



Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 05/19/25 07:00 PM

2025 RESOLUTION AWARD OF CONTRACT

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2025 RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR SUBSTITUTE PUBLIC DEFENDER TO SABRINA G. RUGGIERO, ESQ.

WHEREAS, the Township of Bloomfield requires the services of a Substitute Public Defender to represent qualified litigants in the Bloomfield Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3, when the cost or price of a contract, in the aggregate, does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the governing body by resolution may authorize a designated employee to award the contract without publicly advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, Sabrina G. Ruggiero, Esq. (hereinafter "Professional") has submitted a proposal to provide Substitute Public Defender services; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing and evaluation of the Professional's proposal and resume, it is recommended that a contract for the services be awarded to Sabrina G. Ruggiero, Esq. at a rate of \$250.00 per court session and amount not to exceed \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this contract will take effect upon adoption of this Resolution and will end on December 31, 2025, or until a successor is appointed; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance is certified that funds are available to cover the cost of these services in account # T-13-56-013-MC6; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield authorizes and directs the Township Administrator to enter into a professional services agreement with the Professional within 10 days as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this professional services agreement is entered into in accordance with the Requirements for Professional Services and no minimum payment is implied or guaranteed; and

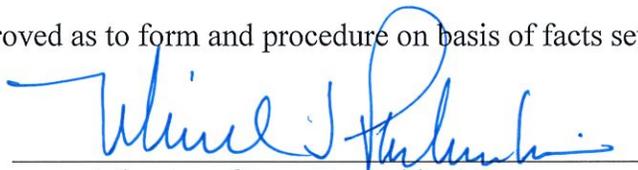
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township reserves the right to cancel this contract upon thirty (30) days' notice and the Professional shall only be paid for the work completed or on a pro-rated amount if the contract calls for a monthly retainer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Professional's proposal and resume shall be placed on file with this resolution and a copy of the professional services agreement entered into; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract should incorporate the terms and conditions contained in Professional's response to the request for Professional Services.

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.



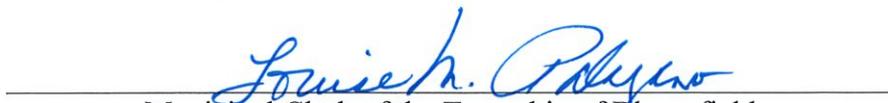
Director of Law-Township Attorney

I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.



Chief Financial Officer

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on May 19, 2025.



Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record – Resolution						
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