# DESIGN CONTRACT

This Contract is between "The Client" and +impact, a Georgia limited liability company.

These Terms of Service set forth are specifically listed to manage expectations and outcomes and protect both "The Client" and "+impact" "The Designer." You ("The Customer," "The Client") must take time to read through thoroughly and ensure that you fully understand these Terms of Service and their significance before working with +impact. Please also note that at any time, +impact may need to alter these Terms of Service and prices without notice

The Contract is dated January 1, 2021.

## 1. WORK AND PAYMENT.

# **1.1 PAYMENT.** "The Client" agrees to pay:

All services \$400 and less require full payment. Services more than \$400 require a 50% non - refundable deposit. If a 50% non - refundable deposit has been paid, the balance must be paid once the final design or designs are approved. Final files are not sent until the balance is paid in full. Website & Retainer Packages follow payment schedules that are included on invoices sent. The project deposit is non-refundable & our Terms of Service serves as your contract and once the invoice is paid or the order is placed, you agree to all terms of service listed here and in your contract. If "The Client" wishes to cancel before the project has started, a full refund will be provided. If "The Client" decides to terminate the project after approval is given to any designs rendered, +impact reserves the right to keep the full payment amount for work done. If "The Client" decides to terminate the project during the project, the client will receive a 50% refund of what was paid, and the remainder is forfeited and acts as a cancellation fee.

**1.2 INVOICES.** If the full amount is not paid at the start of the work. The Designer will invoice the Client after half of the work is completed. The Client agrees to pay the amount owed within 15 days of receiving the invoice. Payment after that date will incur a late fee of \$15.00 per day on the outstanding amount.

**1.3 SUPPORT.** The Designer will not provide support for any deliverable once the Client accepts it, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

## 2. OWNERSHIP AND LICENSES.

- **2.1 CLIENT OWNS ALL DESIGNS.** As part of this job, the Designer is creating graphics for the Client. To avoid confusion, finished product, as well as drafts, notes, materials, mockups, hardware, designs, inventions, patents, code, and anything else that the Designer works on—that is, conceives, creates, designs, develops, invents, works on, or reduces to practice—as part of this project, whether before the date of this Contract or after. The Designer hereby gives the Client this work product once the Client pays for it in full. This means the Designer is giving the Client all its rights, titles, and interests in and to the work product (including intellectual property rights), and the Client will be the sole owner of it. The Client can use the designs however they want, or they can decide not to use the work at all. The Client, for example, can modify, destroy, or sell it, as it sees fit only after design has been paid for in FULL
- **2.2 DESIGNER'S USE OF WORK PRODUCT.** Once the Designer sends designs to the Client, the Designer does not have any rights to it, except those that the Client explicitly gives the Designer here. The Client gives permission to use the work product as part of portfolios and websites, in galleries, and in other media, so long as it is to showcase the work and not for any other purpose. The Client does not give permission to sell or otherwise use the work product to make money or for any other commercial use. The Client is not allowed to take back this license, even after the Contract ends.
- **2.3 DESIGNER'S HELP SECURING OWNERSHIP.** In the future, the Client may need the Designer's help to show that the Client owns the work product or to complete the transfer. The Designer agrees to help with that. For example, the Designer may have to sign a patent application. The Client will pay any required expenses for this. If the Client cannot find the Designer, the Designer agrees that the Client can act on the Designer's behalf to accomplish the same thing. The following language gives the Client that right: if the Client can't find the Designer after spending reasonable effort trying to do so, the Designer hereby irrevocably designates and appoints the Client as the Designer's agent and attorney-in-fact, which appointment is coupled with an interest, to act for the Designer and on the Designer's behalf to execute, verify, and file the required documents and to take any other legal action to accomplish the purposes of paragraph 2.1 (Client Owns design work).

- **2.4 DESIGNER'S IP THAT IS NOT THE DESIGN.** During this project, the Designer might use intellectual property that the Designer owns or has licensed from a third party, but that does not qualify as "design work." This is called "background IP." Possible examples of background IP are pre-existing code, type fonts, properly licensed stock photos, and web application tools. The Designer is not giving the Client this background IP. But, as part of the Contract, the Designer is giving the Client a right to use and license (with the right to sublicense) the background IP to develop, market, sell, and support the Client's products and services. The Client may use this background IP worldwide and free of charge, but it cannot transfer its rights to the background IP (except as allowed in Section 11.1 (Assignment)). The Client cannot sell or license the background IP separately from its products or services. The Designer cannot take back this grant, and this grant does not end when the Contract is over.
- **2.5 DESIGNER'S RIGHT TO USE CLIENT IP.** The Designer may need to use the Client's intellectual property to do its job. For example, if the Client is hiring the Designer to build a website, the Designer may have to use the Client's logo. The Client agrees to let the Designer use the Client's intellectual property and other intellectual property that the Client controls to the extent reasonably necessary to do the Designer's job. Beyond that, the Client is not giving the Designer any intellectual property rights, unless specifically stated otherwise in this Contract.
- **3. NON-SOLICITATION.** Until this Contract ends, the Designer will not: (a) encourage Client employees or service providers to stop working for the Client; (b) encourage Client customers or clients to stop doing business with the Client; or (c) hire anyone who worked for the Client over the 12-month period before the Contract ended. The one exception is if the Designer puts out a general ad and someone who happened to work for the Client responds. In that case, the Designer may hire that candidate. The Designer promises that it will not do anything in this paragraph on behalf of itself or a third party.

# 4. REPRESENTATIONS.

- **4.1 OVERVIEW.** This section contains important promises between the parties.
- **4.2 AUTHORITY TO SIGN.** Each party promises to the other party that it has the authority to enter this Contract and to perform all its obligations under this Contract.

- **4.3 DESIGNER HAS RIGHT TO GIVE CLIENT DESIGNS.** The Designer promises that it owns all designs, that the Designer can give the designs to the Client, and that no other party will claim that they own the designs. If the Designer uses employees or subcontractors, the Designer also promises that these employees and subcontractors have signed contracts with the Designer giving the Designer any rights that the employees or subcontractors have related to the Designer's background IP and designs.
- **4.4 DESIGNER WILL COMPLY WITH LAWS.** The Designer promises that the manner it does this job, its designs, and any background IP it uses comply with applicable U.S. and foreign laws and regulations.
- **4.5 DESIGNS DO NOT INFRINGE.** The Designer promises that their designs do not and will not infringe on someone else's intellectual property rights, that the Designer has the right to let the Client use the background IP, and that this Contract does not and will not violate any contract that the Designer has entered or will enter with someone else.
- **4.6 CLIENT WILL REVIEW WORK.** The Client promises to review all designs, to be reasonably available to the Designer if the Designer has questions regarding this project, and to provide timely feedback and decisions.
- **4.7 CLIENT-SUPPLIED MATERIAL DOES NOT INFRINGE.** If the Client provides the Designer with material to incorporate into designs, the Client promises that this material does not infringe on someone else's intellectual property rights.
- **5. TERM AND TERMINATION.** This Contract ends on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date contract ends), unless the Client or the Designer ends the contract before that time. Either party may end this Contract for any reason by sending an email or letter to the other party, informing the recipient that the sender is ending the Contract and that the Contract will end in 7 days. The Contract officially ends once that time has passed. The party that is ending the Contract must provide notice by taking the steps explained in Section 10.4. The Designer must immediately stop working as soon as it receives this notice, unless the notice says otherwise. The Client will pay the Designer for the work done up until when the Contract ends and will reimburse the Designer for any agreed-upon, non-cancellable expenses. The following sections don't end even after the Contract ends: 2 (Ownership and Licenses); 3 (Competitive Engagements); 3 (Non-Solicitation); 4 (Representations); 7 (Confidential Information); 8 (Limitation of Liability); 9 (Indemnity); and 10(General).

- **6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** The Client is hiring the Designer as an independent contractor. The following statements accurately reflect their relationship:
  - The Designer will use its own equipment, tools, and material to do the work.
  - The Client will not control how the job is performed on a day-to-day basis. Rather, the Designer is responsible for determining when, where, and how it will carry out the work.
  - The Client will not provide the Designer with any training.
  - The Client and the Designer do not have a partnership or employer-employee relationship.
  - The Designer cannot enter into contracts, make promises, or act on behalf of the Client.
  - The Designer is not entitled to the Client's benefits (e.g., group insurance, retirement benefits, retirement plans, vacation days).
  - The Designer is responsible for its own taxes.
  - The Client will not withhold social security and Medicare taxes or make payments for disability insurance, unemployment insurance, or workers compensation for the Designer or any of the Designer's employees or subcontractors.

# 7. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

- **7.1 OVERVIEW.** This Contract imposes special restrictions on how the Client and the Designer must handle confidential information. These obligations are explained in this section.
- **7.2 THE CLIENT'S CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.** While working for the Client, the Designer may come across, or be given, Client information that is confidential. This is information like customer lists, business strategies, research & development notes, statistics about a website, and other information that is private. The Designer promises to treat this information as if it is the Designer's own confidential

information. The Designer may use this information to do its job under this Contract, but not for anything else. For example, if the Client lets the Designer use a customer list to send out a newsletter, the Designer cannot use those email addresses for any other purpose. The one exception to this is if the Client gives the Designer written permission to use the information for another purpose, the Designer may use the information for that purpose, as well. When this Contract ends, the Designer must give back or destroy all confidential information and confirm that it has done so. The Designer promises that it will not share confidential information with a third party, unless the Client gives the Designer written permission first. The Designer must continue to follow these obligations, even after the Contract ends. The Designer's responsibilities only stop if the Designer can show any of the following: (i) that the information was already public when the Designer came across it; (ii) the information became public after the Designer came across it, but not because of anything the Designer did or didn't do; (iii) the Designer already knew the information when the Designer came across it and the Designer didn't have any obligation to keep it secret; (iv) a third party provided the Designer with the information without requiring that the Designer keep it a secret; or (v) the Designer created the information on its own, without using anything belonging to the Client.

- **7.3 THIRD-PARTY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.** It is possible the Client and the Designer each have access to confidential information that belongs to third parties. The Client and the Designer each promise that it will not share with the other party confidential information that belongs to third parties unless it can do so. If the Client or the Designer can share confidential information with the other party and does so, the sharing party promises to tell the other party in writing of any special restrictions regarding that information.
- **8. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** Neither party is liable for breach-of-contract damages that the breaching party could not reasonably have foreseen when it entered this Contract.

## 9. INDEMNITY.

- **9.1 OVERVIEW.** This section transfers certain risks between the parties if a third party sues or goes after the Client or the Designer or both. For example, if the Client gets sued for something that the Designer did, then the Designer may promise to come to the Client's defense or to reimburse the Client for any losses.
- **9.2 CLIENT INDEMNITY.** In this Contract, the Designer agrees to indemnify the Client (and its affiliates and their directors, officers, employees, and agents) from

and against all liabilities, losses, damages, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) related to a third-party claim or proceeding arising out of: (i) the work the Designer has done under this Contract; (ii) a breach by the Designer of its obligations under this Contract; or (iii) a breach by the Designer of the promises it is making in Section 5 (Representations).

**9.3 DESIGNER INDEMNITY.** In this Contract, the Client agrees to indemnify the Designer (and its affiliates and their directors, officers, employees, and agents) from and against liabilities, losses, damages, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) related to a third-party claim or proceeding arising out of a breach by the Client of its obligations under this Contract.

#### 10. GENERAL.

**10.1 ASSIGNMENT.** This Contract applies only to the Client and the Designer. The Designer cannot assign its rights or delegate its obligations under this Contract to a third-party (other than by will or intestate), without first receiving the Client's written permission. In contrast, the Client may assign its rights and delegate its obligations under this Contract without the Designer's permission. This is necessary in case, for example, another Client buys out the Client or if the Client decides to sell the work product that results from this Contract.

**10.2 ARBITRATION.** As the exclusive means of initiating adversarial proceedings to resolve any dispute arising under this Contract, a party may demand that the dispute be resolved by arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its commercial arbitration rules.

**10.3 MODIFICATION; WAIVER.** To change anything in this Contract, the Client and the Designer must agree to that change in writing and sign a document showing their contract. Neither party can waive its rights under this Contract or release the other party from its obligations under this Contract, unless the waiving party acknowledges it is doing so in writing and signs a document that says so.

#### 10.4 NOTICES.

(a) Over the course of this Contract, one party may need to send a notice to the other party. For the notice to be valid, it must be in writing and delivered in one of the following ways: personal delivery, email, or certified or registered mail (postage prepaid, return receipt requested). The notice must be delivered to the

party's address listed at the end of this Contract or to another address that the party has provided in writing as an appropriate address to receive notice.

(b) The timing of when a notice is received can be very important. To avoid confusion, a valid notice is considered received as follows: (i) if delivered personally, it is considered received immediately; (ii) if delivered by email, it is considered received upon acknowledgement of receipt; (iii) if delivered by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid, return receipt requested), it is considered received upon receipt as indicated by the date on the signed receipt. If a party refuses to accept notice or if notice cannot be delivered because of a change in address for which no notice was given, then it is considered received when the notice is rejected or unable to be delivered. If the notice is received after 5:00pm on a business day at the location specified in the address for that party, or on a day that is not a business day, then the notice is considered received at 9:00am on the next business day.

**10.5 SEVERABILITY.** This section deals with what happens if a portion of the Contract is found to be unenforceable. If that's the case, the unenforceable portion will be changed to the minimum extent necessary to make it enforceable, unless that change is not permitted by law, in which case the portion will be disregarded. If any portion of the Contract is changed or disregarded because it is unenforceable, the rest of the Contract is still enforceable.

**10.6 SIGNATURES.** The Client and the Designer must sign this document using These electronic signatures count as originals for all purposes.

**10.7 GOVERNING LAW.** The laws of the state of Georgia govern the rights and obligations of the Client and the Designer under this Contract, without regard to conflict of law principles of that state.

**10.8 ENTIRE CONTRACT.** This Contract represents the parties' final and complete understanding of this job and the subject matter discussed in this Contract. This Contract supersedes all other contracts (both written and oral) between the parties.

#### 11. RESPONSE TIME.

**11.1** "The Client" must provide all information requested for the project. All project documents or questionnaires should be completed within 7 - 10 business days. If there is a delay on "The Clients" behalf, the completion date of your project, then changes. If "The Client" fails to respond to emails and provide information within 7 -

10 business days, their project will be paused until the client communicates with "The Designer." Once they speak with "The Designer" and submit all details needed, their turnaround time will begin from that point. In a reasonable effort, "The Designer" will ONLY send 2 "courtesy follow-ups" (dated emails) if there is no communication between "The Client" and "The Designer", within 30 days of the initial invoice or payment. If "The Client" fails to respond after two follow up emails have been sent, the project will be marked as completed. After 30 days of no communication, there will be a \$75 restart fee. After 60 days, your project (deals, credits, and free offers) is forfeited, and a 50% refund will be issued if requested. Your entire project is now canceled, and any design or coding will be removed from the server.