

**THIS AGREEMENT** (the "Agreement") dated as of July 18, 2017 (the "Effective Date") is made by and between St. Nick's Commercial Design & Décor ("Contractor") and the City of Commerce, a municipal corporation (the "City").

### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, Contractor has represented that it is trained, experienced and competent to perform the services that will be required by this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Contractor is willing to render such Services, as hereinafter defined, on the terms and conditions set forth below.

### **AGREEMENT**

#### **1. Scope of Services and Schedule of Performance.**

Contractor shall perform the services (the "Services") set forth in "Exhibit A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, in accordance with the schedule set forth therein.

#### **2. Term.**

The term of this Agreement shall be for three years from the effective date with an option to extend the term by an additional two years.

#### **3. Compensation.**

So long as Contractor is discharging its obligations in conformance with the terms of this Agreement, Contractor shall be paid a fee by the City in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit "A" and with the other terms of this Agreement. The fees payable hereunder shall be subject to any withholding required by law.

Such fees shall be payable following receipt of an itemized invoice for services rendered. Contractor shall send and address its bill for fees, expenses, and costs to the City to the attention of the Public Works and Development Services Department. The City shall pay the full amount of such invoice; provided, however, that if the City or its City Administrator object to any portion of an invoice, the City shall notify Contractor of the City's objection and the grounds therefore within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of the invoice; the parties shall immediately make every effort to settle the disputed portion of the invoice.

#### **4. Financial Records.**

Contractor shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to fees and costs incurred under this Agreement. All such records shall be maintained on a generally accepted accounting basis and be clearly identified and readily accessible. Contractor shall keep, maintain and provide free access to such books and records to examine and audit the same, and to make transcripts thereof as necessary, and to allow inspection of all work data, documents, proceedings

and activities related to this Agreement for a period of three years from the date of final payments under this Agreement. All accounting records shall readily provide a breakdown of fees and costs charged to this Agreement.

5. Independent Contractor.

Contractor is and shall perform its services under this Agreement as a wholly independent contractor. Contractor shall not act nor be deemed an agent, employee, officer or legal representative of the City. Contractor shall not at any time or in any manner represent that it or any of its agents, employees, officers or legal representatives are in any manner agents, employees, officers or legal representatives of the City. Contractor has no authority to assume or create any commitment or obligations on behalf of the City or bind the City in any respect. This Agreement is not intended to and does not create the relationship of partnership, joint venture or association between the City and Contractor. None of the foregoing shall affect any privilege or protection against disclosure which applies to the services Contractor undertakes under this Agreement.

6. Contractor to Provide Required Personnel; Subcontracting.

Contractor shall provide and direct the necessary qualified personnel to perform the Services required of, and from, it pursuant to the express and implied terms hereof, with the degree of skill and judgment normally exercised by recognized professional firms performing services of a similar nature at the time the Services are rendered, and to the reasonable satisfaction of the City.

Contractor may not have a subcontractor perform any Services except for the subcontractors identified in Exhibit "A" as such. Such identified subcontractors shall perform only those Services identified in Exhibit "A" as to be performed by such subcontractor. All labor, materials, fees and costs of such identified subcontractors shall be paid exclusively by Contractor. No subcontractors may be substituted for any of the identified subcontractors except with the prior written approval of the City Administrator.

7. Responsible Principal and Project Manager.

Contractor shall have a Responsible Principal and a Project Manager who shall be principally responsible for Contractor obligations under this Agreement and who shall serve as principal liaison between the City and Contractor. Designation of another Responsible Principal or Project Manager by Contractor shall not be made without the prior written consent of the City. The names of the Responsible Principal and the Project Manager are listed in Exhibit "A."

8. City Liaison.

Contractor shall direct all communications to the Deputy Director of Public Works Operations or his/her designee. All communications, instructions and directions on the part of the City shall be communicated exclusively through the Deputy Director of Public Works Operations or his/her designee.

9. Licenses.

Contractor warrants that it and its employees have obtained all valid licenses and/or certifications generally required of professionals providing services such as the Services, by all applicable regulating governmental agencies, and are in good standing with such applicable regulating governmental agencies.

10. Compliance with Laws.

Contractor shall, and shall ensure that its employees and its subcontractors, if any, comply with all applicable city, county, state, and federal laws and regulations (including occupational safety and environmental laws and regulations) in performing the Services and shall comply with any directions of governmental agencies and the City relating to safety, security, and the like.

11. Insurance.

Contractor shall maintain insurance and provide evidence thereof as required by Exhibit "B" hereto (the "Required Insurance") which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, for the term provided herein.

12. Warranty and Liability.

Contractor warrants that the Services provided under this Agreement will be performed with the degree of skill and judgment normally exercised by recognized professionals performing services of a similar nature at the time the services were rendered. Contractor shall be liable for injury or loss caused by the negligence of, or breach of this warranty by Contractor, its employees, its subcontractors, if any, and/or its agents hereunder. This warranty survives the completion and/or termination of this Agreement.

13. Indemnification.

Contractor shall indemnify and hold the City and their respective officials, officers, agents and employees harmless from and against any and all liabilities, losses, damages, costs and expenses the City and their respective officials, officers, agents and employees hereafter may suffer in connection with any claim, action, or right or action (at law or in equity) because of any injury (including death) or damage to person or property proximately caused by any negligent acts, errors, or omissions by Contractor, its employees, its subcontractors or its agents in the performance of the Services hereunder. Contractor shall not be liable to the extent that any liability, loss, damage, cost, and expense is caused solely from an act of negligence or willful misconduct by the City or its respective officials, officers, employees or agents. Upon demand, Contractor shall promptly provide a defense to such claims, actions or right of action (at law or equity) and shall promptly pay for all associated and resulting costs, damages, settlements, penalties, judgments, fees and expenses, including attorneys' fees and costs.

14. Confidentiality.

Contractor shall maintain as confidential and not disclose to others, either before or after the termination of this Agreement, any data, documents, reports, or other information provided to Contractor by the City, or employees or agents of the City, or any data, documents, reports, or other information produced by Contractor during its performance hereunder, except as expressly authorized in writing by the City, or to the extent required for: (1) compliance with professional standards of conduct for the preservation of the public safety, health, and welfare, but only after Contractor notifies the City of such need for disclosure; and (2) compliance with any court order or other government directive or requirement, but only after Contractor notifies the City of such an order, directive, or requirement. Contractor shall keep all "Confidential" materials received or generated under this Agreement in separate files marked "Confidential." Any non-compliance by Contractor with this part of the Agreement shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement. The obligations of this paragraph shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

15. Ownership of Documents.

All original documents, designs, drawings, methodological explanations, computer programs, reports, notes, data, materials, services and other products prepared in the course of providing the Services (collectively, "Products") shall become the sole property of the City and the City shall have authority to publish, disclose, distribute, use, reuse or disposed of the Products in whole or in part, without the permission of Contractor. In the event that this Agreement is terminated by the City, Contractor shall provide the City with any finished or unfinished Products. No documents, designs, drawings, methodological explanations, computer programs, reports, notes, data, materials, services and other products prepared in whole or in part under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright or submitted for publication by or on behalf of Contractor. Notwithstanding such ownership, Contractor shall be entitled to make and obtain copies or reproductions of such Products for its own files or internal reference.

16. Data and Services to be Furnished by the City.

All information, data, records, reports and maps as are in possession of the City, and necessary for the carrying out of this work, shall be made available to Contractor without charge. The City shall make available to Contractor, members of the City's staff for consultation with Contractor in the performance of this Agreement. The City does not warrant that the information data, records, reports and maps heretofore to be provided to Contractor are complete or accurate; Contractor shall satisfy itself as to such accuracy and completeness. The City and Contractor agree that the City shall have no liability should any of the information, data, records, reports, and maps be inaccurate, incomplete or misleading.

17. Covenant against Contingent Fees.

Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person any fee, City or percentage from the award or making of this Agreement, except for subcontractors listed in this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the City shall have the right, among other available legal remedies, to terminate this Agreement without liability, or in its discretion,

to deduct from the consideration payable to Contractor, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.

18. Conflict of Interest.

Contractor covenants that neither it nor any officer or principal of its firm have any interests, nor shall they acquire any interest, directly or indirectly which will conflict in any manner or degree with the performance under this Agreement. Contractor further warrants its compliance with the Political Reform Act (Government Code § 81000, *et seq.*) and all other laws, respecting this Agreement and that no Services shall be performed by either an employee, agent, or a subcontractor of Contractor, who has a conflict relating to the City or the performance of Services on behalf of the City.

19. Other Agreements.

Contractor warrants that it is not a party to any other existing agreement that would prevent Contractor from entering into this Agreement or that would adversely affect Contractor's ability to perform the Services under this Agreement. During the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall not, without City's prior written consent, perform services for any person, firm, or corporation other than City if such services could lead to a conflict with Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.

20. Termination.

This Agreement may be terminated, prior to the expiration of its term, in the following manner:

- a. by the written mutual agreement of the parties hereto; or
- b. by the City, with or without cause, upon 5 days written notice to Contractor pursuant to Section 25 of this Agreement.

Upon receipt of a notice of termination, Contractor shall immediately cease all work and promptly deliver to the City the work product or other results obtained by Contractor up to that time. In the event of termination without cause by the City, the City shall pay Contractor for work completed prior to the date of such termination (based on the percentage of the overall work satisfactorily completed by Contractor in relation to the work required by the entire Agreement or the hours worked by Contractor, as applicable), provided such work is in a form usable by the City.

21. Waiver of Breach.

No waiver of any term, condition or covenant of this Agreement by the City shall occur unless signed by the City Administrator and such writing identifies the provision which is waived and the circumstances or period of time for which it is waived. Such waiver shall be for the specified period of time only and shall not apply to any subsequent breach. In addition, such waiver shall not constitute a waiver of any other term, condition or covenant of this Agreement nor shall it eliminate any remedies available to the City for any breaches of this Agreement which are not

excused by such waiver. A delay in communicating a failure of Contractor to satisfy a term, condition or covenant in no way waives that term or any remedies available for its breach.

22. Assignment.

Neither this Agreement nor any rights or obligations hereunder may be assigned or otherwise transferred by Contractor, nor shall this Agreement inure to the benefit of any trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, or creditor or Contractor, whether by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the City which may be withheld in its sole discretion. Any attempt to so assign or transfer this Agreement or any rights or obligations hereunder without such consent shall be void and of no effect.

23. Arbitration.

If any dispute arises out of or relates to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, and if such a dispute cannot be settled through direct discussions, the parties agree to settle any disputes involving only monetary amounts less than \$100,000 by binding arbitration pursuant to the rules of the American Arbitration Association by an arbitrator sitting in Los Angeles County.

24. Attorneys' Fees.

In the event arbitration or a judicial proceeding is brought to enforce the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party its reasonable costs and attorneys' fees incurred in connection therewith.

25. Notices.

Notices provided hereunder shall be delivered by certified First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or by personal service as required in judicial proceedings, directed to the address provided below:

For the City:

City of Commerce  
2535 Commerce Way  
Commerce, California 90040  
Attn: Gina Nila, Deputy Director of Public Works Operations

For Contractor:

St. Nick's Commercial Design & Décor  
527 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 101  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
Attn: Nicholas Adams, Owner

Notice shall be deemed received three days after its mailing to the above address or upon actual receipt as indicated by return receipt, whichever is earlier. Personal service shall be deemed

received the same day personal delivery is affected.

26. Governing Law.

The validity, performance and construction of this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California applicable to contracts made to be performed therein. Any litigation commenced by either party to this Agreement shall be venued in Los Angeles County, California.

27. Severability.

Should any part of this Agreement be declared by a final decision by a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, invalid, or beyond the authority of either party to enter into or carry out, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect, provided that the remainder of this Agreement, absent the unexercised portion, can be reasonably interpreted to give effect to the intentions of the parties.

28. No Construction of Agreement against any Party.

Each party has cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. Hence, in any construction to be made of this Agreement, it shall not be construed against any party on the basis such party drafted this Agreement or any provision thereof.

29. Entire Agreement and Amendments to Agreement.

This Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all previous communications, negotiations, and agreements, whether oral or written, between the parties with respect to such subject matter, and no addition to or modification of this Agreement or waiver of any provisions of this Agreement shall be binding on either party unless made in writing and executed by Contractor and the City.

30. No Representations Except as Expressly Stated in this Agreement.

Except as expressly stated in this Agreement, no party, nor its employees, agents or attorneys have made any statement or representation to any other party or its employees, agents or attorneys regarding any fact relied upon in entering into this Agreement, and each party does not rely upon any statement, representation and/or promise of any other party, its respective employees, agents or attorneys in executing this Agreement.

31. Counterpart Signatures.

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. When this Agreement has been properly signed by an authorized representative of each of the parties hereto, it shall constitute a valid Agreement, though each of the signatories may have executed separate counterparts hereof.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have each executed or caused to be executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

**CITY OF COMMERCE**

DATED: July \_\_\_\_, 2017

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Oralia Rebollo, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lena Shumway  
City Clerk

**ST. NICK'S COMMERCIAL DESIGN &  
DECOR  
CONTRACTOR**

DATED: July \_\_\_\_, 2017

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nicholas Adams, Owner

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: Eduardo Olivo  
Title: City Attorney



## **EXHIBIT A**

Scope of Services for St. Nick's Bid is enclosed

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **REQUIRED INSURANCE**

On or before beginning any of the Services called for by any term of this Agreement, Contractor, at its own cost and expense, shall carry, maintain for the duration of this Agreement, and provide proof thereof that is acceptable to the City of its procurement of the insurance specified below from insurers and under forms of insurance satisfactory in all respects to the City. Contractor shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on any subcontract under this Agreement until all insurance required of Contractor have also been obtained for the or by the subcontractor. Such insurance shall not be in derogation of Contractor's obligations to provide indemnity under Section 13 of this Agreement.

1. Comprehensive General Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance Coverage.

Contractor shall carry and maintain Comprehensive General Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance which provides the following:

Minimum coverage: Bodily injury limits of \$1,000,000 for each person and \$2,000,000 for each occurrence; property damage limits of \$500,000 for each occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate.

If a Commercial General Liability Insurance form or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to the work to be performed under this Agreement or the general aggregate limit shall be at least twice the required occurrence limit. Such coverage shall include but shall not be limited to, protection against claims arising from bodily and personal injury, including death resulting therefrom, and damage to property resulting from activities contemplated under this Agreement, including the use of owned and non-owned real property and automobiles. Insurance coverage shall not be subject to any type of pollution exclusion or owned property exclusions.

2. Errors and Omissions Insurance Coverage.

Contractor shall carry and maintain Errors and Omissions Coverage Insurance which provides a minimum coverage of at least \$1,000,000 for each occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate, triggered by manifestation of injury.

3. Worker's Compensation.

Contractor shall carry and maintain worker's compensation as required by the California Labor Code for all persons employed directly or indirectly in connection with this Agreement by Contractor or any subcontractor.

4. Additional Insureds.

The City, its officers, agents and employees must be named as additional insureds or as additional loss payees in all insurance policies required by this Agreement. An endorsement to

this effect shall be delivered to the City prior to the commencement of any work. Satisfaction of any deductible requirement shall be the responsibility of Contractor.

5. Cancellation Clause.

Each of the policies of insurance shall contain a clause substantially as follows:

It is hereby understood and agreed that this policy may not be canceled nor the amount of the coverage thereof be reduced until 30 days after receipt by the City Administrator of the City of Commerce of the written notice of such cancellation or reduction of coverage, as evidenced by receipt of a certified letter.

6. Severability Clause.

Each of the policies of insurance shall contain a clause substantially as follows:

The insurance afforded by this policy applies separately to each insured against whom a claim or suit is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limit of the insurer's liability.

7. Qualifications of Insurer.

All policies of insurance shall be issued by an insurance company acceptable to the City and authorized to issue said policy in the State of California.

8. Approval of Insurer.

The insurance carrier providing the insurance shall be chosen by Contractor subject to approval by the City, provided that such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

9. Payment of Premiums.

All premiums on insurance policies shall be paid by Contractor making payment, when due, directly to the insurance carrier, or in a manner agreed to by the City.

10. Evidence of Insurance and Claims.

The City shall have the right to hold the policies and policy renewals, and Contractor shall promptly furnish to the City all renewal notices and all receipts of paid premiums. In the event of loss, Contractor shall give prompt notice to the insurance carrier and the City. The City may make proof of loss if not made promptly by Contractor.