

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE 2023-2

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT
TO THE CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH
KARPINSKI, CORNBROOKS & KARP, P.A.**

WHEREAS, the City entered into a five-year agreement for general municipal legal services with Karpinski, Colaresi, and Karp, P.A. (now Karpinski, Cornbrooks, and Karp, P.A.) on January 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the term of the agreement is five years from the effective date and may be extended at the City's option for up to five additional one-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the fees to remain in effect until January 1, 2022 were \$175 per hour for partners, \$150 per hour for associates, and \$95 per hour for paralegals and law clerks, with a \$250 cap on travel time for any individual meeting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the contract, the firm and the City agreed to meet in the fall of 2021 and in the fall of each year thereafter to discuss adjustments to the firm's rates; and

WHEREAS, the firm did not request a rate increase in 2022, but did request an increase to begin on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, under the proposal, the partner rate would increase to \$200 per hour, the associate rate would increase to \$175 per hour, and the cap on travel time for any individual meeting would increase to \$400; and

WHEREAS, the firm proposed an additional increase of \$25 in the partner rate, to \$225 per hour, and an increase in the cap on travel time for an individual meeting to \$450, to begin July 1, 2023; and

WEHREAS, the FY 2023 Budget includes \$125,000 designated for additional fees for the City Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. The Mayor is authorized to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement for General Municipal Legal Services between Karpinski, Cornbrooks & Karp, P.A. and the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

SECTION 2. The amendment and associated fees are retroactive to January 1, 2023, and will remain in effect until January 1, 2024.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THIS 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023 BY ROLL-CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

AYE:	Searcy, Fulcher, Dyballa, Gibson, Seamens, Honzak
NAY:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Small