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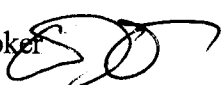
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## Memorandum

TO: Mayor Brenda Orffer  
FROM: Christopher John Coker   
CC:  
DATE: November 2, 2021  
RE: Proposed Increase in Retainer and Hourly Rate.

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Brenda,

I've been reviewing the specific terms of the current contracts I have with the various municipal clients I represent. As part of that review I reviewed the contract for legal services currently in place with the City of McCleary. I officially became the City Attorney for McCleary in May of 2018. Since that time I have not asked for any rate increases. After review, I would like to propose the following changes to the existing contract:

Current Monthly Retainer: \$4500.00 per month.

Propose Increase to; \$4750.00 per month.

Current Hourly Rate for Matters  
Not Covered by Retainer: \$235.00 per hour.

New Hourly Rate for Matters  
Not Covered by Retainer: \$250.00 per hour.

For perspective, my rate for private clients is \$350.00 per hour. My office was recently hired by the City of Shelton to handle all its prosecution work at a rate of \$250.00 per hour. I believe \$250.00 is reasonable based on my experience as a city attorney and is more in line with my other municipal clients. Also, I believe my track record since taking over as city attorney shows my desire to keep the billings to the city for work performed as low as possible, while still offering capable and competent city attorney services.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly. If acceptable my thought would be to make the new rates effective December 1, 2021.