

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of West Orange has determined that there exists a need to provide the following professional services for the Township:
___ **Assistant Municipal Attorney**; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit “Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought said qualified professional services through the use of a “fair and open process,” as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and

WHEREAS, the Professional Services are exempt from the requirements of public bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, more specifically, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Attorney has selected **Gregg F. Paster & Associates of 2160 N. Central Road Suite 303 Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024** to serve as the Assistant Municipal Attorney; and

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Proposals/Qualifications; publicly solicited RFPs through the utilization of the Township’s official Web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFQs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via this Resolution of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that retaining ___ **Gregg F. Paster & Associates of 2160 N. Central Road Suite 303 Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024** _ will be the most advantageous to the Township, all relevant factors considered; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Orange in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, by way of Resolution 82-26 appointed **Gregg F. Paster & Associates of 2160 N. Central Road Suite 303 Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024** _ the Assistant Municipal Attorney to a term expiring on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the original Professional Services Agreement approved by the Township contained a clerical error concerning the terms of compensation for the professional services; and

WHEREAS, both the Township and the Professional are desirous of correcting the error by executing a substantially similar contract accurately reflecting the terms of compensation for the professional services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Orange in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby rescind resolution 82-26 and hereby reappoint **Gregg F. Paster and Associates** as Assistant Municipal Attorney pursuant to the terms contained in the Professional Services Agreement annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Township, which shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value Certification be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that compensation for services rendered shall be claimed, approved and paid in the manner set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16 and pursuant to the annexed professional services agreement to be entered between the parties; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the maximum dollar amount of this contract is reasonably estimated to be **\$120,000.00** over the contract term; however, the Township is not obligated to spend this amount and if exceeded, can be funded by additional encumbrances; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall cause a notice of the adoption of this resolution to be published in accordance with the law.

I, Karen J. Carnevale, Township Clerk for the Township of West Orange, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify this is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Council at its Regular Meeting held on April 14, 2026.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

Susan Scarpa, Council President

Adopted: April 14, 2026

I certify funds are available from Account No(s): *Acct # 01-2010-00-1402-060
*Amount Not to Exceed - \$120,000.00

John C. Ditinyak, Chief Financial Officer

Subject to the approval of the 2026 Budget.