

CITY OF WILDWOOD
Cape May County, New Jersey
RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. TO PROVIDE CONFLICT COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Wildwood (the “City”) is in need of Conflict Counsel, and the law firm of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, L.L.C. has submitted a proposal to provide conflict counsel services to the City as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the proposal and wishes to enter into an agreement with Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, L.L.C. to provide professional legal services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, L.L.C. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that said entity has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the City of Wildwood in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit it from making any reportable contributions for the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. permits for the adoption of a resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Wildwood has certified the availability of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Wildwood, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the provisions of the above preamble of this Resolution are hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length.
2. That the Board of Commissioners hereby approves an agreement with Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, L.L.C., P.O. Box 4922, 34 Mountain Boulevard, Building A, Warren, NJ 07059 to provide professional services as more specifically set forth in the attached proposal, incorporated by reference herein, at a rate of One Hundred and Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars per hour, in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars for a term of one (1) year.
3. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the City, and to take any and all other actions necessary to effectuate the purposes thereof.
4. The Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a copy of the agreement shall be placed on the file with this Resolution and available for inspection.
5. That this Resolution shall be published according to law.

PREPARED BY: SOLICITOR

Krista McConnell, Commissioner

Steve Mikulski, Commissioner

Ernest Troiano, Jr., Mayor

I, Lisa A. Brown, City Clerk of the City of Wildwood, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Wildwood Board of Commissioners, held this 13th day of May, 2026, and in witness whereof I have hereunder set my hand and official seal on this date written.

LISA A. BROWN, CITY CLERK