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TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH JASON SANTARCANGELO, ESQ. OF SANTARCANGELO LAW, LLC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR ABANDONED AND VACANT PROPERTY MATTERS FOR YEAR 2019**

August 20, 2019

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2018 the Township Council authorized the award of a contract to Jason Santarcangelo, Esq. with a not to exceed limit of \$65,000 dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a continued need for legal counsel to represent the Township in abandoned and vacant property matters; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, authorizes the Township to enter into contracts for professional services without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq. applicable to non-fair and open contracts; and

WHEREAS, Santarcangelo Law, LLC has provided excellent service both in reducing the problem of vacant and abandoned properties and generating revenue to defray the costs of same; and

WHEREAS, Santarcangelo Law, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification certifying that it has not made any reportable contributions to any political or candidate committee in the Township of Montclair in the previous one-year period, and the subject contract will prohibit said firm from making any reportable contributions during the term of this contract; and

WHEREAS, the amount authorized by this Resolution shall not exceed \$65,000; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose have been provided for in the 2019 budget identified by account number 9-01-23-310-310-269 in the accounting records of the Township; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that the Township enter into this additional Professional Services Agreement with the firm of Santarcangelo Law, LLC as special counsel for the Township for a period through December 31, 2019, on the same terms and conditions to perform such legal work and provide legal services as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager be and he is hereby authorized to execute the annexed Agreement which authorizes payment to Santarcangelo Law, LLC of up to \$65,000 in addition to the amount authorized by the prior resolution for provision of the aforementioned legal services for a period through December 31, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice shall be published in the official newspaper stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the attached agreement and that copies of this Resolution and the agreement are on file and available for inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.