



Date 1/28/2026

Resolution No. 02-2026

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING JOSEPH M. WENZEL, ESQ., OF FRIEND & WENZEL LLC, TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES TO THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND CONTINUING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500.00 AND WITH ADDITIONAL FEES PAID THROUGH APPLICANT ESCROW FUNDS.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., permits the Planning Board ("Board") of the City of Orange Township ("City") to contract for and fix the compensation of an attorney to provide professional legal advice and representation on matters relating to planning and land use ("Board Attorney"); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D- 1 et seq., requires the municipality to provide funds for expenses for the board's professional experts,

**WHEREAS**, the Board concluded that Joseph M. Wenzel, Esq., of Friend & Wenzel LLC, has the qualifications and experience necessary to serve as the Board Attorney; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board Attorney shall also be permitted to bill against applicant escrow funds for application-related work (e.g., technical review, resolutions, etc.) at a rate of \$150.00 per hour; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City's Chief Financial Officer has prepared the necessary Certificate of Availability of Funds, contingent upon the passage of CY 2026 municipal budget, certifying that funds are available under the appropriate account.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP** that Joseph M. Wenzel, Esq., of Friend & Wenzel LLC, is hereby appointed as Board Attorney for a term beginning as of January 1, 2026, and continuing through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for attendance at Board meetings and other routine Board-related legal work, and at a rate of \$150.00 per hour billed against applicant escrow funds for application-related work (e.g., technical review, resolutions, etc.); and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Chair is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Board Attorney on the Board's behalf, reflecting these terms; and,

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

**Motion to Approve Resolution**

Motion Date: January 28, 2026

| M                                   | 2d                                  | Member                   |                  | AYE                                 | NAY                      | N/V                      | N/P                                 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | MONTAGUE, Hon. Weldon M. | Councilmember    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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M: Motion  
2d: Second  
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☒ Approved ☐ Rejected

I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Planning Board of the City of Orange Township at its meeting on January 28, 2026.

Dwight HolmesDwight Holmes (Jan 29, 2026 15:20:23 EST)

Dwight Holmes  
Planning Board Chair

~~XXXX~~Alexandra Reyes (Jan 29, 2026 14:43:20 EST)

Alexandra Reyes  
Planning Board Secretary

Approved as to form and legality:

Joseph M Wenzel

Joseph Wenzel, Esq.  
Planning Board Attorney

# Resolution.Planning Board.2026 Attorney Appointment (Wenzel)

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