

**RESOLUTION NO. 74-2025**  
**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 15-2025**  
**AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT**  
**BOROUGH LABOR ATTORNEY**  
**CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI, JACOBS, LLC**  
**BRUCE W. PADULA, ESQ.**

Councilmember Bieber introduced and offered the following Resolution for its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Leckstein:

**WHEREAS**, by way of Resolution No. 15-2025 approved on January 4, 2025, the Borough Council awarded a professional service contract for Borough Labor Attorney to Bruce W. Padula, Esq. of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a) does not require competitive bidding for such professional services, the Borough nevertheless advertised pursuant to the fair and open process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5); and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Padula has advised the Borough Administrator that he is no longer with the firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC, and has started a new firm, Padula Law Group, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to appoint Bruce W. Padula, of the firm Padula Law Group, LLC, to serve as Borough Labor Attorney at a rate not to exceed \$185.00 per hour; and

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:**

I, Michael J. Bascom, Chief Financial Officer, hereby certify that based on the amount of funds expended in the prior year for these services, it is estimated that the total 2025 appropriation for this contract will be \$10,000.00, said amount subject to unforeseen decreases or increases in litigation and other labor matters. Funds will be provided for in the 2025 Temporary Budget and in the Budget for the year 2025, when finally adopted, in the appropriation entitled Legal #5-01-20-155-000.

  
MICHAEL J. BASCOM, CFO

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a professional service contract with **BRUCE W. PADULA of the Law Firm of Padula Law Group, LLC**, to serve as Labor Attorney commencing immediately through December 31, 2025 at a rate not to exceed \$185.00 per hour; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise this award of contract according to law in the local newspaper and is further authorized to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the following:

1. Bruce W. Padula, Padula Law Group, LLC
2. Finance Manager

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Bieber,	Catalano,	Gorman,	Keeler,	Lamia,	Leckstein
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

March 18, 2025

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Christine Pfeiffer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, at a Council meeting held on March 18, 2025.

  
Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk