

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**R E S O L U T I O N #24-42**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS IN  
A NON-FAIR AND OPEN MANNER  
VARIOUS LEGAL MATTERS**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for professional services related to various legal for the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the below professional firms have provided for a quotation for services without bidding as per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has procured these various professional firms in a non-fair and open manner in accord with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, all professional firms named below have provided for a Business Entity Disclosure and Political Contribution Disclosure in accord with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 indicating the professionals have not made any reportable contributions in the past 12 months and will be prohibited from making reportable contributions in the coming year; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost of the contract for services related to those stated below; and as certified by the chief financial officer as encumbered in the accounts referenced below that funds are available for this purpose are from:

FIRM/PURPOSE	AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED	TERM EXPIRES
Parker McCay General Legal 4-01-20-115-028	\$155,000.00	12/31/2024
Parker McCay Legal Services – Open Space X-12-00-925-234	\$10,000.00	12/31/2024
Parker McCay Legal Services – COAH – Affordable Housing Trust X-14-99-927-028	\$5,000.00	12/31/2024
Parker McCay Review of Escrow projects – Trust X-21-00-900-009 / X-21-00-929-115	Escrow	12/31/2024
Ruderman & Roth Labor Council 4-01-20-115-028	\$105,000.00	12/31/2024
Carlin, Ward, Ashe & Heiart Legal Services – Tax Appeals 4-01-20-115-028	\$30,000.00	12/31/2024
Mason, Griffin & Pierson Legal Services – COAH – Affordable Housing Trust X-14-99-927-028	\$7,000.00	12/31/2024

Mason, Griffin & Pierson Legal Services – Zoning Board 4-01-21-190-028	\$15,000.00	12/31/2024
Mason, Griffin & Pierson Legal Services – Conflict Attorney 4-01-20-115-028	\$500.00	12/31/2024
Mason, Griffin & Pierson Review of Planning and Zoning Board Escrow Applications – Trust X-21-00-900-009	Escrow	12/31/2024
Francis Linnus Legal Services – Planning Board 4-01-21-190-028	\$15,000.00	12/31/2024
Francis Linnus Legal Services – Ordinance Amendments 4-01-21-190-028	\$5,000.00	12/31/2024
Francis Linnus Review of escrow applications – Trust X-21-00-900-009 / X-21-00-929-115	Escrow	12/31/2024
McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC Legal Services – Non-escrow Redevelopment 4-01-20-115-028	\$2,000.00	12/31/2024
McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC Bond Counsel 4-01-20-130-028	\$15,000.00	12/31/2024
McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC Review of escrow applications – Trust X-21-00-900-009 / X-21-00-929-115	Escrow	12/31/2024

; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) et seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the above agreements with the above professionals for annual legal services.
2. The contracts are awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a) as a contract for services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice recognized professions that are regulated by law.
3. The Business Entity Disclosure and Political Contribution Disclosure will be on file in the Municipal Clerks office and available for public inspection.

Date Adopted: January 22, 2024

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Katherine Fenton-Newman, Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at the regular meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2024, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey and via Zoom Video Communications.

  
Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC, CMR

Municipal Clerk