

**RESOLUTION NO 2026-055**  
**CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA APPROVING THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO THE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BIRCHFIELD & HUMPHREY FOR LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS ARISING FROM THE CITY'S ENHANCEMENT OF SALLIE MAE JERRY PARK; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT IN SUPPORT THEREOF; DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND BIND THE CITY TO SAID AMENDMENT; REPEALING ALL PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, legal services are exempt from the competitive procurement processes of the City of Lake City (the "City"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City has need of specialized legal services in the field of eminent domain law for purposes of perfecting an eminent domain taking of properties in furtherance of the City's enhancement of Sallie Mae Jerry Park (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the law firm of Birchfield & Humphrey (the "Vendor") specializes in the field of eminent domain law, and has consented to represent the City in furtherance of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, by approval of Resolution 2024-062, the City selected and contracted with the law firm of Birchfield & Humphrey to provide eminent domain law services to the City since June 7, 2024 (the "Agreement"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Vendor mutually desire to extend the Agreement for a term of two years to commence June 1, 2026 and end on May 31, 2028 with said term being governed by all of the same terms found in the Agreement (the "Amended Agreement"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to and does accept the terms of Vendor's proposed Amended Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of completing the Project, the Vendor and the City desire to enter into the Amended Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, completing the Project by engaging the Vendor's services pursuant to the Amended Agreement is in the public interest and in the interests of the City; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida:

1. Engaging the Vendor to provide the products and services in the Amended Agreement to complete the Project is in the public or community interest and for public welfare; and

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2. In furtherance thereof, the Amended Agreement in the form of the Exhibit attached hereto should be and is approved by the City Council of the City of Lake City; and
  3. The Mayor of the City of Lake City is directed to execute on behalf of and bind the City to the terms of the Amended Agreement;
  4. All prior resolutions of the City Council of the City of Lake City in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict; and
  5. This resolution shall become effective and enforceable upon final adoption by the City Council of the City of Lake City.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED**, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, at a regular meeting, this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2026.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY,  
FLORIDA

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Noah E. Walker, Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA:

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Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Clay Martin, City Attorney



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April 29, 2026

Don Rosenthal, City Manager  
City of Lake City  
205 N. Marion Avenue  
Lake City, FL 32055

RE: Continued Legal Representation for the  
Enhancement of Sallie Mae Jerry Park

Dear Mr. Rosenthal,

We thank you for the continued opportunity to work with the City of Lake City (the "City"), its staff, and its consultants on eminent domain matters you refer to us.

We propose to extend our representation of the City in eminent domain matters for a term of two years. Said term shall commence on June 1, 2026, and end on May 31, 2028. Said representation shall be governed by all of the same terms as found in our previous representation agreement with the City dated June 7, 2024.

If the City finds this request for extension of representation acceptable, please sign in the space provided at the bottom of this letter, return the original to our firm, and retain a copy for your records. We look forward to continuing to assist the City in this matter.

Sincerely,

BIRCHFIELD & HUMPHREY

Bruce B. Humphrey, Esq.

**Accepted**

City of Lake City

By: Don Rosenthal  
Its: City Manager

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

BBH/hau  
Cc: Clay Martin, Esq.

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**EXHIBIT**