

RESOLUTION NO. 1550

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
LEGAL SERVICES' AGREEMENT FOR ASSISTANCE RELATED TO AFFF/PFAS
LITIGATION SERVICES.**

WHEREAS, the City of **HAMILTON** ("the City") is committed to delivering clean drinking water to its customers; and

WHEREAS, the City is also committed to identifying parties responsible for increasing the costs of water treatment and system maintenance and taking reasonable steps to avoid passing on these costs to its consumers; and

WHEREAS, Edwards & Culver, Kovacich, Snipes, Johnson, P.C., Boone Karlberg, P.C., Stag Liuzza L.L.C., and Client First Legal P.L.L.C (the "Firms") have put together a team of uniquely qualified and experienced attorneys who have joined together to assist public entities in Montana facing the challenges posed by potential per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS"); and

WHEREAS, the Firms are comprised of experienced attorneys both in PFAS litigation and in the representation of public entities and water suppliers in cases involving cost recovery related to remediation of any future water contamination; and

WHEREAS, the City's Mayor has determined it to be in the City's best interest to enter into the Legal Services Agreement with the Firms and pursue any settlement and other legal damage claims it may have related to PFAS in the AFFF Product Liability Litigation; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to authorize the execution of the Legal Services' Agreement attached as Exhibit "A"; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Legal Services' Agreement with the Firms based upon the terms and conditions set forth herein and, in a manner, substantially similar to the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

DATED this 6th day of May, 2025, after motion and second at a regular meeting of the City Council.

By _____
Dominic Farrenkopf, Mayor

ATTEST:

By _____
Rosie Ramer, City Clerk