

RESOLUTION

22-192

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Approved as to Form and Legality

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ADAM E. CRUZ, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Councilman/woman

Sonya A. Wilkins

presents the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE LAW OFFICE OF RILEY & RILEY TO PROVIDE CONTINUED AND ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING MUNICIPAL LITIGATION AND OTHER LEGAL MATTERS FOR THE CITY OF TRENTON FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FROM JANUARY 1, 2022, TO DECEMBER 31, 2022, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton has a renewed need for professional legal services regarding Municipal Litigation for the City of Trenton; and

WHEREAS, Resolution Number 22-078 awarded a contract to the law offices of Riley & Riley (referred to as the "Firm") in the amount of \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the cases currently assigned to the Firm, there is now a specific need to reassign ongoing litigation that was originally assigned to firms that were not selected to perform professional legal services for the City of Trenton for the CY22 Fiscal Year and are listed as follows:

- Fiah Kwessee v City of Trenton – MER-L-1379-19
- Russell v Williams v City of Trenton – 3:21-CV-05050-ZNQ-RLS
- Damon Jefferson v City of Trenton – MER-L-597-16
- Ramirez-Caal, Gloria v. City of Trenton, et al. – 3:12-CV-10283-FLW-ZNQ

WHEREAS, the increased caseload for the Firm will increase the amount of funds necessary to sufficiently and properly defend the above listed ongoing civil matters; and

WHEREAS the amendment for \$150,000.00 for services rendered through December 31, 2022, will bring the total contract amount to \$200,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this amendment shall be awarded to the Firm in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funds for this contract have been certified to be available in the CY2022 Budget in Account No. 2-01- -35-3500-290;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Trenton that the Mayor is hereby authorized to amend the contract with the Law Office of Riley & Riley for the said purposes in the manner prescribed by law.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
CALDWELL WILSON	✓				RODRIGUEZ	✓				MCBRIDE	✓			
HARRISON	✓				VAUGHN	✓								
MUSCHAL	✓				WILKINS	✓								

This Resolution was adopted at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trenton on

MAY 05 2022

Kathy McBride
President of Council

Penelope S. Edwards-Carter
City Clerk

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Assistant Municipal Clerk