This contract is dated effective the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “Effective Date.”

For the purpose of retaining, a wedding minister to perform a wedding ceremony on the couple's behalf.

Officiate agrees to provide services to the Couple on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_20 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the time of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

At location of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Contract Between:** “Known as Wedding Minister”

**Robert Griffus**

**P.O. Box 392**

**Weidman, MI. 48893**

**And Client:**”Known as Couple”

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

NOTES

 Elopement Ceremony $150

 Vow Renewal $150

 Standard Ceremony $250

 Standard Ceremony / Rehearsal $325

 Holidays/Weekend $75

**Ceremony Package:** $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Travel Fee (A) $25 (B) $50 (C) $.49 per mile** $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (A) 50-99 (B) 100 -149 (C) 150 +

**Sub - Total** $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Retainer Fee:** $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Balance Due 7 days before Wedding:** $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Due On: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, recognize that I am hiring the services of Pastor Robert Griffus, an Independent non-denominational Christian Minister authorized to perform the rite of marriage in the State of Michigan. I/we hereby hire him to write and perform our wedding ceremony on the indicated date. I have read the complete description of what is included in each package, and all questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I, the customer, agree to pay of the agreed upon amount of $100.00 at time of booking, as a non-refundable retainer. I realize that payments on my final balance can be made at any time, however; I also understand that the entire balance must be paid no later than 7 calendar days prior to the wedding date. (This will give checks time to clear) Upon signature and receipt of deposit, Pastor Robert Griffus will reserve the time and date agreed upon, by the signing the completed contract. I understand that Pastor Robert Griffus will maintain the original copy of this contract and that I will receive a copy for my files.

**TERMS AND SERVICE CONDITIONS:**

**PARKING:** All parking fees shall be paid by the couple this includes parking lot fees, resort valet service or other.

**PHOTO’S:** Any and all Wedding/Wedding Ceremony Photo’s taken by minister and or ministers Associates, shall be come sole property of the minister. By signing this contract you agree also that the photo’s can be used for advertisement purposes and maybe viewable on the web.

**ASSISTANCE:** The Couple understands that at minister’s discretion an associate of “Company Name” could at any time during this contract assist the Couple. The assistant will abide by all terms of this contract. The decision to use an assistant is at the sole discretion of the minister.

**QUALIFIED REPLACEMENT:** Both parties agree and understand that the minister will recommend a qualified replacement should he/she be rendered incapable of performing the services any time prior to the date of the wedding.

**NON-EXCLUSIVE:** Minister is expressively free to perform services for other parties while performing service for the Couple. Sound system will not be provided by minister.

**PAYMENT TERMS:** All payments whether for fee, additional services or reimbursement are non refundable and shall be considered timely paid when received by Wedding minister on or prior to contract payment schedule. This agreement shall be permanently terminated at minister’s discretion if each payment is not paid in full and received ON TIME. In that event, minister WILL BE FREE TO ACCEPT OTHER EMPLOYMENT FOR THAT TIME AND DATE. Only check, cash, money order, or Paypal will be accepted. Please make checks payable to Pastor Robert Griffus or Custom Ceremonies. I understand that if my check is dishonored, Pastor Robert Griffus is relieved of all obligations set under this contract, unless I can immediately fix the situation with a cash payment plus a $30 dishonored check fee**.** I further understand that if my account is not paid in full prior to 7 days of the wedding date, Pastor Robert Griffus will not attend or perform my wedding.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** All details of your wedding are kept in strict confidence so that you can rest assured that your privacy is protected.

**LEGALITY OF MARRIAGE:** I also understand that it is my/our responsibility to possess a valid marriage license in Michigan and in the county where I have my residence. The marriage license must be on the premises when the ceremony is performed. I/we understand that failure to have these legal documents means that Pastor Robert Griffus cannot legally perform the ceremony and is in no obligation to do so, regardless of the inconvenience it may cause. I will consult with my local court/city clerk to find the exact requirements for my area. I understand and will take responsibility for researching the exact requirements for my specific situation by contacting the appropriate authorities where the wedding will take place. Pastor Robert Griffus does not provide for a P.A. system, or any items needed for “add-on” specials. These are the responsibility of the wedding party to provide.

**CANCELLATION:**  I/we acknowledge that the $100.00 amount that was paid as a retainer is non-refundable. In the event of a cancellation all payments made to date are non-refundable, However if balance agreed is paid in full in the event of a cancellation a 50% refund of the agreed balance will be refunded.

**WEDDING DATE CHANGE:** If the wedding date is postponed or changed, the following rules will apply: If Pastor Robert Griffus has the new date available, he will simply change your date and re-reserve it under the new date for a $50 “date change fee”. However, if Pastor Robert Griffus is already obligated for the new date you have chosen, and is unable to officiate your wedding on the new date, then the initial security retainer of $100.00 is forfeited and Pastor Robert Griffus is relieved of all responsibilities set forth in this contract.

**ALOCOHOL CLAUSE:** Severe alcoholic consumption of any kind will not be permissible prior to or during the ceremony event. Should severe alcoholic consumption be used prior to or during the ceremony in which it: Exceeds the legal limit to the point of Public Intoxication. Causes a disruption in the time allotment for the ceremony, then the retainer and/or any funds will be forfeited as well as the event will have to be rescheduled for a later date and/or time. A penalty fee of $100.00 USD will be required prior to the rescheduled event.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto agree to the terms and conditions as described above and have caused this Contract to be signed on the dates indicated below, but effective as of the Effective Date. The parties agree that the specifics of the agreed ceremony shall be considered a part of this contract after signing.

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 Signature of Applicant Date