



Legislation Text

File #: 20-1913, **Version:** 1

Resolution to Approve Amendment Number 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Rivenoak Law Group, P.C. for Legal Services Relative to Sustainability Initiatives (\$20,000.00). **(6 Votes Required)**

The City has recently adopted the A²ZERO carbon neutrality plan (www.a2zero.org).

There are many unique legal issues related to the core strategies within the A²ZERO plan.

The City Attorney selected Rivenoak Law Group, P.C. as the law firm to provide legal services because of the firm's familiarity with the specialized legal issues and the firm's experience and expertise.

Rivenoak Law Group, P.C. complies with the City of Ann Arbor's Non-Discrimination and Living Wage Ordinances.

Due to a number of factors, the City Attorney requests approval of Amendment Number 1 to the professional services agreement with Rivenoak Law Group, P.C. in the amount of \$20,000.00 for legal services to support the City's sustainability initiatives.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: Funding is available in the approved FY2021 Sustainability and Innovations budget.

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Approved by: Tom Crawford, City Administrator

Whereas, There are many unique legal issues related to the core strategies with the A²ZERO carbon neutrality plan;

Whereas, Rivenoak Law Group, P.C. is well qualified to provide legal services on the legal issues relating to the City's sustainability initiatives;

Whereas, The City Administrator authorized an initial professional services agreement with Rivenoak Law Group, P.C. for \$25,000 in this matter;

Whereas, additional funds are needed for these legal services through the fiscal year;

Whereas, Rivenoak Law Group, P.C. complies with the City of Ann Arbor's Non-Discrimination and Living Wage Ordinances; and

Whereas, the funding is within the approved budget of the Sustainability and Innovations Office;

RESOLVED, That Council approve the Amendment Number 1 to the professional services agreement with Rivenoak Law Group P.C., in the amount of \$20,000 to provide continuing legal services;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute Amendment Number 1 to the professional services agreement after approval as to substance by the City Administrator and approval as to form by the City Attorney; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be authorized to take any necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.