

**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING  
SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2024**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, entered into as of January 1, 2024, by and between the Governing Body of the Franklin Fire District, Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey, (hereinafter referred to as District) and BKC, CPAs, PC (hereinafter referred to as Auditor):

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to engage the Auditor to render certain auditing and accounting services in connection with such undertakings of the District: and

**WHEREAS**, the Auditor is desirous of providing the services set forth herein

**NOW THEREFORE** the parties do mutually agree as follows:

1. Scope of Services: The Auditor shall perform all of the accounting and auditing services for the District under the contract as specified herein:
  - a) Performance of the 2023 statutory audit.
  - b) Assistance in the preparation and adoption of the 2023 annual budget.
  - c) Attendance at meetings and consultations in the normal operations of the District.

The District shall furnish the following data and information to the Auditor. Any and all data and information the District might have had, has, or will have that will aid the Auditor in the performance of his duties.

2. Time Performance: The services of the Auditor shall commence January 1, 2024.
3. Compensation: The consideration to be paid for professional services covered by this contract reflected in "scope of services" will be \$8,400.
4. Compensation: The consideration for extraordinary services to be paid for the professional services covered by this contract shall be invoiced in accordance with the following schedule (excluding litigation related services). Fees will be charged in accordance with the responsibility of the staff assigned.

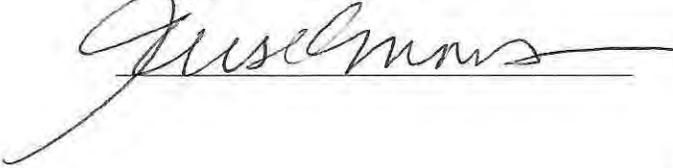
Staff	Hourly Rate
Shareholder	\$ 265
Principal	220
Manager	145 - 160
Senior	135
Staff Accountant	90 - 110
Para-Professional/Administrative	85

5. Method of Payment: The compensation will be paid as invoiced and after the approval at a public meeting of the Governing Body of duly verified and signed vouchers.
6. Thirty-Day Notice for Cancellation: Either party with thirty (30) day notice to the other party may cancel the agreement without cause. The notice must be in writing and sent certified mail, return receipt requested. The termination will occur thirty (30) days from the date that the return receipt was signed. All billable charges and products will be honored to the date of the contract's termination without prejudice.
7. Affirmative Action: The District and Auditor hereby incorporate into this contract the mandatory language of Subsection 3.4 (a) and the mandatory language of Section 5.3 of the Regulations promulgated by the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey pursuant to PL 1975, Chapter 127, as amended and supplemented from time to time, and the Auditor agrees to comply fully with the terms, the provisions and the conditions of Subsection 3.4 (a) and of Section 5.3, provided that Subsection 3.4 (a) shall be applied subject to the terms of Subsection 3.4 (d) of the Regulations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Governing Body of the Franklin Fire District and the Auditor have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

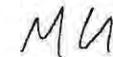
Governing Body of  
Franklin Fire District

Attest:



By: 

Michael A. Holk

By: 

Michael A. Holk, Shareholder