

AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES – BOND COUNSEL

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into on this ____ day of March, 2015 by and between the **TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE**, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, located at Town Hall, 66 Main Street, West Orange, County of Essex and State of New Jersey, hereinafter called the “TOWNSHIP”, party of the first part, and **GIBBONS, P.C.**, Attorneys at Law of the State of New Jersey, located at One Gateway Center, Newark, County of Essex and State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as “COUNSEL”, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the TOWNSHIP has determined that it is in the best interests of the TOWNSHIP to retain the services of COUNSEL to serve in the capacity as Bond Counsel;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The TOWNSHIP hereby retains the services of COUNSEL to serve as Bond Counsel for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 at the rates set forth and explained in **Exhibit “A,”** annexed hereto.
2. COUNSEL may seek reimbursement for extraordinary expenses such as the cost of deposing adverse witnesses, transcripts or hiring experts. Counsel will not incur any such expenses without the express written approval of the applicable TOWNSHIP Department Head before the extraordinary expense is incurred.
3. COUNSEL’S responsibilities shall include all bond and other assigned matters.
4. COUNSEL recognizes that any and all approval for engagement of services must come from the Governing Body of the TOWNSHIP, and that no services, work or any efforts relative to the contract shall be commenced until the Governing Body adopts a duly authorized

Resolution accompanied by a Certificate of Funds.

5. COUNSEL recognizes that all services rendered are subject to the approval and direction of the Law Department, and that payment for such services is conditioned upon the issuance of a Purchase Order by the Township encompassing the services for which compensation is sought.

6. COUNSEL is hereby placed on notice that the Billing Guidelines of the TOWNSHIP shall apply to this agreement for professional services. COUNSEL is further noticed that no Department Head, individual member of the Governing Body, or any agent, servant or employee of the TOWNSHIP possesses any lawful authority to: (a) engage the rendition of services or the performance of work; (b) authorize the continuation of services or work beyond the amount specifically approved in the Resolution and Certificate of Funds; or to (c) represent that future funds will be available as compensation for current services. Any such acts shall be deemed ultra vires and beyond the scope of any authority that individual may possess. No bills, statement or vouchers for any amount exceeding that originally approved will be honored or paid by the TOWNSHIP, irrespective of whether such services were actually performed.

7. COUNSEL shall submit detailed invoices to the TOWNSHIP for services rendered each month, with a copy to the Township Attorney, no later than fifteen (15) days subsequent to the close of the month. All invoices submitted by COUNSEL shall set forth with specificity the tasks performed, the attorney performing the tasks, and the amount of time spent on each task.

8. During the term of this agreement, COUNSEL shall maintain professional liability malpractice insurance coverage with an insurance company licensed and authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey with coverage not less than \$1,000,000. COUNSEL shall provide the Township Attorney and Municipal Clerk with proof of a valid certificate of insurance listing the TOWNSHIP as a certificate holder. To the extent that this insurance coverage is

scheduled to lapse at any time before the end of the contract, COUNSEL shall provide proof of renewal or new insurance coverage no later than thirty (30) days before the termination of the current coverage.

9. The provisions of this agreement are subject to the limitations of provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claim Act, N.J.S.A. 59:2-1 et seq., and the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.A. 59:13-1 et seq.

10. This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey without regard to principles of conflict of laws. All contract claims under this agreement shall be subject to and governed by the provisions of the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act (N.J.S.A. 59:13-1 et seq.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE

ATTEST:

KAREN J. CARNEVALE, R.M.C

By:_____
ROBERT D. PARISI, MAYOR

GIBBONS, P.C.

WITNESS:

By:_____
JOHN D. DRAIKIWICZ, ESQ.

EXHIBIT A

For services rendered in connection with the preparation or review of each ordinance and the compiling of a certified record of proceedings in connection therewith, a fee of \$475 for each single purpose ordinance and \$575 for each multiple purpose ordinance would be received by Bond Counsel, plus out-of-pocket disbursements. If the preparation of the ordinance involves consultations, meetings or discussions that are out of the ordinary, there will be an additional fee based on the time required to perform such services charged at the hourly rates set forth below.

With respect to work done in connection with any temporary financings of the Township involving a private placement and not involving preparation of an Official Statement, Bond Counsel will receive \$1,000 for its approving opinion and 50 cents per \$1,000 of notes issued, plus out-of-pocket expenses.

For work done and responsibilities assumed in connection with rendering the type of opinions anticipated in any permanent financings (which are competitively bid or negotiated), we would charge a base fee of \$4,500, plus \$1 per \$1,000 of bonds issued, plus out-of-pocket disbursements. If there is more than one series of bonds issued, there will be an additional charge of \$1,000 for each additional series. If an Official Statement needs to be reviewed or prepared in connection with the financing, our fee for such services would be at the hourly rates set forth below. In addition, if any issue involves an advance refunding of outstanding obligations, there shall be an additional fee of \$3,500.

For your general information, it is difficult to initially estimate the amount of involvement that would be required of bond counsel in the preparation of an Official Statement, the attention to litigation, coordination with rating agencies, potential purchasers, bond insurers, registrars, paying agents and similar parties, special advice to be rendered regarding compliance with investment restrictions under the arbitrage regulations, the review of other unusual tax questions, the attendance at meetings, the application for investment of proceeds in Federal Treasury obligations, State and Local Government Series or questions referred to bond counsel which arise away from a specific financing. Thus, the fee for such additional services would be at an hourly (time charge) basis. This fee would be calculated by multiplying the number of hours expended by each attorney and paralegal by their respective billing rate in effect at the time the work is performed. Each billing rate is based on experience and expertise and is reviewed and revised by the firm periodically. Services rendered in connection with the Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative requiring the services of a securities or litigation attorney will also be based upon the experience and expertise of said attorneys. In this connection, we will furnish a schedule of hourly rates for those individuals who work on the matter and an accounting of the aggregate amount of time expended. The present hourly rates of those attorneys and paralegals anticipated to work on your matters are as follows:

John D. Draikiwicz	\$195
Scott A. Galano	\$ 185
Steven Sholk	\$ 160
Robert Johnson	\$ 125
Paralegal	\$ 80

In addition to all of the above-mentioned fees, the firm will include in its billing statement its out-of-pocket costs incurred in connection with the matter, including expenses of telephone, document reproduction, postage, air freight, faxes and overnight deliveries, and stenographic overtime, if required.

