

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
R-39-26

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR AFFORDABLE
HOUSING MATTERS AND COAH RELATED LITIGATION

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the retention of special counsel having an expertise in the complex and litigated subject area of affordable housing for the purpose of providing the Township Committee with legal representation in court as well as advice, reports and services generally related to the obligation of the Township of Franklin to meet its affordable housing share obligations under New Jersey law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, the Township Committee has determined to award said contract as a fair and open contract; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires the governing body of a contracting unit to publish a notice in a newspaper authorized by law to publish its legal advertisements, setting forth the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract where such contract is awarded for “professional services”.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that NAME be and is hereby appointed as Special Counsel to provide representation, advice, reports and related services regarding affordable housing to the Township Committee for the year 2026 in accordance with the attached Contract.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the Township of Franklin are hereby authorized to enter into the attached contract with XXXXX for services specified above until December 31, 2026.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract is awarded as a “professional service” under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law because of the specialized training, education, experience and specialized knowledge needed for this position and pursuant to a “fair and open process” as provided in N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.4 et seq.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Sentinel of Gloucester County, an official newspaper of the Township of Franklin, authorized by law to publish the legal notices of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, setting forth the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract, and further stating that this resolution and the annexed contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Township of Franklin.

ADOPTED at a Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on January 28, 2026.

Adopted: January 28, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 nd	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
J. Bruno						
T. Doyle						
M. Fiorella						
J. Keen						
M. Marsh						

Attest:

Township of Franklin

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

John Bruno, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on January 28, 2026.

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk