

RESOLUTION NO. 26-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, INCREASING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO SPECIAL COUNSEL KAPLAN, KIRSCH & ROCKWELL, LLP, FOR LEGAL SERVICES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2012, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 12-131 appointing Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP, as Special Counsel to advise the City in connection with the proposed update of Chapter 7, Airport Rules and Regulations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2017, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 17-76 appointing Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP, as Special Counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with an enforcement proceeding before the Federal Aviation Administration and issues pertaining to the payments in lieu of taxes made by the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport from 2010 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2019, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 19-09 appointing Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP, as Special Counsel to represent the City in connection with general airport matters pertaining to the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, and airport noise compatibility issues, 14 CFR Part 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Planning and Metroplex Studies pertaining to the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 19-09 prescribed compensation at the hourly rates of \$475.00 per hour for shareholders, \$375.00 per hour for associates, and \$150.00 per hour for paralegals; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 22-85 increased the hourly rates from \$475.00 per hour to \$500.00 per hour for shareholders, and from \$375.00 per hour to \$400.00 per hour for associates; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 24-10 increased the hourly rates from \$500.00 per hour to \$540.00 per hour for shareholders, \$400.00 per hour to \$432.00 per hour for associates, and \$150.00 per hour to \$189.00 per hour for paralegals; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 25-271 increased the hourly rates from \$540.00 per hour to \$583.00 per hour for shareholders, \$432.00 per hour to \$467.00 per hour for associates, and \$189.00 per hour to \$204.00 per hour for paralegals; and

WHEREAS, Special Counsel has requested that effective January 1, 2026, its hourly rates be increased to \$630.00 per hour for partners, \$575.00 per hour for counsel, \$504.00 per hour for associates, and \$220.00 per hour for paralegals/law clerks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the compensation to be paid to Special Counsel, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP, shall be increased to the hourly rates of \$630.00 per hour for partners, \$575.00 per hour for counsel, \$504.00 per hour for associates, and \$220.00 per hour for paralegals/law clerks, plus actual reasonable expenses subject to the City Attorney's approval, effective January 1, 2026.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

City Attorney
SHARI L. McCARTNEY

Dean J. Trantalis _____
John C. Herbst _____
Steven Glassman _____
Pamela Beasley-Pittman _____
Ben Sorensen _____