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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
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ORLENE HAWKS  
DIRECTOR

Northline Holdings, LLC,  
Petitioner,

MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL

v

MOAHR Docket No. 20-001321

City of Southgate,  
Respondent.

Presiding Judge  
Peter M. Kopke

**ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

**ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**ORDER ADJOURNING JULY 26, 2021 HEARING**

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

**NOTICE OF VIDEO CONFERENCE HEARING**

On June 28, 2021, Respondent filed Motions in the above-captioned case requesting that the Tribunal: (i) adjourn the hearing scheduled to commence on July 26, 2021 and (ii) give immediate consideration to their Motion to Adjourn. In the Motions, Respondent contends that: (i) Respondent's valuation expert "John Widmer, has been double booked for July 26-30, 2021 . . . . [as] Mr. Widmer is scheduled to testify in MOHAR 20-000635 from July 26-[3]0, 2021 and is scheduled for testimony in this case on three of those days," (ii) "[g]ranting this relief is in the interest of the efficient administration of justice . . . . [as] Respondent would be unable to put in its case in chief without Mr. Widmer and would similarly be unable to offer Mr. Widmer as a witness to rebut any assertions made by Petitioner's valuation expert if Mr. Widmer cannot observe testimony," and (iii) "Petitioner was contacted regarding the filing of a response and indicated that it would likely be filing a response to the motion." Petitioner has not filed a Response to the Motion to Adjourn.

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The Tribunal has reviewed the Motions and the case file and finds that the Motion for Immediate Consideration is properly pending, and that good cause exists to justify the granting of that Motion. As a result, a telephonic status conference was conducted on June 30, 2021, to discuss the June 28, 2021 Motion to Adjourn and the rescheduling of the July 26, 2021 hearing. Based on the discussions, the July 26, 2021 hearing is **ADJOURNED**, a scheduling order has been **ESTABLISHED**, and the video conference hearing, via **Microsoft Teams**, has been **RESCHEDULED** for:

HEARING DATE:	<b>November 2, 2021</b> . The hearing shall continue on <b>November 3, 2021</b> , and <b>November 4, 2021</b> , as necessary.
HEARING TIME:	9:00 a.m.
TEAMS HEARING LINK:	Microsoft Teams meeting <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a> <a href="#">+1 248-509-0316,,290946808#</a> United States, Pontiac Phone Conference ID: 290 946 808#
PARTICIPANTS' GUIDE:	<a href="https://bit.ly/34fBXnN">https://bit.ly/34fBXnN</a>

**This hearing is open to the public** and this notice is provided under the Open Meetings Act. Any participant or member of the public wishing to attend this hearing **must** click on the “Teams Hearing Link” provided above to gain access to the hearing.

### SCHEDULING ORDER

The parties and the Tribunal have, as indicated above, determined the hearing in the case shall be conducted as a video conference proceeding. Although video conference proceedings via *Microsoft Teams* are generally set up using email addresses, the Tribunal has provided a “Teams Hearing Link” that can be utilized by participants (i.e., attorneys or agents, witnesses, the court reporter, etc.) to “join” the hearing **and the parties or their attorneys or agents are required** to provide that link **to their participants** so that they can **timely** “join the hearing.”

The Tribunal has also provided a link to *MOAHR MTT Guide for Participants for the Conducting of Entire Tribunal Video Conference Hearings*. Participants **should review** the Guide **prior to the hearing**, as participants **are required to comply** with the requirements of the *Guide*, as said requirements will facilitate the conducting and transcription of the scheduled hearing. The **parties or their attorneys or agents** are also **required** to provide the link to the *MOAHR MTT Guide for Participants to their participants* so that they are **aware of and can comply with** those requirements.

- i. **October 19, 2021** is the final date for the parties to submit their exhibit lists **and** exhibits, with the exception of rebuttal exhibits, to the Tribunal by **e-filing or email** and the opposing party or parties by **email**. For the exhibit list, the parties **must use** the form prescribed by the Tribunal. The exhibit list and exhibits **shall be submitted**

as provided in the **MOAHR MTT Guide for Participants**. An exhibit will **not** be admitted into evidence unless the exhibit is disclosed and furnished in accordance with this Order (even though admissible) **except** upon a finding of good cause by the Tribunal. The exhibits may be submitted separately or in a single document **provided** that the single document or PDF is **bookmarked** so that each exhibit can be easily accessed.

- II. **October 19, 2021** is the final date for Petitioner to notify the Tribunal **by e-filing or email** of the name and telephone number of the court reporter retained by the parties to transcribe the hearing, as provided in the **MOAHR MTT Guide for Participants**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in the dismissal of the case or the conducting of a show cause or default hearing.<sup>1</sup>

Entered: July 1, 2021  
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By



Peter M. Kopke

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<sup>1</sup> See TTR 231(1) and (4). See also *Grimm v Dep't of Treasury*, 291 Mich App 140, 149-50; 810 NW2d 65 (2010) and MCL 205.732(c).

## HEARING INFORMATION – PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** An impartial hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Michigan Administrative Hearing Rules (R 792.10101-R 792.11289) and the Michigan Administrative Procedures Act, MCL 24.201 *et seq.* The Michigan Rules of Evidence and the Michigan Court Rules may be applicable. A party is expected to exercise proper respect and courtesy toward other parties, witnesses, and administrative law judges, which includes attending the hearing on time, silencing cell phones, and dressing in appropriate clothing for in-person hearings.

**REPRESENTATION:** A party may be represented by an attorney or other authorized representative of the party's own choosing and at the party's own expense. The Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules does not recommend or appoint attorneys.

**WITNESSES:** Parties may present witnesses, if any, identified in the Prehearing Statements, to testify under oath or affirmation at the hearing, subject to cross-examination by the opposing party, and questions by the administrative law judge.

**EXHIBITS:** The parties shall bring two (2) copies of all proposed exhibits (i.e., file copy and Judge's copy) to the hearing. Each exhibit must display the docket number and exhibit number (i.e., P1, P2, R1, R2, etc.) in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of each copy of each proposed exhibit. If an exhibit contains multiple pages, each page shall be numbered. The proposed exhibits must be separated into numerical order sets and indexed for easy reference.

**COURT REPORTER:** The parties shall not only provide a court reporter to transcribe the hearing but shall also provide an electronic copy of the hearing transcript to the Tribunal by e-mailing it to [taxtrib@michigan.gov](mailto:taxtrib@michigan.gov). The costs attributable to the court reporter shall be shared equally by the parties. If the parties fail to pay the costs of the transcript to the court report prior to the submission of the transcript to the Tribunal, the court reporter may report this to the Tribunal with the submission of the transcript. As a result, the party or parties who failed to pay the costs associated with the transcript may be held in default.<sup>2</sup>

**WITHDRAWAL:** If Petitioner no longer wants to continue with the appeal, Petitioner may submit a written request to withdraw the case. Respondent must concur with the withdrawal. The request must be submitted to the Tribunal and served on Respondent at least 14 days before the hearing. Respondent may file a concurrence or objection to the request within 7 days of the service of the request on that party. If Respondent does not timely submit a concurrence or objection to the request will be deemed to be a concurrence to the request. If the request is granted, the case will be dismissed. If a request is not granted or the Tribunal has not notified you that it has been granted, you are required to attend the hearing.

**SETTLEMENT:** Parties may submit a written agreement settling a case (i.e., stipulation). The stipulation must be on a form made available by the tribunal or shall be in a written form that is in substantial compliance with the tribunal's form and be signed by the parties' attorneys or authorized representatives, if they have attorneys or

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<sup>2</sup> See TTR 321.

authorized representatives, or by the parties, if they do not have attorneys or authorized representatives. There is a \$50 fee for the filing of the stipulation. If the stipulation with appropriate filing fee is received by the Tribunal or the parties email a copy of the signed stipulation to the Tribunal by 4:30 p.m. on the business day immediately preceding the day of the scheduled hearing, the hearing may be adjourned. Parties that email a copy of a signed stipulation to the Tribunal for purposes of adjourning a hearing are also required to submit the original signed stipulation with appropriate filing fee. The stipulation, once submitted, will be reviewed and, if accepted, the Tribunal will issue a consent judgment.

**FAILURE TO APPEAR:** The failure of a party to timely appear or otherwise participate in a hearing will result in adjournment of the hearing and the holding of that party in default. The defaulted party will be given an opportunity to show good cause for the failure to appear. Failure to respond or show good cause may result in dismissal of the case or the conducting of a default hearing.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION:** All hearings are conducted in a barrier-free location in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. An individual requiring reasonable accommodation for effective participation in a hearing, including accessible documentation such as braille, large print, electronic or audio reader, should contact the MOAHR by telephone at (517) 335-9760, or complete and submit an accommodation request form at

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Disability\\_Accommodation\\_FORM\\_v1\\_2\\_464017\\_7.doc](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Disability_Accommodation_FORM_v1_2_464017_7.doc) within five (5) days of receipt of the Notice of Hearing to ensure availability of accommodation.

**PRIVACY OF INFORMATION:** In order to conduct a comprehensive and fair hearing, a party's private or confidential information, such as health or financial information, may be disclosed to the Tribunal and other parties and their attorneys or representatives. The MOAHR will use the private information solely for purposes related to the hearings process. A party may file a motion to request that a public hearing be closed in part or file a motion for protective order to deem certain information private and confidential in order to afford that information special protection.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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