

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

R E S O L U T I O N #25-54

**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 5-01-20-115-028	\$135,000.00	12/31/2025
Parker McCay Legal Services – Open Space X-12-00-925-234	\$10,000.00	12/31/2025
Parker McCay Legal Services – COAH – Affordable Housing Trust X-14-99-927-028	\$20,000.00	12/31/2025
Parker McCay Review of Escrow projects – Trust X-21-00-900-009 / X-21-00-929-115	Escrow	12/31/2025
Ruderman & Roth Labor Council 5-01-20-115-028	\$120,000.00	12/31/2025
Carlin, Ward, Ashe & Heiart Legal Services – Tax Appeals 5-01-20-115-028	\$30,000.00	12/31/2025

Mason, Griffin & Pierson Legal Services – COAH – Affordable Housing Trust X-14-99-927-028	\$5,000.00	12/31/2025
Mason, Griffin & Pierson Legal Services – Zoning Board 5-01-21-190-028	\$45,000.00	12/31/2025
Mason, Griffin & Pierson Legal Services – Conflict Attorney 5-01-20-115-028	\$750.00	12/31/2025
Mason, Griffin & Pierson Review of Planning and Zoning Board Escrow Applications – Trust X-21-00-900-009	Escrow	12/31/2025
Francis Linnus Legal Services – Planning Board 5-01-21-190-028	\$12,000.00	12/31/2025
Francis Linnus Legal Services – Ordinance Amendments 5-01-21-190-028	\$5,000.00	12/31/2025
Francis Linnus Review of escrow applications – Trust X-21-00-900-009 / X-21-00-929-115	Escrow	12/31/2025
McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC Legal Services – Non-escrow Redevelopment 5-01-20-115-028	\$2,000.00	12/31/2025
McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC Bond Counsel 5-01-20-130-028	\$15,000.00	12/31/2025
McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC Review of escrow applications – Trust X-21-00-900-009 / X-21-00-929-115	Escrow	12/31/2025
Gebhardt Kiefer – Conflict Attorney Review of Planning/Zoning Board Applications – Trust X-21-00-900-009	Escrow	12/31/2025

; 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 (l)(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 27, 2025

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 27th day of January, 2025, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey and via Zoom Video Communications.



Katherine Fenton-Newman, CMR, RMC
Municipal Clerk