

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
R-67-16**

**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 STUART PLATT, PLATT & RISO, PC, 40 BERLIN AVENUE, STRATFORD, NJ 08084 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 2016 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 STUART A. PLATT for services specified above until December 31, 2016.

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 the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on March 8, 2016.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK

SHERYL NEELY, MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting of the Franklin Township Committee held on March 8, 2016.

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN AND STUART PLATT, ESQUIRE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin, hereinafter referred to as "Township", requires the services of a Conflict Solicitor for the calendar year 2016, commencing March 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, STUART PLATT and the firm of PLATT & RISO hereinafter referred to as "Special Legal Counsel for Affordable Housing Matters" is a licensed attorney in the State of New Jersey, and 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. Stuart Platt and the firm of PLATT & RISO, PC. shall be appointed to represent the Township for a term of, commencing March 8, 2016, and he shall perform all duties required of a local representative of the Township.

2. During the term of this Agreement, the Special Legal Counsel for Affordable Housing Matters 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals this 8th day of March 2016.

STUART PLATT, PLATT & RISO

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

STUART PLATT, ESQUIRE

SHERYL NEELY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK