

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO RETAIN CERTAIN OUTSIDE COUNSEL DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 IN A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$215,000 , TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY WHEN REPRESENTATION BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE MAY CONSTITUTE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, WHEN A PARTICULAR SUBJECT MATTER OR CASE REQUIRES ADDITIONAL EXPERTISE, OR WHEN NECESSITATED BY WORKLOAD DEMANDS.

§ 1. WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Norman, Oklahoma has long recognized the potential conflict of interest between the City, as represented by the City Attorney's office, and an employee who may be entitled to independent representation paid for by the City, as well as the need for specialized expertise in certain cases, and additional legal counsel to when necessitated by workload demands; and

§ 2. WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Norman budgets funding each year for the engagement of outside legal counsel and other related services; and

§ 3. WHEREAS, the City Attorney has requested that the City Council approve a list of firms who are available to perform work on behalf of the City of Norman as outside counsel within the budgeted funding amount approved by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 4. THAT, the City Attorney's office is hereby authorized to engage the following lawyers or law firms for needed representation on behalf of the City or its employees, where entitled to representation, in a cumulative amount not to exceed the FYE2024 budget for Outside Legal Services (\$215,000):

- A. Phillips Murrah Law Firm – Employment matters
- B. Margaret McMorrow-Love – Employment matters
- C. Stefan P. Smith, Baker Hostetler Law – Employee benefits law
- D. Spencer Fane – Miscellaneous municipal and state issues
- E. Center for Economic Development Law – Affordable housing, economic development
- F. Collins, Zorn & Wagner – Police department – use of force cases
- G. Fellers, Snider, Blankenship, Bailey & Tippens – Miscellaneous municipal issues

H. Other firms or lawyers as need arises based on qualifications and expertise, and only after written communication is provided to Council.

APPROVED by the Council of the City of Norman the ____day of _____, 2023.

By: _____ Date: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
CITY CLERK

APPROVED as to form and legality this _____ day of _____, 2023.

By: _____
City Attorney