

**Sparta Township**

**Professional Services Agreement – Murphy Orlando LLC**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq the “Local Public Contracts law” permits governing bodies to contract for certain professional services without competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Sparta has need for the professional services of a Township Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contract law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

**WHEREAS**, the business disclosure entity certification and the determination of value shall be placed in a file with this resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta as follows:

1. The Township of Sparta hereby appoints Murphy Orlando LLC of 494 Broad Street 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Newark, NJ 07102 as Conflict Counsel/Special Litigation and Outside Litigation Attorney for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in accordance with the contract.

Amounts:      Attorney \$240/hour

2. Political Contribution Disclosure: This contract has been awarded to Murphy Orlando LLC of 494 Broad Street 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Newark, NJ 07102, based on the merits and abilities of Murphy Orlando LLC to provide the goods or services as described herein. This contract was not awarded through a “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. As such, the undersigned does hereby attest that Murphy Orlando LLC its subsidiaries, assigns, or principals controlling in of 10% of the Company has neither made a contribution, that is reportable pursuant to the Election Law Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 9:44A-8 or 19:44A-16 in the one (1) year period preceding the award of the contract that would, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c. 19, affect its eligibility to perform this contract, nor will it make a reportable contribution during the term of the contract to any political party committee in the Township of Sparta, County

of a member of that political party is serving in an elective public office of the Sparta, County of Sussex when the contract is awarded, or to any candidate of any person serving in an elective public office of the Township of Sparta, County of Sussex when the contract is awarded.

3. Vendors performing work for and on behalf of Sparta Township must conduct business according to the highest ethical standards. The Township recognizes the right of individuals to engage in outside activities that are private in nature and unrelated to municipal business. However, business dealings can create or appear to create a conflict between the individual and the Township's interests.

Prior to becoming a vendor for the Township, all vendors are required to disclose possible conflicts so that the municipality may assess and prevent potential conflicts. Vendors, after being engaged by the Township, shall not engage in matters that create a conflict of interest for the Township. If a potential conflict arises, a vendor is required to promptly notify the Township Manager of the possible conflict of interest. The vendor shall not take any action that will be adverse to the Township.

4. A copy of this resolution shall be published as required by law within ten days of its passage.

ROXANNE LANDY, RMC  
MUNICIPAL CLERK