

ORDINANCE 2007-39

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THOMAS R. REITZ, ATTORNEY AT LAW, AS SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM, OHIO, AND FIXING HIS FEES FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2007 TO DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Hiram has determined to provide for legal representation of the Village by hiring a Village Solicitor; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Hiram hired Thomas R. Reitz as Solicitor for the Village for the term January 12, 2006 through December 31, 2007 by enacting Ordinance 2006-23; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Hiram has provided merit raises to all other employees of the Village during 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Hiram has provided step up or equalization raises to other employees of the Village during 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that Solicitor Thomas R. Reitz should also receive a merit and a step up or equalization raise during 2007.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM, OHIO, a two thirds of the members elected thereto concurring;

SECTION 1: That Thomas R. Reitz as Solicitor shall receive as compensation the sum of One Hundred Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$105.00) per hour for all time spent fulfilling the obligations of Solicitor as set forth in Ordinance 2006-23. All time as used herein shall include travel time. The Solicitor shall be an employee of the Village for all purposes. Thomas R. Reitz has indicated he will decline participation in any medical benefits, or payments in lieu of medical benefits, offered to employees by the Village.

SECTION 2: In the event the Solicitor enlists the aid and assistance of another attorney of the law firm Christley, Herington & Pierce, or its successor, the law firm of Christley, Herington & Pierce shall receive as compensation the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Zero Cents (\$119.00) per hour for all time spent by such other attorney in aiding or assisting the Solicitor. Any such other attorney shall not be an employee of the Village.

SECTION 3: In the event the Solicitor enlists the aid and assistance of a paralegal in the employ of Christley, Herington & Pierce in fulfilling the obligations of Solicitor as set forth herein, and in recognition that the Village would otherwise compensate the Solicitor for time so spent, the Village will compensate Christley, Herington & Pierce Fifty Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$54.00) per hour for all time spent by a paralegal in assisting the Solicitor in fulfilling the obligations of the Solicitor as set forth herein. Any such paralegal shall not be an employee of the Village.

SECTION 4: The rates set forth in this Ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2007.

SECTION 5: In all other respects Ordinance 2006-23 remains in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: All other Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

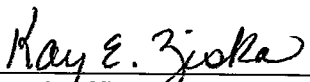
SECTION 8: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, effective immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor to enable the Village to pay the compensation set forth in this Ordinance within the tax year in which it was earned.

Passed as an Emergency: December 11, 2007



Mayor

ATTEST:



Fiscal Officer

I Kay E. Ziska, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Hiram, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution or Ordinance No. 2007-39 has been duly posted in the required 5 places.

12-19-07 Kay E. Ziska
Date Fiscal Officer, Village of Hiram