COUNTY COUNCIL OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA ORDINANCE NO. 2024- *OS*

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ACCOUNT FOR THE PAYMENT OF LEGAL EXPENSES FOR THE LAPORTE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS the LaPorte County Auditor is the Fiscal Officer of the County who is duly responsible for many functions including reviewing considering and paying claims for LaPorte County in the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS at times, the Auditor has legal question(s) and/or litigation that requires counsel and/or representation of an attorney that is separate and distinct from the Council's attorney or Board of Commissioners Attorney (County Attorney);

WHEREAS the LaPorte County recognizes that at times the Auditor's office will need to retain counsel for a specific legal issue and/or litigation; and

WHEREAS LaPorte County will establish account number 303000 that shall be called the Auditor's Office Legal Expense Account, which will be subject to the conditions set forth below:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) Account Number will be established and known as the Auditor's Office Legal Expense Account;
- (2) When the Auditor requires independent legal advice, representation and/or consultation, the Auditor shall enter a contract with the legal services provider that will comply with the hourly rate set by LaPorte County for legal service providers;
 - (3) The Council will review the need for legal services;
 - (4) The Council will appropriate monies into the account; and
- (5) The Council will review all invoices for legal services and approve the legal services expenditure.

PASSED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA this 44 day of ______, 2024.

CAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Attest:

Thonda Laves, Chief Deputy auditor
LaPorte County Auditor

First Reading: 5/29/24

Second Reading: 6/24/24