchin	\$525.00
Jack E. Byrom	\$525.00
Katherine L. Beran	\$525.00
Maria S. Korzendorfer	\$470.00
Caroline K. Gorman	\$425.00
Matthew D. Roland	\$425.00
Robert W. Derner	\$425.00
Jordan T. Rhodes	\$365.00
Meredith S. Metaxas	\$350.00
Abigail M. Adkins	\$350.00
Bo Balagia	\$350.00
Michael D. Figler	\$330.00
Mackenzie B. Salter	\$330.00
Avery M. Bertagna	\$300.00
Emilia Garanzuay	\$300.00
Ashley N. Rice	\$300.00
Law Clerks	\$245.00
Contract Administrators	\$245.00
eDiscovery Project Managers	\$245.00
Paralegals/Legal Assistants	\$195.00