

**RESOLUTION 25:46**  
**BOROUGH OF STRATFORD**  
**RESOLUTION APPOINTING PROFESSIONAL CONFLICT LEGAL COUNSEL**  
**SERVICES AS A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Stratford has a need for professional conflict legal counsel services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, such professional conflict legal services can only be provided by licensed professionals and M. Lou Garty, Esquire is so recognized as an attorney of law; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is to be awarded at an hourly rate of \$150.00 per hour plus reimbursable expenses for professional legal services for the Borough of Stratford until December 31, 2025. All rates based on services utilized are provided for in the contract between M. Lou Garty, Esquire and the Borough of Stratford; and

**WHEREAS**, M. Lou Garty, Esquire has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that no reportable contributions were made to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Stratford in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit M. Lou Garty, Esquire from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, M. Lou Garty, Esquire has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure form in accordance with P.L. 2005, c271; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-1, *et seq.* requires that notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That M. Lou Garty, Esquire is hereby retained to provide professional conflict legal counsel services as described above at the rate of \$150.00 per hour plus reimbursable expenses for professional conflict legal services for the Borough of Stratford until December 31, 2025.
2. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5(l)(a) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to sign the contract.
3. A copy of the Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Stratford.
4. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.
5. The attached contract is hereby approved and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contract.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
LINDA HALL, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
STEPHENIE CIANFRANI, DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Stephenie Cianfrani, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford held on March 13, 2025.

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STEPHENIE CIANFRANI  
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

