

**CITY COUNCIL**

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

DATE February 7, 2023

NUMBER 72-2023

**TITLE: RESOLUTION RENEWING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. ARMSTRONG & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP IN THE MATTER, "ANTHONY CAREY V. THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, ET AL., DOCKET NO. ESX-L-002475-20, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023"**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution Nos. 350-2020, 117-2021, 71-2022 and 337-2022, Michael A. Armstrong, LLC, was, and remains a law firm authorized to represent the City of Orange Township, its officers and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City awarded the contract to Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC under the "fair and open process" of the Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 limits the terms of professional services contract to twelve (12) months; and

**WHEREAS**, the lawsuit is still ongoing and it is necessary for the City to renew its professional service contract with Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC for an additional twelve (12) month period; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael A. Armstrong, LLC agreed to provide these services at an hourly rate of \$150.00, including expenses; 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, authorizes extending the contract with Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC, 79 Mainbridge Lane, Willingboro, New Jersey 08046 until December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

**Adopted: February 7, 2023**

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**Joyce Lanier**  
City Clerk

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**Tency A. Eason**  
Council President

**AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT  
EXTENSION AGREEMENT**

**THIS EXTENSION AGREEMENT** is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 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 Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC, 79 Mainbridge Lane, Willingboro, New Jersey 08046 (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 of one (1) year from the date of this Agreement and Michael A. Armstrong, LLC, 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, City Clerk**

**MICHAEL A. ARMSTRONG  
& ASSOCIATES, LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Michael A. Armstrong, Esq.**

**Approved as to form and sufficiency:**

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**Gracia Robert Montilus  
City Attorney**

**CITY COUNCIL**

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

**DATE** September 1, 2020

**NUMBER** 350-2020

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF MICHAEL A. ARMSTRONG & ASSOCIATES, TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP IN THE MATTER, "ANTHONY CAREY V. THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, ET AL., DOCKET NO. EKL-002475-20, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the City of Orange Township to retain legal representation on behalf of The City of Orange Township in connection with litigation, "Anthony Carey v. The City of Orange Township, et al."; and,

**WHEREAS**, in Resolution No. 130-2020, adopted on March 17, 2020, Michael A. Armstrong, LLC, is a law firm authorized to represent the City, its officers and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing 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.

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

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

1. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, with Michael A. Armstrong, LLC, 79 Mainbridge Lane, Willingboro, New Jersey 08046.
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:** SEP - 1 2020

  
Joyce Landis  
City Clerk

  
Kerry Carey  
Council President

  
City Attorney

**CITY COUNCIL**

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

DATE March 2, 2021

NUMBER 117-2021

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 350-2020 TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL ATTORNEY FEES FOR MICHAEL ARMSTRONG & ASSOCIATES, AS SPECIAL COUNSEL IN CALENDAR YEAR 2021 WITH REGARD TO ANTHONY CAREY V. CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP" DOCKET NO. EX-L-002473-30 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 350-2020, adopted on October 6, 2020, Michael Armstrong & Associates is a law firm authorized to represent the City, its officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township has a continuing need for representation with regard to the matters and issues already set forth in Resolution No. 350-2020; and

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that the aggregate amount due under invoices submitted and/or anticipated to be submitted for the legal services to be provided under the agreement will exceed the Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) limit imposed by Resolution No. 350-2020; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Qualifications was published on October 29, 2020, and the law firm of Michael Armstrong & Associates, responded to the City's Request for Qualifications; and

WHEREAS, Michael Armstrong & Associates has agreed to extend the current Contract with the City of Orange Township until December 31, 2021 under the same terms and conditions 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 by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, that the Addendum to the Agreement between the City of Orange Township and Michael Armstrong & Associates, is hereby approved in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Addendum to the Agreement.

Adopted: **March 2, 2021**

  
Joyce L. Cohen, City Clerk

  
Kerry J. Cohen, Council President

APPROVED AS TO FORM, SUBSTANCE AND LEGALITY



**CITY COUNCIL**

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

DATE February 1, 2022

NUMBER 71-2022

**TITLE: RESOLUTION RENEWING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. ARMSTRONG & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP IN THE MATTER, ANTHONY CAREY V. THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, ET AL., DOCKET NO. EXL-002475-20, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022**

WHEREAS, The Municipal Counsel of the City of Orange approved Resolution no. 350-2020 on September 1, 2020 authorizing a one (1) year professional service agreement for a total contract amount of \$20,000.00 with the Law Offices of Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township; and

WHEREAS, Resolution no. 117-2021, approved on March 2, 2021 amended the professional services agreement to increase the contract amount by an additional \$20,000.00 with Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the City awarded the contract to Michael A. Armstrong & Associates under the "fair and open process" of the Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.4 *et seq*; and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit is still ongoing and it is necessary to renew the contract and to increase the contract amount by an additional \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC agreed to provide these services at an hourly rate of \$150.00, including expenses; 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, that the Addendum to the Agreement between the City of Orange Township and Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC is hereby approved in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Addendum to the Agreement.

Adopted: **February 1, 2022**

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Joyce Lanier  
City Clerk

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Kerry Coley  
Council President

  
A. MIZMAH  
CITY ATTORNEY

**CITY COUNCIL**

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

**DATE** August 3, 2022

**NUMBER** 397-2022

**TITLE:** **RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 71-2022 TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL ATTORNEY FEES FOR MICHAEL A. ARMSTRONG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP IN THE MATTER, "ANTHONY CAREY v. CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, ET AL." DOCKET NO. ESX-L-002475-20 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Resolution 71-2022, adopted on March 1, 2022, Michael A. Armstrong, LLC was, and remains a law firm authorized to represent the City, its officers and employees; and

**WHEREAS,** the agreement referenced and authorized by Resolution No. 71-2022 was limited to an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 as a condition of said authorization; and

**WHEREAS,** it has become apparent that the aggregate amount due under invoices submitted and/or anticipated to be submitted for the legal services to be provided under the agreement will exceed the Twenty Thousand Dollar (\$20,000.00) limit imposed by Resolution No. 71-2022; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Orange Township has a continuing need for representation with regard to the matters and issues already set forth in Resolution No. 71-2022; 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, that the Addendum to the Agreement between the City of Orange Township and Michael A. Armstrong, LLC, is hereby approved in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Addendum to the Agreement.

Adopted: August 3, 2022

  
Dwayne D. Warren  
Mayor  
City Clerk

  
Nancy A. Elson  
Council President

**RESOLUTION NO. 337-2022**

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING -- August 3, 2022**

**MOTION TO ADOPT: Ross**

**SECOND: Wooten**

**YEAS: Hilbert, Montague, III, Ross, Wooten & Council President Eason**

**NAYS: Coley**

**ABSTENTIONS: None**

**ABSENCES: Summers-Johnson**

**BUSINESS ENTITY DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION  
FOR NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACTS  
Required Pursuant To Ordinance §4-70, et seq.  
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY**

**Part I – Vendor Affirmation**

The undersigned, being authorized and knowledgeable of the circumstances, does hereby certify that

Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC

(Contractor)

has not made and will not make any reportable contributions pursuant to Ordinance 4-70 et seq. that would bar the award of this contract in the one year period preceding the date of reorganization to any of the following named candidate committee, joint candidates committee; or political party committee representing the elected officials of the CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(p), (q) and (r).

Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor	
Hon. Kerry J. Coley	
Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten	
Hon. Tency A. Eason	
Hon. Clifford R. Ross	
Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert	
Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson	
Hon. Weldon M. Montague	

**Part II – Ownership Disclosure Certification**

I certify that the list below contains the names and home addresses of all owners holding 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

Check the box that represents the type of business entity:

- Partnership     
  Corporation     
  Sole Proprietorship     
  Subchapter S Corporation  
 Limited Partnership     
  Limited Liability Corporation     
  Limited Liability Partnership

Name of Stock or Shareholder	Home Address
Michael A. Armstrong	66 Canidae Street, Burlington, NJ 08016

**Part 3 – Signature and Attestation:**

The undersigned is fully aware that if I have misrepresented in whole or part this affirmation and certification, I and/or the business entity, will be liable for any penalty permitted under law.

Name of Business Entity: Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC

Signed:  Title: Owner/Managing Member

Print Name: Michael A. Armstrong Date: 10/25/22

Subscribed and sworn before me the 25 day of October, 2022.  
  
 (Affiant)  
Cristal Holmes-Bowie  
Attorney at Law State of New Jersey  
 (Print name & title of affiant) (Corporate Seal)  
 My Commission expires: