

**CITY COUNCIL**

**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**

June 16, 2020

273-2020

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION EXTENDING AND AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH EHRLICH, PETRIELLO, GUDIN & PLAZA, PC, 60 PARK PLACE, SUITE 1010, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, 07102 TO HANDLE CONFLICT WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS \$30,000.00

**WHEREAS**, there continues to exist a need for legal counsel specializing in the area of workers' compensation to handle conflict workers' compensation cases; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No.72-2019, adopted on March 5, 2019, Ehrlich, Petriello, Gudín & Plaza, PC was, and remains, a law firm authorized to represent the City, its officers and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, additional funds are required for attorney's fees for the continued litigation.

**WHEREAS**, the agreement with Ehrlich, Petriello, Gudín & Plaza, PC shall be extended and amended to require an additional \$30,000.00 for the calendar year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, a certification of funds is not required because the payer of this agreement is the City's insurance carrier, PEJIF.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, authorize the extension of the agreement with Ehrlich, Petriello, Gudín & Plaza, PC, 60 Park Place, Suite 1010, Newark, New Jersey 07102, and approves additional funds for the calendar year 2020 in an amount not to exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00).

**Adopted:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joyce Lanier  
Municipal Clerk

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Tency A. Eason  
Council President

*Gracia G. Montales*  
*[Signature]*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY ATTORNEY

**AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT  
EXTENSION AGREEMENT**

**THIS EXTENSION AGREEMENT** is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 by and between the City of Orange Township, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, having its principal office at 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey 07050 (hereinafter referred to as "City") and Ehrlich, Petriello, Gudin & Plaza, PC., 60 Park Place, Suite 1016, Newark, New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as "Counsel");

It is mutually understood and agreed by and between the undersigned contracting parties to amend the previously executed Agreement as follows:

This Agreement shall be binding on the heirs, successors, and assigns of each party hereto. The term of this Agreement shall be for a period not to exceed one (1) year from the date of this Agreement and Ehrlich, Petriello, Gudin & Plaza, PC, shall continue to serve in all matters assigned to him/her as to this issue prior to the end of the term to their completion.

All other terms and conditions that are not hereby amended are to remain in full force and effect.

**CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.,  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joyce Lanier, Municipal Clerk

**EHRlich, PETRIELLO, GUDIN  
& PLAZA, PC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

**Approved as to form and sufficiency:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gracia Robert Montilus  
City Attorney

**CITY COUNCIL**

**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**

**DATE** February 18, 2020

**NUMBER** 61-2020

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP AND EHRLICH, PETRIELLO, GUDIN & PLAZA FOR VARIOUS WORKERS' COMPENSATION MATTERS FOR A PERIOD OF NINETY (90) DAYS, ENDING MARCH 31, 2020 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00

**WHEREAS**, on November 15, 2018, the City of Orange Township publicly advertised for bids to provide legal representation to the City in connection with various legal matters; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 72-2019, adopted on March 5, 2019, authorized Ehrlich, Petriello, Gudín & Plaza, to represent the City, its officers and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract between Ehrlich, Petriello, Gudín & Plaza and the City of Orange Township expired on December 31, 2019; and


**WHEREAS**, the City continues to need the services of a qualified law firm, while the City prepares and receives responses for the Request for Qualification; and

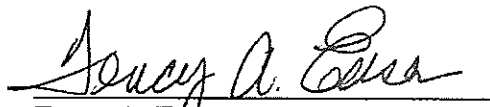
**WHEREAS**, Ehrlich, Petriello, Gudín & Plaza has agreed to extend its current contract with the City of Orange Township until March 31, 2020 under the same terms and conditions; as previously awarded; and

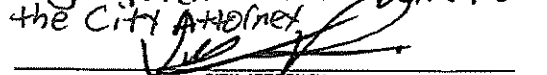
**WHEREAS**, a certification of funds is not required because the payer of this agreement is the City's insurance carrier, PEJIF.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township does hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into an extension of the initial contract with Ehrlich, Petriello, Gudín & Plaza to provide legal services from January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Adopted: **February 18, 2020**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tency A. Eason  
Council President

*Vaughn Parchment* on behalf of  
the City Attorney  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY ATTORNEY

**RESOLUTION NO. 61-2020**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING— FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

**MOTION TO ADOPT: Williams**

**SECOND: Summers-Johnson**

**YEAS: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Council President Eason**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTENTIONS: None**

**ABSENCES: None**

**CITY COUNCIL****The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE March 5, 2019NUMBER 72-2019

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION RETAINING THE LAW FIRM OF EHRlich, PETRIELLO, GUDIN & PLAZA, TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP IN THE MATTERS OF DEAN GAMBA V. THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, RENNIE WILSON V. CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP AND RENEE BROWN-SMITH V. CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019.

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the City of Orange Township to retain legal representation in the area of workers' compensation in connection with litigation, Dean Gamba v. The City of Orange Township, Rennie Wilson v. City of Orange Township and Renee Brown-Smith v. City of Orange Township; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 367-2018, adopted on December 18, 2018, authorized the law firm of Ehrlich, Petriello, Gudín & Plaza P.C., to represent the City, its officers and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. authorizes the award of a contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bids, and that said contract itself must be available for public inspection as set forth herein.; and

**WHEREAS**, a certification of funds is not required because the payer of this agreement is the City's insurance carrier, PEJIF.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, with Ehrlich, Petriello, Gudín & Plaza, P.C. 60 Park Place, Suite 1016, Newark, New Jersey 07102.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services in the field of law required are specialized, and require expertise in employment law generally.

Adopted: March 5, 2019

  
Joyce L. Lahier, City Clerk  
Kerry J. Coley, Council President

**RESOLUTION NO. 72-2019**

**REGULAR MEETING- MARCH 5, 2019**

**ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION TO ADOPT: Eason**

**SECOND: Johnson, Jr.**

**YEAS: Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Council President Coley**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTENTIONS: None**

**ABSENCES: None**

**Jackson,**