



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Douglas Schulze, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Lincoln Bogard, Administrative Services Director
Doug Schulze, City Manager

MEETING DATE: July 9, 2024

SUBJECT: City Attorney Annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment

RECOMMENDATION:

A motion approving annual rate increase in excess of 3% for Legal Services Agreement with Richards, Watson & Gershon.

BACKGROUND:

The Legal Services Agreement between the City of Banning and Richards, Watson & Gershon dated October 10, 2017 provides for annual rate increases beginning July 1, 2019 based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index. Attached letter from City Attorney Serita Young provides details regarding the Legal Services Agreement.

JUSTIFICATION:

Required by contract.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Agreement requires City Council approval for increases in excess of 4.26%. CPI for the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario region from March 2023 to March 2024 was 4.3%. The fiscal impact of this rate increase will depend on the actual hours billed for legal services during the period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve and potentially breach contract with City Attorney.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Banning_ Letter re Annual CPI Adjustment in City Attorney Contract Rates Effective July 1, 2024.PDF](#)