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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

BENEDICTE GALLIGAN,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	
)	
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
<hr style="width: 45%; margin-left: 0;"/>) Case No. 3AN-23-06127CI

MOTION FOR STAY SETTING TRIAL DEADLINES

Defendant Municipality of Anchorage moves the Court for a stay of the order to set trial deadlines. The undersigned’s last day of employment with the Municipality is August 11, 2023, leaving only six career-level attorneys in the Civil Division. None of the remaining attorneys, who already have full case loads, can take on the defense of this employment litigation. The Municipality understands and accepts that it is obligated to provide an attorney who is qualified to defend this case, and it is currently working on a solution, but that solution will take time to get into place.

The undersigned discussed the plan with opposing counsel, who objects to the stay.

The Court asked the Municipality to set a trial date, and without any indication of when the next attorney’s schedule will be available, it would be unwise to set deadlines that may not be sustainable. The Municipality respectfully requests that the Court permit the

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Municipality to wait to provide a trial date until it can work out a solution. The Municipality will gladly report its progress to the Court.

The stay is also a request to postpone initial disclosures, due August 14, 2023.

In the meantime, service on this case can be made directly to Anne Helzer, Municipality Attorney, until notice is otherwise provided.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of August, 2023.

ANNE R. HELZER
Municipal Attorney

By: _____/s/_____
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ORDER

The deadlines in this matter are stayed until an attorney is identified for the Municipality. A status hearing will be held on _____

Dated _____

Honorable Una Gandbhir
Superior Court Judge

Certificate of Service

I certify that on Aug. 11, 2023 I caused to be e-mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing to:

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/s/ Winnie Cichosz, Legal Secretary
Municipal Attorney's Office

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