

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE
APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY TO THE
ZONING BOARD PURSUANT TO AND IN
ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Manchester has received bids in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. for professional services; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq. provides the procedure for soliciting proposals through a “fair and open process”; and,

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of the Township of Manchester has elected to select and appoint its professionals through the “fair and open process”; and,

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board desires to appoint retains Debra Rumpf, Esq. to the position of Zoning Board Attorney; and,

WHEREAS, the amount of the contract to be awarded under this resolution is determined to be \$15,000.00 which sum is reasonably estimated based upon such Legal Services as may be required over the contract term to be awarded under this resolution, including but not limited to, the amount spent for such Legal Services for the previous calendar year, the costs of compensation under the contract to be awarded, and any projected increase or decrease in services anticipated versus the prior year, and which sum the Township of Manchester is under no obligation to spend and which may be exceeded: and,

WHEREAS, the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play” Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for "Professional Services" and the contract itself must be made available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the year 2026 temporary budget and will be available in the final budget when adopted under: Zoning Board Attorney –Planning and Zoning; The amount of the contract to be awarded under this resolution is determined to be \$15,000.00, which sum is based on a reasonable estimate of the Legal Services required over the contract term, the Township of Manchester is not obligated to spend this amount and is permitted to exceed this amount during the course of performance of this contract. and,

WHEREAS, Debra Rumpf, Esq. has submitted a proposal in accordance with the “Pay to Play” Law; and,

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board is satisfied with the terms of the proposed form of contract aforesaid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Zoning Board of the Township of Manchester, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Zoning Board of the Township of Manchester hereby retains Debra Rumpf, Esq. to serve as Zoning Board Attorney for the year 2026, commencing January 22, 2026, and agrees to pay the reasonable value of services rendered.
2. That the Zoning Board Chairperson is hereby authorized to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to an agreement.
3. That the contract to be entered into is awarded through the “fair and open process” as a “Professional Service” in accordance with N.J.S.A.-19:44A-20.4 of the Pay to Play Law.
4. The Secretary of the Manchester Township Zoning Board shall cause the attached Notice to be published in the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger, as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.
5. That this resolution shall take effect January 22, 2026.

DATED: February 18, 2026

Erin Mathioudakis
SECRETARY