



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

RESOLUTION

R27 – 2025

Introduced by City Council on February 19, 2025

Authorizes and approves the expansion of services for Solicitor Montero, providing for remuneration for the additional duties.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, Allentown City Council approved the engagement of Maria Montero, Esquire to provide legal services to City Council; and

WHEREAS, the scope of services included: attending council meetings and hearings where legal advice might be needed, responding to proper Legal Services Request from at least three councilpersons, review legislation prior to council meetings, communicating with the administration or solicitor's office at the request and approval of Council President or a majority of councilpersons; and

WHEREAS, Solicitor Montero has been asked by a majority of council to go beyond the original scope of services: conduct weekly investigation briefings with Duane Morris, shall review all monthly billings from Duane Morris for accuracy, shall confirm that the work product is within the work scope of the legislation enacted and Duane Morris's engagement letter, shall recommend remuneration for such billings, respond to properly submitted Legal Service Requests regarding the investigation which require three Council member sponsors and the concurrence of the Council President and to consult with the City of Allentown's Solicitor as necessary for proper implementation of the investigation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of that Allentown Attorney Montero's compensation over the term of the Duane Morris investigation shall equal fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). The Fee will be paid over the course of six (6) months. The first invoice will be submitted to the Council's Clerk's office in March of 2025 in the amount of \$2,500.00. The five invoices thereafter will be submitted monthly in the amount of \$2,500.00. In addition, Attorney Montero will be permitted access to City Hall's underground parking garage and can have access to electricity for charging her car while conducting Council business.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that City Council hereby authorizes the transfer of \$15,000 to effectuate such change and approves the attached letter of engagement.