



RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

At a Regular Business meeting of the City of Hartford Commission, located at 19 West Main Street and called to order by Mayor Jane M. Danger on June 18, 2026 at 6:00p.m.

The following resolution was offered:

Moved by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, the City seeks specialized legal counsel to assist with negotiations regarding the interlocal fire services agreement between the City and Hartford Township; and

WHEREAS, the current interlocal fire agreement was approved in November 2013, and the arbitration provisions of that agreement became effective January 2023; and

WHEREAS, Hartford Township has provided the City with a draft agreement, and legal counsel will assist the City's Interlocal Fire Agreement Committee in reviewing, negotiating, and preparing a proposed agreement for consideration by the City Commission prior to submission to the Hartford Township Board for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the City's Police Department is currently responsible for code enforcement activities, and the City desires legal services to assist with enforcement actions involving property owners who fail to comply with City ordinances after receiving a verbal warning or written notice of violation; and

WHEREAS, property owners who do not achieve compliance following a notice of a violation, the City may initiate legal action as necessary to enforce its ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Bloom Sluggett, PC currently represents the City in matters relating to the wastewater treatment plant and specializes in the representation of governmental entities in public sector law, municipal law, water law, business law, and related legal matters; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Sluggett will oversee the City's relationship with Bloom Sluggett, PC, with legal services being provided by shareholders, associate attorneys, paralegals, and other staff as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the proposed billing rates are \$255 per hour for shareholder services, \$205 to \$240 per hour for associate attorney services, and \$130 per hour for paralegal services; and

WHEREAS, funds for these legal services have been budgeted within the City's General Fund; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hartford City Commission hereby approves a Legal Services Agreement with Bloom Sluggett, PC to provide special legal counsel services to the City in connection with negotiations of the interlocal fire services agreement, code enforcement matters, and related municipal legal services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to execute the Legal Services Agreement and any related documents.

YEAS: Commissioners

NAYS:

ABSENT: Commissioners

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

DATE: June 22, 2026

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk

I RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, Clerk for the City of Hartford, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Commission of the City of Hartford during a meeting held on June 22, 2026 and the public notice of said meeting was held in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended. Date: June 22, 2026

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk
City of Hartford
19 West Main Street
Hartford MI 49057