

**RESOLUTION 2025-03**

**A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN UPDATED  
ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH TIMOTHY GRAVES AND THE LAW FIRM OF  
STUVER & LEMOINE, P.C. FOR MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR LEGAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fruita finds it necessary to engage legal counsel for the role of Municipal Prosecutor for cases before the Fruita Municipal Court and any appeals that may arise from those cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fruita has had a successful and professional relationship with Timothy L. Graves of Stuver & LeMoine, P.C. since 2019 for prosecutorial services, and the City staff recommends extending this engagement agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated agreement includes a revised hourly rate for attorney work of \$215 per hour, an increase from the previous rate of \$185 per hour, and mileage reimbursement for travel between Rifle and Fruita, Colorado at the current federal rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the engagement will continue on an as-needed basis, with the City agreeing to pay monthly invoices that detail work performed, time spent, and expenses incurred, and the City will pay these invoices within 30 days of receipt; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has budgeted funds for municipal prosecution services; and

**WHEREAS**, the engagement of a Municipal Prosecutor is essential for the effective prosecution of cases in the Fruita Municipal Court and is in alignment with the City's legal requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRUITA CITY COUNCIL THAT:**

**Section 1:** The City Council approves the engagement letter between the City of Fruita and Stuver & LeMoine, P.C. for Municipal Prosecution Services and authorizes the Mayor to execute the attached engagement letter.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE FRUITA CITY COUNCIL THIS 21st DAY OF  
JANUARY 2025.**

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRUITA

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Deb Woods, City Clerk

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Matthew Breman, Mayor