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Re: Notice Pursuant to Section 768.28(6)(a), Florida Statutes – Dr. Julia Botel

Dear Ms. Wynn:

We are tendering this request, pursuant to Section 768.28(6)(a), Florida Statutes, for the City to pay damages sustained by Dr. Julia Botel as a result of the negligence of the City Clerk during the run up to the March 9, 2021, municipal election.

Specifically, the Clerk distributed an outdated form to Dr. Botel to use for qualifying for election. Relying upon the Clerk's advice, Dr. Botel completed the form with which she was presented to qualify for her re-election to office. However, based upon the outdated form being utilized, Dr. Botel was subjected to two lawsuits by other candidates based solely upon the outdated form (*Spiritis v Botel, et al.*, Case No. 50-2020-CA-013882; *Searcy v. Botel, et al.*, Case No. 50-220-CA-014568). As a result, Dr. Botel incurred legal fees and costs totaling \$12,179.40 for the successful defense of the lawsuits. But for the City Clerk's negligence in providing the outdated form to Dr. Botel, she would not have been subjected to the legal actions.

Accordingly, Dr. Botel requests that the City pay damages in the amount of \$12,179.40 which were directly and proximately caused by the negligence of the City Clerk.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,



Ronald G. Meyer

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