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## PRIVACY POLICY

We value your trust and confidence and we want to assure you your personal information is kept completely confidential by us. As Certified Public Accountants and member of the American Institute of CPAs, and The State Society of CPAs, we adhere to the highest level of professional ethical responsibility and obligations to protect the confidentiality of all client information.

The Privacy Policy is to help you understand what information we collect about you, the limited times we may share it with others, and what measure we take to protect your privacy.

### *What Personal Information Do We Collect?*

In order to meet your needs in the course of tax return preparation, tax and financial planning, and tax compliance engagements for you, we collect various types of personal information about you from the following sources.

- Information we receive from you in person, by the phone, mail or email, through our website, on tax preparation worksheets, and on other documents or forms we use in preparing your tax return or providing other services for you. Such information includes, for instance, your name, address, Social Security number, income, investment and other assets, and other tax and financial information about you.
- Information we receive from others about your transactions or relationships with them. Such information includes for instance, investment, loan or banking activity, balances or account numbers, legal agreements and documents, and other information we gather in the course of providing services to you.
- Information we receive from you when your browser interacts with our website. This could include information transmitted on an internet "cookie", such as your password to our site, your preferences on the site, and your internet service provider's address.
- Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency, such as your credit history and outstanding loan balances.

### *Is Personal Information Shared with Others?*

We do not share any personal information about you with anyone without your express consent, except as permitted by law and as described below.

The law permits or requires disclosure in certain instances, such as if we must share information to protect against fraud, in response to a court subpoena, or as part of actual or threatened legal proceedings or alternated dispute resolution.

We may share any information we collect (except for consumer agency reporting information, which we do not disclose) to nonaffiliated companies which perform support services on our behalf (such as tax or data processing, transmission of electronic returns or data, records retention, and mailing services). We do **not** sell or otherwise disclose our client list or any of your information to outside companies for their marketing or solicitation use.

We may also share your information with other parties who help assure our compliance with professional accounting standards (such as peer review), or who conduct due diligence procedures, such as if we consider a sale or merger of our practice.

### ***How Do We Protect the Confidentiality and Security of Your Personal Information?***

Keeping your information confidential and secure is of utmost importance to us. We follow standard industry practices to actively protect the confidentiality, security, and integrity of your personal information. Our employees are bound by internal confidentiality policies and are subject to disciplinary action for any policy violations. We take appropriate precautions such as confidentiality agreements before sharing your information with any outside parties.

Should you become an inactive client or should our relationship end, we will continue to protect the confidentiality and security of your personal information in accordance with this privacy policy.

### ***Our Pledge to You***

As CPAs, our professional ethical obligations and responsibilities have always demanded no less than the highest regard and duties for the confidentiality of your personal information and the security of your privacy. We will protect your personal information, use it only as necessary, and perform our engagements so as to always maintain your trust and confidence is us.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service, we truly value our relationship with you. We hope you view our firm as your most trusted advisor, and we will work to continue earning that trust. Please call us anytime you have questioned or we may be of further service.

Best regards,

***The Griffith CPA Firm PLLC***

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