



October 2, 2026

Mayor and City Commissioners
City of Panama City
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Panama City, Florida 32401

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**NOT LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN FLORIDA

Re: Request for Executive Session pursuant to s.286.011(8), F. S., to discuss and receive advice regarding Art Marine, LLC vs. City of Panama City, Florida and H.G. Harders and Son, Inc. Bay County, Case No.: 26001131CA

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

I hereby request an Executive Session be scheduled for the meeting of the City Commission, on October 13, 2026, at the Bay County Government Center, 840 W. 11th St, Panama City, FL 32401, at 8:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the Commission so chooses. The purpose of the Executive Session will be to discuss the litigation strategy and/or settlement of the above-mentioned litigation. A court reporter will be present to transcribe verbatim the discussion during the Executive Session and after the conclusion of the litigation, the transcript will be available for public review. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Commission will re-convene and take action, if any, prior to adjourning the Commission meeting.

In attendance at the Executive Session will be the Mayor and City Commissioners, the City Attorneys, Nevin J. Zimmerman, Mike S. Burke, and Natalie A. McSwane, and Jonathan H. Hayes, City Manager, as the Chief Administrative Officer of the City. This meeting is not open to the public pursuant to Florida Statutes section 286.011(8). I estimate the Executive Session will take approximately one (1) hour.

Sincerely,

Nevin J. Zimmerman, City Attorney

cc: Jonathan H. Hayes, City Manager
Leslie Glaze, City Clerk-Treasurer

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