## RESOLUTION of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LINDEN

## Resolution No. 2018-22

## RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE HOURLY RATE PAID FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES

Date Introduced: October 10, 2018

Date Adopted: October 10, 2018

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Linden ("Housing Authority"), a public entity organized and existing pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), and the laws of the State of New Jersey, has determined that it is in need of increasing the hourly rate paid for general legal services; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the law firm of Manfredi & Pellechio ("Law Firm") has provided general legal services to the Housing Authority since 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Firm's hourly rate (\$150.00 per hour) has not increased during that fifteen year period; and

WHEREAS, therefore, the Law Firm has requested an increase to its hourly rate; and WHEREAS, upon review of the hourly rates charged in the affordable housing industry, the Executive Director has recommended an increase to \$170.00 per hour for associates and \$190.00 per hour for partners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners ("Board") has determined that the Law Firm has admirably performed all its duties under the general legal services contract; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Board wishes to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has found that it is in the best interest of the Housing Authority and its overall goal of providing quality affordable housing to low-income seniors to approve and authorize an increase to the hourly rate paid for general legal services;

## NOW THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Linden hereby approves and authorizes an increase to the hourly rate paid for general legal services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the hourly rates to be charged by Manfredi & Pellechio are \$170.00 per hour for associates and \$190.00 per hour for partners; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby directs the Executive Director of the Housing Authority to take any and all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

Ann J. Ferguson, Secretary

Housing Authority of the City of Linden