



City of North Port

Office of the City Attorney

Response to Request for Legal Services

To: Eric Tiefenthaler, Fire Rescue Emergency Management

From: Michael Golen, Assistant City Attorney

Through: Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney

Date: October 16, 2019

Re: Request for Legal Services – Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

The above-referenced Request for Legal Services has been reviewed. Please let me know if there are any questions, comments, or concerns. Otherwise, no further action will be taken on this Request for Legal Services and the file will be closed.

The attached agreement is legally correct as to form. The following items have been updated since the previous version of this agreement:

1. Article 2 - Allows the agreement to be used for smaller events; no declaration of a state of emergency is needed for the agreement to be activated. This allows for a formal mutual aid process for the entities within Florida to use.
2. Article 7 - In using the agreement for mutual aid, the requesting entity agrees to reimburse the assisting party per the terms of reimbursement in the agreement. However, if the terms for reimbursement are to vary from the provisions of the agreement, this needs to be specified via the Form B, and signed off by both parties prior to the assistance being rendered.
3. Article 11 - The agreement automatically renews each year; only the contact information needs to be updated by using the Form C each year.

The following documentation is required to be submitted with the signed agreement:

1. A cover letter stating an address to send the copy of the final agreement.
2. A completed copy of Form C, PAGE 23 of the agreement. Form C should be updated annually or as elections or appointments occur.
3. A Certificate of Liability Insurance or Resolution of Self Insurance