

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
R-12-24**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF  
FRANKLIN JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE YEAR 2024, PURSUANT TO  
LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, ET SEQ.)**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for a Public Defender in the Township of Franklin for the Franklin Township Municipal Court; 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**, the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the amount of \$18,000 which shall be charged against budget line item T-19-56-850-801 Public Defender Trust

**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" without competitive bidding.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That Mark Kargman, 6215 Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbon Township NJ 08244 is hereby retained as Public Defender for the Township of Franklin for the year 2024.

2. The appropriate officers of the Township of Franklin are hereby authorized to enter into a contract, and to be paid in accordance with the salary ordinance in the amount of \$18,000 charged against budget line items #4-01-43-495-129 entitled Public Defender S/W.

3. The contract is awarded as a "professional service" under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law because 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.

4. A notice of the award of this contract shall forthwith be printed once in The Sentinel, an official newspaper of the Township of Franklin, authorized by law to publish the legal advertisements 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: January 1, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>nd</sup>	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
<b>T. Doyle</b>						
<b>M. Fiorella</b>						
<b>J. Keen</b>						
<b>M. Marsh</b>						
<b>J. Bruno</b>						

Attest:

Township of Franklin

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Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

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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 1, 2024.

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Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN AND MARK KARGMAN**

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin, hereinafter referred to as "Township", requires the services of a Public Defender for the remainder of calendar year 2024, commencing January 1, 2024;

WHEREAS, Mark Kargman, hereinafter referred to as "Township Public Defender", is a licensed attorney in the State of New Jersey, has agreed to accept the appointment of the Township for the performance of the duties of attorney subject to the following terms and conditions:

WITNESSETH:

1. The Township Public Defender shall be appointed to represent the Township for the remainder of calendar year 2024 commencing January 1, 2024, and he shall perform all duties required of a local representative of the Township Municipal Court.

2. During the term of this Agreement, the Township Public Defender shall devote his best efforts to advance the interest of the Township; he shall perform his duties to the best of his ability and in accordance with the Code of Professional Ethics by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

3. The Township Public Defender shall receive a salary as set forth in the Salary Ordinance of the Township of Franklin in the amount of \$18,000.00.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2024.

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

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Mark Kargman, Esquire

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John Bruno, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara Freijomil,  
Municipal Clerk