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Teller County Short-Term Rental Alliance v. City of Woodland Park (CIRSA Claim No. PC6022913)

On December 23, 2024, Plaintiffs Mary Sekowski and Teller County Short-Term Rental Alliance filed a Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and Jury Demand in the District Court, Teller County, State of Colorado, against the City of Woodland Park. The lawsuit seeks to invalidate Ordinance 1469.

The City intends to defend the lawsuit vigorously and, like the earlier lawsuit filed on this issue, believes the Plaintiffs' Complaint is without merit.

Andrew D. Ringel, Esq. of Hall & Evans, L.L.C., has been retained to represent the City in the lawsuit.

Today, Mr. Ringel filed a Stipulation Concerning the Enforcement of Ordinance 1469 Until the Motion for Preliminary Injunction is Decided. A copy of the Stipulation is attached. As the Stipulation itself explains, the purpose of the Stipulation is to allow the parties to appropriately brief the Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction and for the District Court to have sufficient time to consider the issues raised by the Plaintiffs' Complaint in an orderly and appropriate fashion. Mr. Ringel decided to file the Stipulation because of his belief doing so was appropriate to allow him to prepare and file a Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint and a Response to the Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction for consideration by the District Court. Because the Plaintiffs' Complaint and Motion for Preliminary Injunction were filed right before the holidays, Mr. Ringel has not had

sufficient time to prepare the appropriate submissions to the District Court. In the absence of the Stipulation, the District Court could decide the issues raised by the Plaintiffs without benefiting from the City's submissions, a prospect Mr. Ringel believes was not an appropriate risk.

Mr. Ringel did not file the Stipulation as an acquiescence to any of the arguments or demands for the Plaintiffs' relief. Instead, Mr. Ringel filed the Stipulation to allow sufficient time for him to prepare comprehensive responses to demonstrate to the District Court that the Plaintiffs' Complaint fails to state any viable claim and there is no basis for the District Court to enter any preliminary injunction.

The City respects the will of the voters who passed Ordinance 1469 and intends to contest all aspects of the Plaintiffs' claims and requests for relief during the litigation. Mr. Ringel filed the Stipulation as a tactical and strategic decision to accomplish this overall goal.

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