

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LAKE STATION, INDIANA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2009-27
ESTABLISHING LEGAL FEES FOR ATTORNEYS EMPLOYED BY
THE CITY OF LAKE STATION.**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Lake Station finds that it is in the best interest of the City to amend the current fee and costs and expenses terms for attorneys providing legal services to the City of Lake Station including any and all of its agencies and departments; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Lake Station finds that it should set the rate for legal services provided to the City of Lake Station to be no greater than \$200.00 per hour and to require prior approval of attorney contracts with the City of Lake Station by the City of Lake Station Board of Public Works and Safety; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council now desires to amend and/or delete certain provisions of Ordinance No. 2009-27, more specifically Chapter 4, Article 1.5, Sections 4-27 and 4-28.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Lake Station, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

- (1) That Ordinance No. 2009-27 shall now be amended and further, Chapter 4, Article 1.5, Section 4-27 shall now read as follows:

Sec. 4-27. Legal fees for attorneys employed by the City.

- (a) The City of Lake Station agrees to pay up to \$200.00 per hour for legal services other than bond counsel, provided to the City of Lake Station on or after January 1, 2022. All attorneys employed by the City of Lake Station shall execute contracts with the City to be approved by the City of Lake Station Board of Public Works and Safety.
- (b) The Clerk-Treasurer's office shall be provided, at a minimum, a monthly statement containing the following information: date(s) the services were performed, the name of the attorney performing the services, a brief description of the services performed, time attributed to performing the services and the charge for each service item. A minimum unit of time for billing of legal services shall be one-tenth (0.1) of (1) one hour.

- (2) That Ordinance No. 2009-27 shall now be amended and further, Chapter 4, Article 1.5, Sec. 4-28 shall now read as follows:

Sec. 4-28. Legal services, costs and expenses incurred and advanced.

- (a) The City of Lake Station shall be responsible for paying directly and/or reimbursing the individual attorney performing legal services for those costs incurred in retaining appraisers, accountants or any other professionals acting on behalf of the City. Prior approval by the City Department or City Board shall be obtained by the attorney for said professional costs and expenses. Reimbursement costs shall include but not be limited to the cost of retaining an appraisers, accountants, other professionals on behalf for the City, expenses resulting from representing the City's interest in litigation and the cost of certified mail or private carrier delivery. The cost of any postage incurred at the direction of the City, the cost of filing fees advanced and the cost of any online research initiated at the direction of the City shall also be eligible for reimbursement.
- (b) All attorneys employed by the City of Lake Station to provide legal services shall execute a contract to be approved by the City of Lake Station Board of Public Works and Safety.

This Ordinance now amends and modifies Ordinance No. 2009-27 passed by the Common Council of the City of Lake Station, Indiana on January 7, 2010.

ALL OF WHICH IS PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE STATION, INDIANA THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

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Wm Carroll, Mayor
WILLIAM CARROLL, MAYOR

ATTEST: Brenda Samuels
BRENDA SAMUELS, CLERK-TREASURER

PRESENTED BY ME TO WILLIAM CARROLL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAKE STATION, INDIANA THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

Brenda Samuels
BRENDA SAMUELS, CLERK-TREASURER

APPROVED, SIGNED AND RETURNED BY ME to the Common Council of the City of Lake Station, Indiana this 24th day of MARCH, 2022.

Wm Carroll, Mayor
WILLIAM CARROLL, MAYOR