

Sparta Township

Professional Services Agreement – Orlando Rodriquez, Esq.

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta has need for the professional services of a Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

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, N.J.S.A. 40 A:11-5 requires the award of contract for Professional Services to be publicly advertised and the contract itself be available for public inspection.

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

1. The Township of Sparta hereby appoints Orlando Rodriquez, Esq., 129 Spring Street, Newton, NJ 07860 as Public Defender for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in accordance with the contract.

Amount: Not to exceed \$15,500 annually

2. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law as this is a professional service within the meaning of the law.
3. The Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract with Orlando Rodriquez, Esq. on behalf of the Township.
4. A notice in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law shall be published in the New Jersey Herald as required by law.
5. A copy of this resolution, as well as the contract, shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Township.

ROXANNE LANDY, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK