

## **Record of Ordinances**

**Ordinance No.: 2024-39**

**Passed: November 11, 2024**

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### **ORDINANCE TO HIRE A SOLICITOR EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025 THROUGH December 31, 2026**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of West Lafayette, State of Ohio:

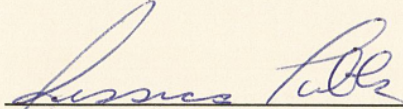
**SECTION I.** That Joel Blue be and hereby is appointed solicitor for the Village of West Lafayette, Ohio, for the period commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026, at a contract amount of one thousand six hundred eighty dollars and 00/100 (\$1,680.00) per month for up to twelve (12) hours per month worked, and one hundred forty dollars and 00/100 (\$140.00) for every hour beyond twelve (12) per month, plus reimbursement for all out-of-pocket expenses, including but not limited to mileage at the rate permitted by the IRS. Joel Blue will be paid monthly upon receipt of a detailed invoice. Joel Blue is not an employee of the Village of West Lafayette. He shall receive no benefits; including but not limited to, Public Employee's Retirement. The Village of West Lafayette shall not require any established hours to be worked and will not direct or control the manner of legal services required. Joel Blue shall perform all legal services associated with representation of a Village as Solicitor including but not limited to requirements as described in the Ohio Revised Code and shall provide a monthly report of such activities.

**SECTION II.** That with prior consent of council said solicitor shall be and hereby is authorized to retain such other attorneys, including attorneys not members of his office, in situations and cases involving scheduling conflicts, vacations, and conflicts of interest; said attorneys shall be retained on such terms as Village Council authorizes, and in addition, with prior consent, said solicitor shall be and hereby is authorized to hire investigators, title searchers, surveyors, and such other professionals and assistants as may be necessary, attend continuing legal education conferences, join municipal law organizations on behalf of the Village of West Lafayette, Ohio, and to bill the cost thereof to the Village of West Lafayette, Ohio. Either party may terminate this agreement without cause upon sixty (60) days' notice to the other party.

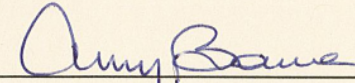
**SECTION III.** That this ordinance shall be effective at the earliest date provided by law. Joel Blue shall make appearances in Coshocton Municipal Court for the Prosecution of Village Ordinances commencing upon passage of this ordinance. Joel Blue shall perform legal counsel services for appeals in state courts from Municipal Court. Joel Blue will not be required to make appearances in Federal Court, Bankruptcy Court, represent the Village in matters with Federal agencies or pertaining to federal law, employment law, or represent council in bond counsel matters. In order to receive a fee in addition to the one thousand six hundred eighty dollars and 00/100 (\$1,680) per month, Joel Blue shall keep time records of projects worked on during the time period. Joel Blue shall provide all of his own supplies and secretarial staff.



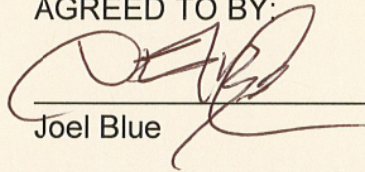
PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

  
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Jessica Tubbs, Mayor

ATTEST:

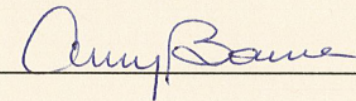
  
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Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer

AGREED TO BY:

  
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Joel Blue

**CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

I, Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was posted according to law this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

  
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Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer