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January 29, 2021

**VIA EMAIL**

Ms. Mackenzie Reed-Kadow  
City Clerk  
City of Manitowoc  
City Hall  
900 Quay Street  
Manitowoc, WI 54220

Scope of Engagement Re: Proposed Issuance of \$2,600,000 City of Manitowoc (the "City") Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes (the "Securities")

Dear Ms. Reed-Kadow:

We are pleased to be working with you again as the City's bond counsel. Thank you for your confidence in us.

The purpose of this letter is to set forth the role we propose to serve and responsibilities we propose to assume as bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the above-referenced Securities. If you have any questions about this letter or the services we will provide, or if you would like to discuss modifications, please contact me.

**Role of Bond Counsel**

Our bond counsel engagement is a limited, special counsel engagement. Bond counsel is engaged as a recognized independent expert whose primary responsibility is to render an objective legal opinion with respect to the authorization and issuance of municipal obligations. If you desire additional information about the role of bond counsel, we would be happy to provide you with a copy of a brochure prepared by the National Association of Bond Lawyers.

As bond counsel we will: examine applicable law; prepare authorizing and closing documents; consult with the parties to the transaction, including the City's financial advisor or underwriter or placement agent, prior to the issuance of the Securities; review certified proceedings; and undertake such additional duties as we deem necessary to render the bond

counsel opinion described below. As bond counsel, we do not advocate the interests of the City or any other party to the transaction. We assume that the parties to the transaction will retain such counsel as they deem necessary and appropriate to represent their interests in this transaction.

Subject to the completion of proceedings to our satisfaction, we will render our opinion that:

- 1) the Securities are valid and binding general obligations of the City;
- 2) all taxable property in the territory of the City is subject to ad valorem taxation without limitation as to rate or amount to pay the Securities; and
- 3) the interest in the Securities is included for federal income tax purposes in the gross income of the owners of the Securities.

The bond counsel opinion will be executed and delivered by us in written form on the date the Securities are exchanged for their purchase price (the "Closing") and will be based on facts and law existing as of its date.

Upon delivery of the opinion, our responsibilities as bond counsel will be concluded with respect to this financing; specifically, but without implied limitation, we do not undertake (unless separately engaged) to provide any post-closing compliance services including any assistance with the City's continuing disclosure commitment, ongoing advice to the City or any other party, or participating in a Securities Exchange Commission or other regulatory body survey or investigation regarding or audit of the Securities.

In rendering the opinion, we will rely upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and other persons furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

The services we will provide under this engagement are strictly limited to legal services. We are neither qualified nor engaged to provide financial advice and we will make no representation about the desirability of the proposed plan of finance, the feasibility of the projects financed or refinanced by the Securities, or any related matters.

#### Diversity of Practice; Consent to Unrelated Engagements

Because of the diversity of practice of our firm, members of our firm other than those who serve you may be asked to represent other clients who have dealings with the City regarding such matters as zoning, licensing, land division, real estate, property tax or other matters which

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are unrelated to our bond counsel work. Ethical requirements sometimes dictate that we obtain the City's consent to such situations even though our service to you is limited to the specialized area of bond counsel. We do not represent you in legal matters regularly, although we may be called upon for special representation occasionally, and our bond counsel work does not usually provide us information that will be disadvantageous to you in other representations. We do not believe that such representations of others would adversely affect our relationship with you, and we have found that local governments generally are agreeable to the type of unrelated representation described above. We would like to have an understanding with you that the City consents to our firm undertaking representations of this type. Your approval of this letter will serve to confirm that the City has no objection to our representation of other clients who have dealings with the City, unrelated to the borrowing and finance area or any other area in which we have agreed to serve it. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this consent further, please call us.

We also want to advise you that from time to time we represent financial advisors, placement agents and underwriters of municipal obligations. In transactions that are not related to the issuance of the Securities and our role as bond counsel, we have served and presently serve as counsel to Baird. We expect to be asked to represent advisors, agents and underwriters, including Baird, in future transactions that are similarly unrelated to the issuance of the Securities and our engagement as bond counsel. We do not believe that our representation of such clients on unrelated matters will in any way limit our representation of the City. By engaging our services under the terms of this letter, the City consents to our firm undertaking representations of such clients on unrelated matters as described above now and in the future.

A form of our opinion and a form of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate (which we may prepare) may be included in the Official Statement or other disclosure document for the Securities. However, as bond counsel, we will not assume or undertake responsibility for the preparation of an Official Statement or other disclosure document with respect to the Securities, nor are we responsible for performing an independent investigation to determine the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of any such document. If an Official Statement or other disclosure document is prepared and adopted or approved by the City, we will either prepare or review any description therein of: (i) Wisconsin and federal law pertinent to the validity of the Securities and the tax treatment of interest paid thereon and (ii) our opinion.

### Fees

Based upon: (i) our current understanding of the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing, (ii) the duties we will undertake pursuant to this letter, (iii) the time we anticipate devoting to the financing, and (iv) the responsibilities we assume, we estimate that our fee will be \$10,000. Such fee and expenses may vary: (i) if the principal amount of Securities actually issued differs significantly from the amount stated above, (ii) if material changes in the structure of the financing occur, or (iii) if unusual or unforeseen circumstances arise which require a significant increase in our time, expenses or responsibility. If at any time we believe that circumstances require an adjustment of our original fee estimate, we will consult with you. It is our understanding that our fee will be paid out of proceeds of the Securities at Closing.

If, for any reason, the financing is not consummated or is completed without the rendition of our opinion as bond counsel, we will expect to be compensated at our normal hourly rates for time actually spent, plus out-of-pocket expenses. Our fee is usually paid either at the Closing out of proceeds of the Securities or pursuant to a statement rendered shortly thereafter. We customarily do not submit any statement until the Closing unless there is a substantial delay in completing the financing.

### Terms of Engagement

Either the City or Quarles & Brady may terminate the engagement at any time for any reason by written notice, subject on our part to applicable rules of professional conduct. If the City terminates our services, the City is responsible for promptly paying us for all fees, charges, and expenses incurred before the date we receive termination. We reserve the right to withdraw from representing the City if, among other things, the City fails to honor the terms of this engagement letter – including the City's failing to pay our bills, the City's failing to cooperate or follow our advice on a material matter, or our becoming aware of any fact or circumstance that would, in our view, render our continuing representation unlawful or unethical.

Unless previously terminated, our representation will terminate when we send to the City (or its representative) our final bill for services rendered. If the City requests, we will promptly return the City's original papers and property to you, consistent with our need to ensure payment of any outstanding bills. We may retain copies of the documents. We will keep our own files, including attorney work product, pertaining to our representation of the City. For various reasons, including the minimization of unnecessary storage expenses, we may destroy or otherwise dispose of documents and materials a reasonable time after termination of the engagement.

### City Responsibilities

We will provide legal counsel and assistance to the City in accordance with this letter and will rely upon information and guidance the City and its personnel provide to us. We will keep the City reasonably informed of progress and developments, and respond to the City's inquiries. To enable us to provide the services set forth in this letter, the City will disclose fully and accurately all facts and keep us apprised of all developments relating to this matter. The City agrees to pay our bills for services and expenses in accordance with this engagement letter. The City will also cooperate fully with us and be available to attend meetings, conferences, hearings and other proceedings on reasonable notice, and stay fully informed on all developments relating to this matter.

### Limited Liability Partnership

Our firm is a limited liability partnership ("LLP"). Because we are an LLP, no partner of the firm has personal liability for any debts or liabilities of the firm except as otherwise required by law, and except that each partner can be personally liable for his or her own malpractice and for the malpractice of persons acting under his or her actual supervision and control. As an LLP we are required by our code of professional conduct to carry at least \$10,000,000 of malpractice insurance; currently, we carry coverage with limits substantially in excess of that amount. Please call me if you have any questions about our status as a limited liability partnership.

### Conclusion and Request for Signed Copy

If the foregoing terms of this engagement are acceptable to you, please so indicate by returning a copy of this letter dated and signed by an appropriate officer, retaining the original for your files. If we do not hear from you within thirty (30) days, we will assume that these terms are acceptable to you, but we would prefer to receive a signed copy of this letter from you.

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We are looking forward to working with you and the City in this regard.

Very truly yours,

QUARLES & BRADY LLP



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Accepted and Approved:

CITY OF MANITOWOC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Title

Date: \_\_\_\_\_