RESOLUTION 2024-10 CITY OF HAYWARD, FREEBORN COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA

A Resolution Authorizing a New Attorney to provide Civil Attorney Services for the City of Hayward, Minnesota

WHEREAS, the City of Hayward recognizes the critical role of legal expertise in serving the community; and

WHEREAS, the current City Attorney position must be filled due to a vacancy created when Hayward's former attorney left her law firm to take on a new position elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of the City Council, the Clerk conducted a thorough search to identify qualified candidates; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been informed of the qualifications, experience, and suitability of prospective candidates; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to appoint a City Attorney who will effectively serve the best interests of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward as follows:

1. APPOINTMENT: the City Council hereby authorizes the appointment of Greta Bjerkness, an attorney with the Law Firm LeVander, Gillen, & Miller, P.A., located at 1305 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 300, Eagan, MN 55121, to serve as the City Attorney for the City of Hayward.

2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- a. Greta Bjerkness shall serve as the City Attorney, providing civil attorney services to the City of Hayward on an as needed basis.
- b. attorney compensation is outlined through the end of year 2026 in the attached Exhibit A, titled, Civil Attorney Services for the City of Hayward.
- 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hayward on this 17th day of June 2024.

Anthony Cox, Mayor

Attest:

Cathryn Aase/Clerk/Treasurer





June 13, 2024

Kathy Aase City Clerk 20532 810th Avenue Hayward, MN 56043

cityofhayward@gofast.am

RE: Civil Attorney Services for City of Hayward

Ms. Aase:

Thank you for reaching out to allow me to provide civil attorney services to the City of Hayward. I look forward to this new relationship and working with you and the City. This letter is confirmation of our agreement and hourly rates to perform as needed services.

	2024	2025	2026
Hourly Rate for All Attorneys for	\$180	\$180	\$185
Hourly/Routine services			
Hourly Rate for Legal Assistants for	\$140	\$140	\$145
Hourly/Routine services			
Hourly Rate for All Attorneys for			
Specialized Services (Developer pass-	\$250	\$250	\$255
through, litigation, condemnation, real			
estate acquisitions and sales)			
Hourly Rate for Legal Asst. for			
Specialized Services (Developer pass-	\$160	\$160	\$165
through, litigation, condemnation, real			
estate acquisitions and sales)			

The beginning of my services for the City will be effective upon approval of Council and the term of appointment will be subject to ongoing review and evaluation by the Council.

Thank you, I look forward to working with you and the City of Hayward!