

Legislation Text

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Dept/ Agency: Office of the Mayor Action: (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending **Type of Service:** Professional Service Contract Purpose: To serve as a Per Diem Municipal Public Defender for the Newark Municipal Court representing Indigent Defendants. Entity Name: Anthony N. Barbieri, P.C. Entity Address: 832 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07013 **Contract Amount:** Not to exceed \$17,000.00 Funding Source: 2020 Budget/Office of the Mayor Contract Period: January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. () EUS () Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP () RFQ () Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a Additional Information:

WHEREAS, the City of Newark is in need of Per Diem Attorneys to serve as Municipal Public Defenders to be assigned to cases in the Newark Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, legal services are professional services, exempt from the requirement for public bidding, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark desires to enter into a contract with Anthony N. Barbieri, P.C., 832 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07013, to serve as a Per Diem Municipal Public Defender for the Newark Municipal Court, Representing indigent defendants, for an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00, for the period commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this contract is for an amount under \$17,500.00 and therefore is not subject to State Pay-to-Play Law (<u>N.J.S.A</u>. 19:44A-20.5); and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as a Professional Service pursuant to the provisions of the State Local Public Contracts Law (<u>N.J.S.A</u>.:11-5(1)(a)(i)); and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark's Municipal Council adopted Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance, R.O. 2:4-22C, which requires reporting of political contributions to Newark Municipal Candidates and prohibits certain political contributions during the duration of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the State Local Public Contracts Law, (<u>N.J.S.A</u>. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE

CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

- 1. The Mayor and/or his designee, the Chief Municipal Public Defender, are hereby authorized to enter into and execute a Professional Services contract for an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00, with Anthony N. Barbieri, P.C.,832 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07013, to serve as a Per Diem Municipal Public Defender representing indigent defendants before the Newark Municipal Court, for a period commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020.
- 2. This contract is for an amount under \$17,500.00 and therefore is not subject to State Payto-Play Law, <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 19:44A-20.5.
- 3. This contract is being awarded as a Professional Service pursuant to the provisions of the State Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)) because the required service must be performed by someone who is licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey and is in compliance with the Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance, R.O. 2:4-22C.
- 4. This contract is being awarded as open-ended contract under N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)(2), a certification of availability of funds shall be executed each time services are used and charged against contract.
- 5. The contract between the City of Newark and Anthony N. Barbieri, P.C., shall be ratified from January 1, 2020 through the date of the adoption of this authorizing resolution.
- 6. The Chief Municipal Public Defender shall file a copy of the fully executed contract herein authorized in the Office of the City Clerk and it shall be made available for public inspection.
- 7. A notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper authorized by law to publish a legal advertisement and as required by law within ten (10) days of the adoption of this resolution.

STATEMENT

This resolution ratifies and authorizes the Mayor and/or his designee, the Chief Municipal Public Defender, to enter into and execute a professional services contract for an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00 with Anthony N. Barbieri, P.C., 832 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07013, to serve as a Per Diem Municipal Public Defender representing indigent defendants before the Newark Municipal Court, for a period commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020.