

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN**  
**R-10-2026**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE YEAR 2026, 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, 1485 Catawba Avenue, Newfield NJ 08344 is hereby retained as Public Defender for the Township of Franklin for the year 2026.

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 #6-01-43-495-129 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, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>nd</sup>	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
<b>J. Bruno</b>						
<b>T. Doyle</b>						
<b>M. Fiorella</b>						
<b>J. Keen</b>						
<b>M. Marsh</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, 2026.

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Barbara Freijomil, Clerk