

ORDINANCE NO. 2009 - 85

**MODIFYING THE CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE
FOR UPDATED COMPENSATION AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That Kenneth J. Schneider continue as Law Director for the City of Mason under his existing contract and Jeffrey D. Forbes continue as Assistant Law Director. Effective July 1, 2009, said Law Director and Assistant Law Director will be paid a retainer of \$30,000.00 per annum payable monthly. Said services to be provided include preparation of all Ordinances and Resolutions, as well as attendance at the City Council Meetings.

Section 2. That additional legal services, other than those services set out in Section 1 above are to be provided by the firm of Wood & Lamping, its attorneys, including Kenneth J. Schneider, Jeffrey D. Forbes, and its partners, paralegals and law clerks. Compensation for said additional legal services shall be at the rate of \$180.00 per hour. However, services rendered in connection with litigation and labor matters shall be performed at the rate of \$198.00 per hour. Any services rendered for which the City is reimbursed by others shall be charged at the firm's standard hourly rates in effect at the time the services are rendered.

Section 3. That said annual compensation for the Law Director and the hourly rates for legal services shall be reviewed annually with an annual adjustment comparable to that provided for other administrative officials of the City.

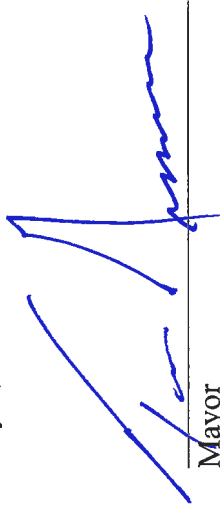
Section 4. That the City of Mason hereby agrees to pay up to one half of the expenses for the Law Director or member of his firm, who regularly works on Mason matters, to attend semi-annual and annual meetings of the International Municipal Lawyers Association, or similar organization, in a total amount not to exceed \$750.00 annually.

Section 5. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and shall be effective immediately upon its passage. The reason for said declaration of emergency is that the rates are effective on and after July 1, 2009.

Passed this 13th day of July, 2009.

Attest:


Clerk of Council


Mayor