



Monroe County Legislature

GEORGE J. HEBERT

LEGISLATOR – DISTRICT 15

November 9, 2021

To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

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Committee Assignment	
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Subject: Authorize the Special Committee of the Legislature to Examine and Revise the Monroe County Code of Ethics to Retain Professional Services for the Purposes of Ensuring Compliance with Federal, State, and Local Laws, Regulations, and Recommendations

Honorable Legislators:

Occasional updates to long-standing codes are necessary to ensure that they can best serve the people, departments, and organizations of Monroe County. The Code of Ethics is one such code that is in need of comprehensive reform. By authorizing the Legislature's Special Committee to examine and revise the Monroe County Code of Ethics, we allow for the execution and facilitation of good government through due diligence.

It is the goal of the Monroe County Legislature to ensure that individuals are afforded adequate protections and that there is an understanding of appropriate conduct among employees and residents under the Code of Ethics. Additionally, it is important that when producing comprehensive ethics reform that is sufficient with today's standards, we are paying special attention to the legality of the updates and adhere to current state guidelines.

These goals and adherence to today's standards are guaranteed through the authorization of the Legislature's Special Committee to examine and revise the Monroe County Code of Ethics.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the Legislature's Special Committee to Examine and Revise the Monroe County Code of Ethics, created in accordance with Resolution 289 of 2021, to retain professional services in accordance with Monroe County Procurement Policy and New York State General Municipal Law for the period of November 9, 2021 through December 31, 2021

2. Authorize the President of the Legislature to execute professional services contracts and any amendments thereto, on behalf of the Legislature's Special Committee to Examine and Revise the Monroe County Code of Ethics, created in accordance with Resolution 289 of 2021, at a maximum total combined cost of \$50,000 for the period of November 9, 2021 to December 31, 2021

This is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c) (26) ("routine of continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for such contracts is included within the 2021 operating budget of the Department of Law, Professional Services.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George J. Hebert".

George J. Hebert
Monroe County Legislator
District 15

By Legislators _____

Intro. No.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2021

**AUTHORIZING LEGISLATURE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND REVISE
THE MONROE COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS TO RETAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
FOR PURPOSES OF ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL
LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The Monroe County Legislature Special Committee to Examine and Revise the Monroe County Code of Ethics, appointed in accordance with Resolution 289 of 2021, is hereby authorized to retain professional services in accordance with Monroe County Procurement Policy and New York State General Municipal Law for the period of November 9, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Section 2. The President of the Legislature, is hereby authorized to execute contract(s), and any amendments thereto, on behalf of the Monroe County Legislature Special Committee to Examine and Revise the Monroe County Code of Ethics, appointed in accordance with Resolution 289 of 2021, at a maximum total combined cost of \$50,000 for the period of November 9, 2021 to December 31.

Section 3. Funding for this contract is included in the 2021 operating budget of the Department of Law, general fund 9001, funds center 1601010000, Professional Services.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

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ADOPTION: Date: _____

Vote: _____