

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION
OF THE LAW OFFICE OF KARL A. SCULLY
TO SERVE AS LAND USE COUNSEL FOR THE
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD, ZONING
BOARD OF APPEALS, AND PLANNING BOARD**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 153 of the Charter of the City of Mount Vernon, the Corporation Counsel, with the written consent of the Mayor, is authorized to engage legal counsel for compensation as approved by the Board of Estimate and Contract in proceedings involving the City; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated December 29, 2025, the Corporation Counsel recommended the retention of the Law Office of Karl A. Scully to serve as Land Use Counsel for the City of Mount Vernon's Architectural Review Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Law Office of Karl A. Scully possesses specialized expertise in municipal land use, zoning, and planning law necessary to advise and assist said boards in the performance of their statutory duties; and

WHEREAS, the Law Office of Karl A. Scully has agreed to provide such legal services at a flat fee of Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$7,800.00) per month to serve all three (3) boards, which services shall include attendance at meetings and the timely preparation of resolutions, findings of fact, and other documentation or work required to support the operations of said boards; and

WHEREAS, funding for this engagement is available under Budget Code A8020.405 (Contracted Outside Services), Law Department 2026 Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon hereby ordains and enacts as follows:

Section 1. Authorization to Retain Land Use Counsel. The Law Office of Karl A. Scully is hereby authorized to be retained as Land Use Counsel for the Architectural Review Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Planning Board of the City of Mount Vernon, subject to approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

Section 2. Compensation. The Law Office of Karl A. Scully shall be compensated at a flat monthly fee of Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$7,800.00), in accordance with the terms set forth in the engagement letter dated December 29, 2025.

Section 3. Funding Source. Compensation for services rendered pursuant to this Resolution shall be paid from Budget Code A8020.405 (Contracted Outside Services), Law Department 2026 Budget.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate and Contract.