Reverend Darla Gaioma Bair

Wedding Officiant, Interfaith Clergy

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We, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_wish to hire the services of Reverend Darla Bair, who is authorized to perform marriages in the States of Pennsylvania and New York.

The ceremony date is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

The ceremony will start at this time: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Start time cannot be changed without notifying Rev. Bair in advance and getting approval from her via email.**

Please initial each paragraph:

\_\_\_ We agree to pay 50% as a non-refundable deposit when we book my date. Payments on the remaining 50% may be made at any time, but we understand the fee will be paid in full no later than one week before the date of the ceremony. Payment may be made in cash, by personal check, money order, cashier’s check or through PayPal. Checks should be made to Rev. Darla Bair. Credit card payments may be made through PayPal as well. Please us the PayPal button on the website – [www.calminthechaos.org](http://www.calminthechaos.org)

\_\_\_ We understand that any payment that is refused by Rev. Bair’s bank for any reason will result in a $25 fee to *Calm in the Chaos*, in addition to any bank fees levied.

\_\_\_ We understand that if the entire fee is not paid by one week before the ceremony date, Rev. Bair is not obligated to perform our wedding.

\_\_\_ We understand that it is our responsibility to acquire a *valid marriage license prior to the wedding*. The marriage license must be brought to the ceremony for witnesses and Rev. Bair to sign. Failure to have it at the ceremony will result in Rev. Bair’s performing a symbolic ceremony, with no legal merit. We can perform another ceremony in private once the legal document is presented at a later date.

\_\_\_ We understand the booking deposit is non-refundable. If we change the date or time of the wedding, it can be rescheduled if a new date is available. If the new date is not available for Rev. Bair, the deposit will be forfeited and Rev. Bair is relieved of all responsibilities set forth in this contract.

\_\_\_ We understand that if our ceremony includes any extra equipment (unity candle, sand, ribbons), we are responsible for providing all of the equipment.

\_\_\_ We understand that we may construct a unique ceremony in conjunction with Rev. Bair’s leadership. Rev. Bair reserves the right to edit the ceremony in the case of inappropriate wording.

\_\_\_ We understand the Rev. Bair reserves the right to refuse to perform any ceremony that she is not comfortable performing, at which time a partial refund may be made to the us.

\_\_\_ We understand that, if we are writing our own vows, the completed text must be sent via email to Rev. Bair at least two weeks before the wedding.

\_\_\_ We understand that, if for any reason we decide to not use the services of Rev. Bair after payment of the non-refundable deposit, we must inform her, in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to the wedding date in order to release us from this contract. If we cancel the wedding or Rev. Bair’s services within thirty (30) calendar days of the contracted wedding date, we agree to pay the full contract fee to Rev. Bair.

\_\_\_ We may use Rev. Bair’s likeness in any photographs, videos, or other recording media in any manner for any purpose they wish. Likewise, we give Rev. Bair permission to use our likeness in photographs for marketing purposes.

\_\_\_ In the unlikely event that Rev. Bair cannot perform the wedding due to illness, hospitalization, family emergency, transportation breakdown, or any other unforeseeable causes, she will make every possible attempt to notify us. She will make every attempt to secure another officiant who offers the same level of service. If she cannot secure someone, a full refund will be made to us. We agree that the refund will be the full extent of damages we are entitled to, and Rev. Bair or any persons affiliated with her, will NOT be held liable for any damages (including punitive) due to the non-performance of the ceremony.

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First person’s signature Date

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Second person’s signature Date

**What you can expect from Reverend Bair**

**During planning stages**

Rev. Bair will

 Meet with the couple for an initial planning session, up to two hours

Meet with the couple for additional sessions, if she deems necessary (no

 extra charge)

Hold email, text and phone conversations as often as needed to assure

 accuracy

Create the bulletin/program for the wedding (if the couple wants her to

 copy and bring them to the wedding, see Add-on Fees)

**On the rehearsal date**

Rev. Bair will

Expect everyone to be on time for the rehearsal

Organize and run your rehearsal

**On your wedding day**

Rev. Bair will

Arrive on site one half hour before the time of the wedding

Bring programs, if she was chosen to copy them

Meet the musicians and photographer

Meet the sound person for microphone check

Assure that the couple and their attendants are “ready to go”

Wear a robe (white, linen or black, depending on the season), and

 appropriate stole

Officiate the ceremony, pronouncing the legal and spiritual marriage

**After the ceremony**

Rev. Bair will

Have two witnesses sign the marriage license

Mail the license to the appropriate address

Gladly say a blessing over the couple and the food at the reception, if

 requested

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