



**Mayor and Council**

400 Witherspoon Street  
Princeton, NJ 08540

Meeting: 01/24/22 07:00 PM  
Department: Clerk

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**RESOLUTION 22-48**

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**Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP in an Amount Not to Exceed \$35,000.00 for Professional Legal Services (Conflict Counsel and Special Projects)**

WHEREAS, Princeton wishes to retain the services of special legal counsel during calendar year 2022 to serve as conflict counsel and provide legal services with respect to special projects on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin (“CONSULTANT”) has agreed to provide the sought-after services to Princeton at a rate of \$175 per hour for services provided by attorneys and \$95 per hour for services provided by paralegals and legal assistants, for a total estimated not-to-exceed cost of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000); and

WHEREAS, Princeton has a need to acquire these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law” and in connection therewith, CONSULTANT has completed and filed with Princeton the required Campaign Contributions Affidavit pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8*, Certification Regarding Political Contributions pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26* and affidavit pursuant section 2-87 of the Princeton Code (collectively, the “Pay-to-Play Forms”); and

WHEREAS, the term of the agreement shall be for one year from the date on which it is executed; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available to pay for said services; and

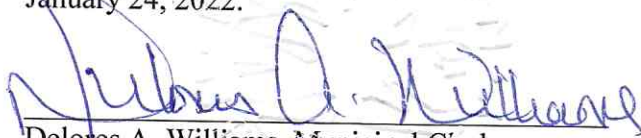
WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)*, authorizes Princeton to award this agreement as a professional services agreement, without public bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Princeton, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with CONSULTANT to provide legal services to Princeton as described in the preamble to this resolution, for a not-to-exceed cost of \$35,000.
2. The agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional services agreement as authorized under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i).
3. The agreement shall terminate one year from the date of its execution.
4. A copy of this resolution, the Pay-to-Play Forms and the agreement shall be kept on file in the Office of the Clerk.
5. A notice of this action shall be published in Princeton's official newspaper as required by law.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Mr. Cohen		X			X			
Ms. Fraga		X			X			
Ms. Niedergang		X			X			
Ms. Pirone Lambros		X	X		X			
Ms. Sacks		X		X	X			
Mr. Newlin		X			X			
Mayor Freda		X						

I, Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a meeting held January 24, 2022.



Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk