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Reply to Stillwater

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City of Northfield
Attn: City Administrator
801 Washington Street
Northfield, MN 55057

Re: New State Required MGA Program as of August 1, 2016

Dear Administrator:

The State of Minnesota implemented a new document access program, "New MGA", as of August 1, 2016. The "New MGA" program provides us with the same information as the former program, Odyssey. The change of programs requires a new portal access. The change in portal access for the "New MGA" requires new applications be completed by the City for the New MGA program before our office can access the information.

Please place these documents on your next council agenda for approval: Master Subscriber Agreement and New MGA Request Form.

Once approved, we respectfully request your signature, as well as the Mayor's on each and return to our office. Our office will then submit the application on your behalf. Please note that the access provided by this program is essential to prosecute criminal cases on behalf of your city. The information accessed includes court information regarding a defendant's past criminal charges, convictions and dispositions.

Also enclosed please find an Overview of the new Required Minnesota Government Access Program for your reference. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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