## A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF THE LAW OFFICE OF KRISTEN K. WILSON AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO ASSIST THE CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE

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

**Whereas**, by letter dated April 22, 2025, the Corporation Counsel recommended the retention of the Law Office of Kristen K. Wilson (the "Firm") as Special Counsel to the Charter Revision Committee; and

**Whereas**, the Law Office of Kristen K. Wilson has agreed to provide legal services to the City at the following hourly rates:

• **Partners**: \$350 per hour

Associate Attorneys: \$300 per hour

• **Paralegals**: \$100 per hour

Whereas, funding for this engagement is available under Budget Code A1010 (City Council Salaries); Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

- **Section 1. Authorization to Retain Special Counsel.** The Law Office of Kristen K. Wilson is hereby retained as Special Counsel to advise and assist the Charter Revision Committee in matters requiring specialized legal expertise.
- **Section 2.** Compensation. The Firm shall be compensated in accordance with the hourly rates outlined in the Engagement Letter dated April 24, 2025.
- **Section 3. Funding Source**. Compensation for services rendered shall be drawn from Budget Code A1010 (City Council Salaries).
- **Section 4. Effective Date**. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.