

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON  
RESOLUTION 2025-1.31**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR SPECIAL  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COUNSEL**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Pennington has an affordable housing obligation pursuant to the New Jersey Fair Housing Act of 1985, *N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.* and the New Jersey State Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 98-1 et seq. of the “Code of the Borough of Pennington”, said Borough collects affordable housing development fees in order to provide funding for affordability assistance, accessory apartments, and the like in order to support and facilitate affordable housing for income-qualified households within said Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, legal services are required from time to time to address issues associated with the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Spending Plan and other issues related to the Borough’s Affordable Housing Program, including at the present time the Borough’s Fourth Round obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.* requires that a resolution authorizing the award of a Contract for “Professional Services” without competitive bidding be publicly advertised; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the present purpose up to \$3,000.00;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pennington as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk of the Borough of Pennington are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an Agreement with the law firm of Mason, Griffin & Pierson, PC, 101 Poor Farm Road, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, for a sum not to exceed \$3,000 to provide professional legal services to said Borough concerning matters related to affordable housing and potential litigation relating to the Borough’s Fourth Round obligations. The Agreement authorized by this Resolution is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected during regular office hours.
2. This Agreement is being awarded without competitive bidding as a professional services contract under the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law because a service will be rendered or performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice or recognize profession and that practice is regulated by law.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Borough within 10 days of its passage.

**Record of Council Vote on Passage**

<b>COUNCILMAN</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>N.V.</b>	<b>A.B.</b>	<b>COUNCILMAN</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>N.V.</b>	<b>A.B.</b>
Angarone					Rubenstein				
Chandler					Stern				
Marciante					Valenza				

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington at a meeting on January 13, 2025.

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Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk