

RESOLUTION NO. 3119

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY
TO APPOINT REENA PATEL, ESQUIRE, OF THE LAW OFFICE OF
MARIANNA BATIE, AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE CITY OF
SALISBURY.**

WHEREAS, Section SC9-1 of the Charter of the City of Salisbury (the “City Charter”) provides in pertinent part: “There shall be a Department of Law headed by the City Solicitor. The City Solicitor and any Assistant City Solicitors, shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and a majority of the full Council.”;

WHEREAS, effective April 2, 2021, Cockey, Brennan and Maloney, P.C. has been named the City Solicitor for the City of Salisbury (the “City”);


WHEREAS, the Administration, with the approval of the Salisbury City Council, desires to appoint special counsel to advise the City and provide legal representation for and on behalf of the City with respect to any matter(s) and/or dispute(s) that arises when there is a conflict of interest with Cockey, Brennan and Maloney, P.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salisbury City Council hereby appoints Reena Patel, Esquire, of the Law Office of Marianna Batie, to serve as special counsel for the City, pursuant to Article IX of the City Charter;

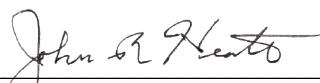
AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND RESOLVED by the Salisbury City Council that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a regular meeting of the Salisbury City Council held on this 23 day of August, 2021.

ATTEST:



Kimberly R. Nichols
CITY CLERK



John R. Heath
PRESIDENT, City Council

APPROVED by me this 25th day of August, 2021.



Jacob R. Day, Mayor



City of
Salisbury
Jacob R. Day, Mayor

To: City Council

From: Julia Glanz, City Administrator

Subject: Appointing Reena Patel, of the Law Office of Marianna Batie, as Special Counsel

Date: August 3, 2021

On April 2, 2021 Cockey, Brennan and Maloney, P.C. was named the City of Salisbury's City Solicitor. From time to time conflicts of interest will arise and it is important for the City to have representation when that happens. Administration has reached out to Reena Patel of the Law Office of Marianna Batie to fill the additional role of Special Counsel when conflicts arise. Reena Patel interviewed for the City Solicitor position and has a strong background in governmental law. She is a reputable and talented lawyer that will handle City matters in an effective and efficient matter when called upon.

The City will still work with Widdowson and Dashiell PA as additional Counsel, and will now have the opportunity to chose which attorney may be best for the specific City needs.

Please let me know if you have any questions.