City of Barberton

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Dear Attorney Dean:

Thank you for your patience during the drafting of the prosecutor contract between the City of Green and the City of Barberton's Prosecutor's Office. As you know the current contract expired at the conclusion of the 2021 year. However, because of your professional courtesy, we agreed to continue to provide services until terms of the new contract could be developed.

The Barberton Prosecutor's Office, due to a significant increase in caseload, as well as procedural changes in the municipal court, needed to hire an additional prosecutor as well as an additional administrative assistant. We needed the additional staff and we have improved the process, and ability the to assess and resolve cases as efficiently as possible.

Since 2019, the City of Green has seen an increase in cases of 21% in cases sent to our office post-arraignment.

2019 299

2020 352

2021 361

In 2021, the City of Green represented 20% of all cases in the Barberton Prosecutor's Office. For comparison, Barberton represented 22%. These cases include criminal and traffic.

Due to our increase in costs, as well as the increase in caseload, we are requesting an increase in the contract of 15%. The amounts are reflected in the draft contract enclosed. I suggest we enter into an additional three-year contract.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Lisa Okolish Miller

Law Director