

RESOLUTION 18-95

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH,
FLORIDA CONFIRMING THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE LAW
FIRM HAND ARENDALL HARRISON SALE LLC AND THEIR
COMPENSATION.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City hereby agrees to confirm Hand Arendall Harrison Sale LLC, formerly Harrison Sale McCloy Chartered, the law firm of City Attorney Amy Myers, for professional legal services required by the City. Effective June 1, 2018, the City agrees to pay \$250.00 for members, \$200.00 for associates, \$85 for paralegals, and \$350.00 for a monthly retainer.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED in regular session this 24th day of May, 2018.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

By: 

Mike Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jo Smith, City Clerk

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May 18, 2018

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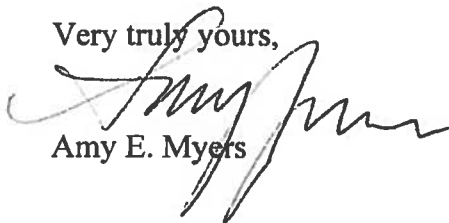
Dear Mario,

As you know, on January 1, 2018 our firm merged with an Alabama firm to become Hand Arendall Harrison Sale, LLC. I write to confirm in writing my engagement as your City Attorney with that new firm, and that our internal referral and billing policies have not changed. We are terrifically excited about this new chapter in our firm, and look forward to continuing to provide the most qualified and in depth legal services to the City, especially with the depth of resources now available to us all.

This letter will also confirm our conversations over the last several months regarding an updated fee structure for my firm's provision of services: \$250 for members (f/k/a/ partners), \$200 for associates, and \$85 for paralegals, effective June 1. Our current hourly rates, \$175 (partners), \$135 (associates) and \$70 (paralegals), were set by the Council in 1996, though specific rate increases for me and Doug were updated in 2015 and 2008, respectively. We are not proposing to change the \$350 flat monthly retainer paid for attendance of any number of HAHS attorneys at the City's regular Council meetings. We believe you will find the updated rates are comparable to those fees paid by other local governments for retention of general counsel.

As you know, we very much appreciate the confidence the City has placed in us. We will continue to strive to earn that confidence daily and provide the most efficient and cost effective legal services available.

Very truly yours,



Amy E. Myers