

A Resolution

NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM OF KELLY HART & HALLMAN LLP AS OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO LAWSUITS CHALLENGING THE CITY'S SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the Fort Worth City Council on _____, 20____, ordered and decreed that a necessity exists to retain the assistance of outside counsel with knowledge and expertise in suits challenging the City's short term rental ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City has been sued challenging the City's Ordinance Nos. 23110-02-2018 and 26005-02-2023, in Cause No. 236-342969-23, Kelray LLC, et al. v. City of Fort Worth ; and

WHEREAS, because of the extraordinary complexity of this area of law and the tremendous caseload of the City Attorney's Office, the City Manager and the City Attorney recommend that the City retain outside legal counsel with knowledge and expertise in short term rental litigation; and

WHEREAS, the law firm on Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP possesses the required knowledge and expertise to represent the City in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the law firm of Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP has successfully represented the City in past litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

The City is authorized to retain the law firm of Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP as outside legal counsel pursuant to Chapter VI, Section 3 of the City Charter to assist and represent the City in matters related to lawsuits challenging the City's short term rental ordinances.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary