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**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

MAY 19, 2020

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT SERVICES
WITH SOUTHSTAR ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING, INC.**

This Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Contract Services ("Agreement") with Southstar Engineering and Consulting, Inc. ("Amendment No. 1") is made and entered into as of the 20th day of May 2020 ("Effective Date") by and between the CITY OF LA QUINTA ("City"), a California municipal corporation and Southstar Engineering and Consulting, Inc. ("Contracting Party").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on or about June 27, 2019, the City and Contracting Party entered into an Agreement to provide those services related to Construction Management, Inspection, Materials Testing, and Survey Services for the La Quinta Village Complete Streets Project No. 2015-03. The term of the Agreement expires on March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, survey staking is included in the scope of services of the Agreement, however, tighter interval staking is required than originally anticipated due to the curves and complexity of the project; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 will amend section 2.1 Contract Sum by \$58,988 for the increased survey staking services.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenant herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

AMENDMENT

In consideration of the foregoing Recitals and the covenants and promises hereinafter contained, and for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Section 2.1 – Contract Sum is amended to read as follows:

For the Services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, Consultant shall be compensated in accordance with "Exhibit B" (the "Schedule of Compensation") in a total amount of up to, but shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$1,527,929) (the "Contract Sum") for the services listed under the Agreement and Amendment 1, except as provided in Section 1.6.

Exhibit B – Budget is amended as listed in “Exhibit B”, attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.

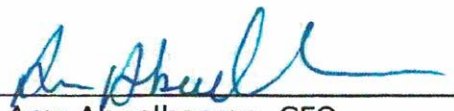
In all other respects, the Original Agreement shall remain in effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and Consultant have executed this Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Contract Services on the respective dates set forth below.

CITY OF LA QUINTA
a California municipal corporation,
and charter city

**SOUTHSTAR ENGINEERING
AND CONSULTING, INC.**

Jon McMillen, City Manager



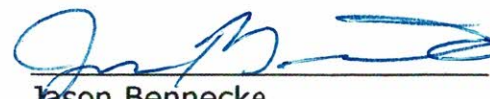
Amr Abuelhassan, CFO,
Executive Vice President

Dated: _____

Dated: 5-18-2020

ATTEST:

Monika Radeva, City Clerk



Jason Bennecke,
Executive Vice President

Dated: 5/18/2020

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William H. Ihrke, City Attorney

Exhibit B

Budget

The maximum total compensation to be paid to Contracting Party for the additional survey staking services to be provided under Amendment 1 to the Agreement is Fifty-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$58,988.00), for a total not to exceed Agreement amount of One Million Five Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$1,527,929) ("Contract Sum"). The Contract Sum shall be paid to Consultant in conformance with Section 2.3 of the Agreement.

Base Contract Amount:	\$ 1,468,941.00
Amendment No. 1:	<u> \$58,988.00</u>
Revised Contract Total:	\$ 1,527,929.00

Monika Radeva

From: B Anderson [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 8:41 PM
To: City Clerk Mail
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENTS TO BE READ ALOUD (Written) Item: Closed session - 1

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City of La Quinta
City Hall Council Chamber
78-495 Calle Tampico
La Quinta, CA. 92253
(760) 777-7092
Attn: Clerk of the Board/Council Member's

Re: Written letter (email) to be "READ ALOUD AT THIS MEETING" and entered in to the Public record for the City of La Quinta Council meeting scheduled for the date of May 19, 2020 (3:PM)
Item/topic: 1 - Closed session (preceived threat to Public services or facilities)

Dear La Quinta City Council Members,

Please be advised that the Implementation of the City Councils direction to the City Manager to mandate new executive orders (without Involvement from Health department officials) last week (May 11, 2020 (Monday) - Special meeting at 7:PM) which was held out of the Public's view in Closed session. Has the appearance of "overreaching" of the La Quinta City Council board to set requirements without Public Input.

All of the reported Item out of the May 11, 2020 La Quinta special closed session meeting should of been held with Public Involvement in an open venue.

Please consider the proper requirements for the Public notification of a Special meeting. 24 hours advance notice of the scheduled meeting, which would of been on the date of May 10, 2020 (Sunday night at 7:PM or before, posting at City Hall and on It's Webpage)

It's quite concerning that restrictions were again leveled on Residents with regards to "Face Coverings" where conflicting statements are well established of the true Health benefits if any of restricting one's breathing. Executive Order No. 8 , states "persons are discourage from using (PPE), such as N95 masks, for Non-medical reasons". It's clear that "ONLY" N95 mask (and respirators) would reduce/eliminate Viruses from being expelled or Inhaled. The use of other devices would have only a mental health factor on It's wearer and others (Postive or Negative). Please do not mandate unreasonable Orders that conflicts with Riverside County and the State of California. Respect the Public's right to freedom of control over their own Body's.

Sincerely,

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Brad Anderson | Rancho Mirage, CA. | 760.409.9434 (Cell)

Please include the following in tomorrow's City council meeting.

5/18/2020

As a resident and local business owner. I would like to thank the city council for the incredible work keeping our city safe during the time.

As we navigate the reopening of our loved city. One area that needs to open asap is our Short-Term Rental businesses. This is a vital revenue stream for business owners, residents, retail segment and the city as well.

I am also concerned that the opening of local retail will be impacted by the lack of visitors when they are needed most. How will these local businesses survive without that income... opening is great, but we need people to shop in our stores at this critical time.

My request...Please consider the following regarding short term rentals

- Removal on the 30-day minimum stay.

Possible additional requirements.... if 30-day requirement is removed

- Vacation rental occupants are from the same family/household
- 24 Hour Pre/Post downtime window between rentals

Additionally

The positive and direct economic impact is substantial. This comes directly through tax revenue or indirectly through activity brought by the vacation renters. These indirect impacts refer to the additional revenues into local retail or jobs/salaries created by those revenues. Jobs are created by the industry and those salaries are spent into the local economy.

Thank you...

Lenard Dobrowolski

Monika Radeva

From: Linda Evans
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:26 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Jon McMillen; Linda Evans; Monika Radeva
Subject: Re: La Quinta Vacation Rental Ban

Kimberly -

Thank you for your email. I have included our city manager and city clerk on this response so they can also fulfill your request to include your comments into public comment at today's meeting.

Thank you.

Linda Evans | Mayor
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On May 19, 2020, at 9:29 AM, '[REDACTED]' wrote:

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Good Morning La Quinta City Council Members,

I hope this email finds all of you in good health, we greatly appreciate your hard work during these hard times. I am writing to share some concerns around the La Quinta Vacation Rental Ban. While I understand the importance of taking precautions during COVID 19 I am a bit confused of the vote that took place last week and the reasoning behind it.

We have noticed that La Quinta closely follows the County guidelines in terms of when to lift bans. When the city of Riverside lifted the bans for golf and swimming pools then the city of La Quinta also followed suit. Governor Newsom is giving cities the autonomy to decide what is best for them. Below is the link to where he speaks about the power now that cities are being given to make decisions best for the city.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZKTXrkVC1g>

On May 20th Newport, California voted to resume vacation rentals. As vacation owners we have taken COVID very seriously and already have done extensive cleaning training with our cleaning crews to prepare when the ban is lifted. What can we do to expedite the decision to lift the ban? See the link below where Newport resumed their vacation rentals.

<https://www.ocregister.com/2020/05/13/newport-beach-gives-go-ahead-to-resume-short-term-rentals/>

Not only does the ban affect owners but cleaning crews, pool crews, and many more. Before long you will see that owners are going to go into foreclosure which will greatly impact the economy of La Quinta. Below shows data that is up to date. I have included the source.

<https://kesq.com/news/coronavirus/2020/05/18/riverside-county-coronavirus-update-5952-cases-3833-recoveries-242-deaths/>

If possible can my email be read during tonight's meeting? As an Owner of multiple vacation properties in La Quinta I take the health and safety of the residents and our guests very seriously. As the graph

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shows, the results are improving and we need to make every effort now to restore the economy. I hope you will consider lifting the vacation ban.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Kimberly Estrada

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Monika Radeva

From: SeanyP [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 8:38 PM
To: City Clerk Mail
Subject: Clarification of Comments on STR COVID-19 Policy

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To clarify my early email regarding the restrictions on short-term rentals was to remove the restriction to allow the public at large to rent for stays 30 days or less. This would be more in line with the guidance from the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino. Please consider lifting the ban to the general public.

Thank you,

Sean Parham

Monika Radeva

From: SeanyP <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 11:57 AM
To: City Clerk Mail
Subject: Short Term Rental COVID-19

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Regarding the continued ban of short term rentals in La Quinta, I would request the council to follow the guidance of Riverside County and neighboring San Bernadino County. I propose that they consider opening short term rentals with the following restrictions:

Require a 24-hour window between reservations

No more than 6 adults from the same household should reside in an STR regardless of the size of the property

As a small business owner, I strongly urge the council to lift the current ban.

Thank you,

Sean Parham

Monika Radeva

From: Casa Bueno Homeowners [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 9:30 PM
To: City Clerk Mail

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Hello City Council,

We are a family running a short term vacation rental here in La Quinta. We pay our taxes every month, we employ a cleaning service, a pool service and a property manager. In other words we support the community as well as bringing in guests to support the other businesses and golf courses. We have abided by all the rules and are willing to change our current practices that would allow more time between guests. The La Quinta mayor wrote a letter to the County of Riverside asking for them to reopen and they voted in favor of reopening short term rentals but then La Quinta made a more conservative decision which was not making a decision until the governor spoke first.

It is time to reopen, allow us to begin operating responsibly and give us the ability to support the many people that rely on us for income. Open up immediately, allow the 24 hours between guests and even limit the number of guests per home. Do the right thing for all of us and let's get through the pandemic without additional financial hardships and as safe as possible.

Sincerely

Kristen Perry and Gayle Lev

Monika Radeva

From: David Vazquez <david.vazquez@uci.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 4:15 PM
To: City Clerk Mail
Cc: Deisi Vazquez
Subject: Written Public Comments -Short Term Vacation Rental Ban

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Esteemed Mayor Evans and Council members,

I am writing today seeking reversal of the City of La Quinta's ban on Short Term Vacation Rentals that has prevented my property to be rented for the past two months.

As you are well aware, many Short Term Vacation Rental Homeowners are dependent upon the income that is generated from their rentals in order to pay their cleaning crews, gardeners, pool persons, utilities, and mortgages. Our situation is no different. The loss of income has been stifling and is creating an enormous burden on not just our household but I assume the many who also operate rentals within the City of LA Quinta. Our property has always generated enough revenue to cover its expenses. However, when we couple the ban with the loss of income from being laid off, most families go from three sources of income down to one and it becomes quite scary. My other fear is that there will be a run on foreclosures as a result of the ban on short term rentals that will compound the negative effects of the current situation and create significant reduction in the value of all of our properties.

Although this is a very trying era, we ask that you and your other council members look to forge a path to help our community recover from the financial effects and lift the restriction to help ease the burden on our property. The restriction on rentals has already been lifted in neighboring communities such as Big Bear, Yucca Valley, and Newport Beach. With the holiday weekend approaching, we ask that you please consider lifting the ban to allow us to recoup some of our lost revenue and reduce the strain and burden on our households.

Respectfully,
David Vazquez

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