

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 26-84, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO OBTAIN A PROFESSIONAL RECRUITING FIRM FOR THE PURPOSES OF OBTAINING IN HOUSE COUNSEL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Resolution 26-84 was passed on Tuesday, May 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, hiring an in-house Solicitor will bring consistency and cost savings to Hudson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson was unable to fill the position of in-house solicitor using internal resources; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to engage a professional recruitment agency to assist with filling the position of in-house Solicitor; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that the City of Hudson will require legal Counsel while executing on the above, and wishes to retain Mr. Pitchford and his firm DiCaudo, Pitchford & Yoder for a period of six months; and

WHEREAS, in support of a continued professional relationship with Mr. Pitchford and his firm DiCaudo, Pitchford & Yoder, the Council wishes to retain the special counsel services only for the span of two years, at which time the contract will be sent out for a competitive bid once again.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio that:

Section 1: The City Manager's re-appointment of Marshal M. Pitchford as City Solicitor for the City of Hudson is confirmed effective June 1, 2026 through November 30, 2026.

Section 2: Marshal M. Pitchford and DiCaudo, Pitchford & Yoder are hereby reappointed as outside Special Counsel to the City effective June 1, 2026 through June 1, 2028.

Section 3: The terms of Res. 26-84 and its "Exhibit A" shall be modified as outlined above, and compensation shall be adjusted accordingly.

Section 4: The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to obtain a professional recruiting firm, for the purposes of obtaining in house counsel.

Section 5. All prior resolutions and ordinances that relate to or in any way conflict with this measure are hereby repealed and rescinded.

Section 6. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 7. All formal actions of this Council related to this Resolution and all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 8. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience, and welfare of the City of Hudson and the inhabitants thereof, and for the further reason that this Resolution must be immediately effective in order to secure the immediate legal services provided for herein and continuity of service, which are necessary to preserve and protect the legal interests of the City of Hudson. Therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) members of Council, except that six (6) affirmative votes shall be required if all members are present; otherwise, it shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law years, at which time the contract will be sent out for a competitive bid once again.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 26-95 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2025.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council