

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE October 21, 2025

NUMBER 449-2025

TITLE: A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 113-2025 RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY AS IMPROPER UNDER THE MUNICIPAL LAND USE LAW.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.*, the Municipal Council is prohibited from participating in the selection of professionals for the City of Orange Township ("City") Planning Board ("Planning Board"), including without limitation the Planning Board Attorney; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Board duly appointed Joseph Wenzel, Esq., of Friend & Wenzel LLC, to provide legal advice and legal representation at scheduled Planning Board meetings for the period beginning January 1, 2025, and continuing through December 31, 2025, properly adopting a resolution effectuating same in accordance with the Local Public Contract Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*; and,

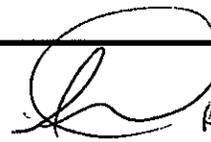
WHEREAS, on February 18, 2025, the Municipal Council adopted Resolution No. 113-2025 awarding a professional services contract to Joseph Wenzel, Esq., of Friend & Wenzel LLC to serve as the Planning Board Attorney, which was improper under the Municipal Land Use Law and should be rescinded to ensure the record is clear.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, that Resolution 113-2025, adopted on February 18, 2025, is hereby rescinded, without any bearing or effect on the Planning Board's legal appointment of Joseph Wenzel, Esq., of Friend & Wenzel LLC to serve as Planning Board Attorney from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Adopted: October 21, 2025

Trisha A. Scipio
Acting Deputy Clerk

Adrienne K. Wooten
Council President


A. Wooten

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE February 18, 2025

NUMBER 113-2025

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FRIEND & WENZEL LLC TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND CONTINUING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500.00, WITH ADDITIONAL FEES PAID SEPARATELY FROM THE BUDGET AND RECEIVED FROM ESTABLISHING AN ESCROW ACCOUNT THAT WILL BE SOLELY FUNDED BY DEVELOPERS PERTAINING TO THEIR SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township ("City") Planning Board has appointed Joseph Wenzel, Esq., of Friend & Wenzel LLC, to provide legal advice and legal representation at scheduled Planning Board meetings for the period beginning January 1, 2025, and continuing through December 31, 2025; and,

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

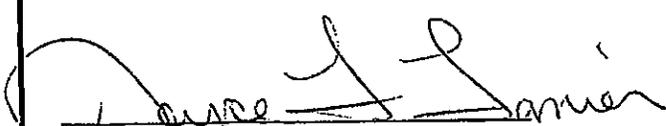
WHEREAS, the City's Chief Financial Officer has prepared the necessary Certificate of Availability of Funds certifying that, contingent upon Council approval and inclusion of said item in the Temporary Budget and adopted 2025 Budget, there will be sufficient funds to contract with Friend & Wenzel LLC, for this purpose in the applicable budget account.

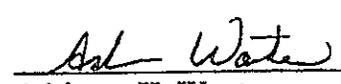
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township that a non-fair and open contract be awarded to Friend & Wenzel LLC, not to exceed \$7,500.00, with additional fees paid separately from the budget and received from establishing an escrow account that will be solely funded by developers pertaining to their specific projects;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the proper officers of the City of Orange Township are hereby authorized to enter into said contract with Friend & Wenzel LLC; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this action shall be published as required by law within 10 days of its passage.

Adopted: February 18, 2025


Joyce Lanier
City Clerk


Adrienne K. Wooten
Council President

 A.M. (7/2/25)

RESOLUTION NO. 113-2025

ON CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – February 18, 2025

MOTION TO ADOPT: Coley

SECOND: Hilbert

YEAS: Coley, Eason, Hilbert, Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson & Council President Wooten

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCE: None