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October 1, 2024

Village of Sea Ranch Lakes  
ATTN: Board of Directors  
1 Gatehouse Road  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33308

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide to Village of Sea Ranch Lakes for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.

We will prepare the financial statements of Village of Sea Ranch Lakes, which comprise the annual and monthly balance sheets and the related statements of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and perform a compilation engagement with respect to those financial statements. These financial statements will not include related notes to the financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures and statement of cash flows ordinarily included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The supplementary information accompanying the financial statements will be presented for purposes of additional analysis. Such information is the responsibility of management. The supplementary information will be subject to our compilation engagement. We will not audit or review the supplementary information and will not express an opinion, a conclusion, or provide any assurance on such supplementary information.

## **Our Responsibilities**

The objective of our engagement is to—

- 1) Prepare financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you.
- 2) We will apply accounting and financial reporting expertise to assist you in the presentation of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- 3) Prepare the monthly bank reconciliations and general ledgers for the period (record all income and expenses, depreciation and amortization, deposits, and adjusting entries each month). We will not be reviewing the cancelled checks or electronic copies of the checks for payees or endorsements. We will also track and record depreciation expense as applicable.
- 4) Prepare the quarterly payroll tax returns for 2024-2025 (941/940/RT6).
- 5) Prepare the annual Form W-2s/W-3 and 1099's/1096 (as applicable) for 2024.
- 6) Provide general consulting and bookkeeping assistance upon request during the period. This includes any systems consulting and assistance.

We will conduct our compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services (SSARS) promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA and comply with applicable professional standards, including the AICPA's *Code of Professional Conduct* and its

ethical principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence, and due care, when performing the bookkeeping services, preparing the financial statements, and performing the compilation engagement.

We are not required to, and will not, verify the accuracy or completeness of the information you will provide to us for the engagement or otherwise gather evidence for the purpose of expressing an opinion or a conclusion. Accordingly, we will not express an opinion or a conclusion nor provide any assurance on the financial statements.

Our engagement cannot be relied upon to identify or disclose any financial statement misstatements, including those caused by fraud or error, or to identify or disclose any wrongdoing within the entity or noncompliance with laws and regulations.

We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

You may request that we perform additional services not contemplated by this engagement letter. If this occurs, we will communicate with you regarding the scope of the additional services and the estimated fee. We also may issue a separate engagement letter covering the additional services. In the absence of any other written communication from us documenting such additional services, our services will continue to be governed by the terms of this engagement letter.

### **Your Responsibilities**

The financial statement preparation and compilation portion of the engagement to be performed is conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand that our role is to prepare financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and assist you in the presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. You have the following overall responsibilities that are fundamental to our undertaking the engagement in accordance with SSARS:

- 1) The selection of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as the financial reporting framework to be applied in the preparation of the financial statements.
- 2) The preparation and fair presentation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the inclusion of all informative disclosures that are appropriate for accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- 3) The design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.
- 4) The prevention and detection of fraud.
- 5) To ensure that the entity complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities.
- 6) The accuracy and completeness of the records, documents, explanations, and other information, including significant judgments, you provide to us for the engagement.
- 7) To provide us with—
  - access to all information of which you are aware is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
  - additional information that we may request from you for the purpose of the compilation engagement.
  - unrestricted access to persons within the Company of whom we determine it necessary to make inquiries.
- 8) Including our compilation report in any document containing financial statements that indicates that we have performed a compilation engagement on such financial statements and, prior to inclusion of the report, to ask our permission to do so.

You are also responsible for all management decisions and responsibilities and for designating an individual with suitable skills, knowledge, and experience to oversee our bookkeeping services, payroll, tax and other services, and the preparation of your financial statements. You are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and results of the services performed and accepting responsibility for such services.

For any tax return preparation services, we will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards, including the Statements on Standards for Tax Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Further, related to any tax return preparation services, we, in our sole judgement, reserve the right to refuse to do any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities. We will advise you with regard to tax positions taken in the preparation of any tax returns, but you must make all decisions with regard to those matters.

**Our Report**

As part of our engagement, we will issue a report that will state that we did not audit or review the financial statements and that, accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on them. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the compilation of your financial statements, we will not issue a report on such statements as a result of this engagement.

You agree to include our accountant's compilation report in any document containing financial statements that indicates that we have performed a compilation engagement on such financial statements and, prior to the inclusion of the report, to ask our permission to do so.

**Other Relevant Information**

Christopher L. Root, CPA, CVA is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it.

We may from time to time, and depending on the circumstances, use certain third-party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers, but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

Our fees will be based on our standard hourly rates. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you acknowledge and agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Sincerely,

***Hinkle, Rhine, & Root, LLC***

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ACKNOWLEDGED:

Village of Sea Ranch Lakes

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Signature

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Printed Name & Title

October 1, 2024

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Date