

RESOLUTION NO. 14-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 10-223, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPENSATION OF PARALEGALS, AND TO ESTABLISH NEW HOURLY RATES FOR THE LAW FIRM OF TROUTMAN SANDERS LLP, WHICH WAS APPOINTED AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE IN TOXIC TORT MATTERS ASSERTED IN THE LINCOLN PARK/DURRS LITIGATION AND RELATED TO THE LINCOLN PARK SITE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

WHEREAS, the law firm of Troutman Sanders, LLP has significant experience in environmental issues, and was appointed as Special Counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale by virtue of Resolution No. 89-213, adopted on August 3, 1989;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution No. 03-92, the City Commission increased the scope of services rendered by Troutman Sanders, LLP to include matters of third party toxic tort cases related to the Wingate Landfill and Incinerator Superfund Site;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution No. 08-35, Troutman Sanders, LLP has been retained as special counsel to provide legal services pertaining to toxic tort claims asserted in the Lincoln Park/Durrs Litigation pending in the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Broward County, and related to the Lincoln Park Site and Environmental issues, Project 10536;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution 10-223, which established the most recent hourly rates of compensation for Troutman Sanders, LLP, no provision is made for the compensation of paralegals;

WHEREAS, the City Commission herein acknowledges that the use of paralegals in the type of services rendered in defending toxic tort claims is necessary and proper;

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to establish new hourly rates to be paid special counsel for such services, and to establish hourly rates for paralegals;

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

SECTION 1. That the law firm of Troutman Sanders, LLP, as special counsel, shall be compensated for such services beginning in October, 2014 at the hourly rates (plus costs) of \$342.00 to \$445.00 for partners, \$282.00 to \$312.00 for mid-level associates, \$236.00 to \$276.00 for junior associates, and \$140.00 to \$180.00 for paralegals.

SECTION 2. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That the Special Counsel appointed herein shall serve at the pleasure of the City Commission.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of October, 2014.

Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JONDA K. JOSEPH