

**ORDINANCE NO: 23-1211**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LYNNETTE DINKLER, DINKLER LAW OFFICE, LLC, FOR SERVICES OF VILLAGE SOLICITOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Russells Point, Ohio:

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council wishes to appoint a Village Solicitor through contract for a period of two years;

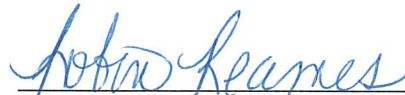
**WHEREAS**, the Village of Russells Point wishes to reappoint through contract, as an independent contractor, Lynnette Dinkler, Dinkler Law Office, as Village Solicitor;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Council of the Village of Russells Point, Ohio:

**SECTION I:** The Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with Lynnette Dinkler, Dinkler Law Office, to perform the duties of the Village Solicitor as an independent contractor. The Mayor is further authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said agreement.

**SECTION II:** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this council and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed in Council this 17th day of July, 2023.



Robin Reames, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Jeff Weidner, Fiscal Officer

Approved as to form this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.



Village Solicitor

## CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

This Contract is entered into this 18th day of July, 2023, by and between the *Village of Russells Point, Ohio* (hereinafter "Village"), and *Lynnette Dinkler* (hereinafter "Dinkler").

Whereas, the Village is governed by Ohio statutory law and may retain a Solicitor under Ohio Revised Code 733.48; and,

Whereas, pursuant to Ohio law, the Solicitor shall be appointed by the legislative authority for a period of not more than two years; and,

Whereas, the Ohio Supreme Court admitted Lynnette Dinkler to the practice of law on November 13, 1995, and she has held her license to practice law in good standing since that date and is also admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court, the Sixth Circuit United States Court of Appeals, and the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio; and,

Whereas, the Council by majority vote appoints Lynnette Dinkler of Dinkler Law Office, LLC, to serve as Village Solicitor and any attorney with her office as Assistant Village Solicitor; and

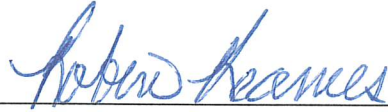
Whereas, Lynnette Dinkler desires to serve and hereby accepts the appointment as the Village Solicitor for the Village of Russells Point, Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED by and between the parties as follows:

1. Dinkler will serve as Village Solicitor and shall perform the powers and duties of a Village Solicitor consistent with governing law. Other attorneys, and paralegals, in the firm of Dinkler Law Office, LLC will, from time to time, provide legal services to the Village at the direction of Dinkler.
2. Dinkler and other attorneys from Dinkler Law Office, LLC who perform work on behalf of the Village shall be paid the rates as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto. Dinkler will submit invoices once each month in billing increments of 1/10th of an hour which will describe the services provided and any expenses advanced.
3. This contract can be terminated by either party with or without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice. The term of this contract shall be for two years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Village of Russells Point, Ohio, by Mayor Robin Reames, and Lynnette Dinkler have hereunto set their hands this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, OHIO



By: Robin Reames, Mayor

LYNNETTE DINKLER, DINKLER LAW OFFICE, LLC



By: Lynnette Dinkler, Attorney at Law

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Village Solicitor

**EXHIBIT A  
HOURLY RATES**

July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Attorney hourly rate: \$165.00

Paralegal hourly rate: \$ 90.00

January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Attorney hourly rate: \$175.00

Paralegal hourly rate: \$ 100.00