Wedding Ceremony Agreement & Contract

This Agreement, dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by and between Dr. Catherine Thayer (hereinafter called the Officiant) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(bride) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(groom), hereinafter called the Couple) agree as follows:

1. The Officiant shall perform a marriage ceremony for the Couple on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(time of day) and at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(facility) located at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The Officiant warrants that she is a professional Officiant; recognized as a legally ordained nondenominational minister; fully qualified to officiate at weddings.

3. The Officiant will provide the following services for the fee of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ under the terms of this agreement. All additional services as listed below are discretionary to the Couple and must be agreed to and payment of 50% is due upon booking with the balance due 2 weeks prior to the service.

4. The Officiant will work with the Couple by e-mail, telephone or in person for no more than an hour to allow them to prepare or choose their custom service. Officiant has sample services available for the Couple or the Couple may chose to modify the samples, create a ceremony or use one of their own choosing. The Officiant reserves the right to refuse any service that she is not comfortable performing, at which time a refund may be made to the Couple.

5. The Officiant shall arrive at the wedding location approximately 30 minutes prior to the time of the scheduled service. a. Officiant is prepared to dress in the manner that suits the style of your wedding, provided it allows her to present a dignified image in keeping with the character of the rite of matrimony. She has vestments that can be worn, if you desire that level of formality. Attendance at pre and post wedding activities for blessings and prayer are dependent upon the availability of the Officiant.

6. In the event that the scheduled Officiant is unable to perform the Couple’s wedding ceremony due to illness, hospitalization, accident, transportation breakdown or other unforseeable causes, she will make every attempt to notify the Couple and arrange for another ordained minister licensed and qualified to perform weddings. In such an event that no substitute is available, all monies paid by the Couple to the Officiant will be returned and the Couple hereby agrees that the Officiant will not be held liable for any damages (including punitive) due to the non-performance of the ceremony or function.

7. The Officiant gives permission to the Couple to use her likeness in any photographs, videos or other recording media in any manner for any purpose they wish. Likewise, the Couple gives permission to the Officiant to use her likeness in any photographs, videos or other media for marketing purposes. In consideration for these services, the Couple agrees as follows:

8. The Couple understands that they must obtain a valid marriage license from the appropriate jurisdiction for which the ceremony will be performed and shall provide such valid marriage license to the Officiant to review and execute at the rehearsal or prior to the ceremony. The Officiant cannot and will not perform a marriage ceremony without receiving the appropriate valid marriage license prior to the ceremony.

9. The responsibility of filing this certificate with the county clerk’s office is solely that of the Officiant. The Officiant is legally obligated to return the completed license to the County Clerk’s office where the License was obtained by the Couple within 10 days of the wedding ceremony.

10. This agreement is valid for the wedding service for the place and date stated above. Any change to time, place or date must be agreed to in advance by the Officiant and may be subject to additional fees. The Couple realizes that the Officiant performs other ceremonies for other Couples and that excessive lateness or change in time can create a serious conflict in the Officiant’s schedule. If the Couple changes the time or date of the scheduled ceremony without the Officiant’s consent, the Officiant reserves the right to cancel the performance of the ceremony and shall in no way be held responsible or liable in any manner for such non-performance.

11. The Couple agrees to pay the Officiant the ceremony performance fee of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as listed above plus any additional agreed upon services or unusual travel expenses not listed above. To reserve the date, a non-refundable retainer of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shall be remitted with this agreement. This fee shall normally be 50% of the total fee. The remaining balance is due2 weeks prior to the ceremony.

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Dr. Catherine Thayer Bride and Groom Date