

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

**R E S O L U T I O N #26-64**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT IN A  
NON-FAIR AND OPEN MANNER BANISCH AND ASSOCIATES**

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

**WHEREAS**, Banisch and Associates, has 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 Banisch and Associates in a non-fair and open manner in accord with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, Banisch and Associates, has provided for a Business Entity Disclosure and Political Contribution Disclosure in accord with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 indicating Banisch and Associates has 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
Banisch and Associates Legal 6-01-20-115-028	\$500.00	12/31/2026
Banisch and Associates General Planner Services 6-01-21-190-028	\$15,000.00	12/31/2026
Banisch and Associates Zoning Board Planner Services 6-01-21-190-028	\$1,000.00	12/31/2026
Banisch and Associates Redevelopment – Non-Escrow 6-01-20-165-028	\$5,000.00	12/31/2026
Banisch and Associates Community Center 6-01-20-165-028	\$5,000.00	12/31/2026
Banisch and Associates Affordable Housing Trust – COAH Matters Planner X-14-99-927-028	\$30,000.00	12/31/2026
Banisch and Associates Trust – Escrow Application Review for Planning/Zoning Board/Redevelopment X-21-00-900-009 / X-21-00-929-115	Escrow	12/31/2026

; 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 agreement with Banisch and Associates for annual planning 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 Clerk's office and available for public inspection.

Date Adopted: February 2, 2026

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2026, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey and via Zoom Video Communications.

  
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Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC  
Municipal Clerk