



# LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

RS-23-094

June 20, 2023

# Background

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- ❑ November 2022: A majority of electors voted to pass the City's marijuana enforcement ordinance.
- ❑ December 2022: Bell County authorized its attorneys to file suit against the City of Killeen related to this ordinance.
- ❑ February 8, 2023: The City engaged Sheils Winnubst, PC, to provide legal services with regard to potential litigation regarding marijuana enforcement ordinance.

# Litigation

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- On April 11, 2023, Bell County filed a lawsuit against the City of Killeen for declaratory and injunctive relief to invalidate the marijuana enforcement ordinance that was passed by a majority of voters in the November 2022 election.
- To continue to defend the lawsuit, legal expenses will exceed \$50,000.

# Alternatives

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- Alternatives are:
  - ▣ Not ratify the Sheils Winnubst agreement for legal services related to the marijuana lawsuit
  - ▣ Ratify the Sheils Winnubst agreement for legal services related to the marijuana lawsuit

# Recommendation

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- Staff recommends that City Council ratify the agreement with Sheils Winnubst to continue to defend the lawsuit.