



CITY OF PATASKALA

**RESOLUTION 2025-001**

Adopted January 6, 2025

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LANGUAGELINE SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE INTERPRETER SERVICES IN MAYOR'S COURT**

*WHEREAS*, often defendants appearing before the City of Pataskala Mayor's Court require an interpreter; and

*WHEREAS*, because the City of Pataskala Mayor's Court does not currently provide interpreter services, these cases must be transferred to the Licking County Municipal Court. Such transfers often cause hardship for the defendant because he/she must appear again in court, but now in Newark; and

*WHEREAS*, LanguageLine provides qualified and trained interpreters to facilitate effective communications for Limited English Proficient (LEP) individuals by converting spoken language statements between English and another language. Many local Mayor's Courts are providing interpreter services over the telephone, using LanguageLine and are satisfied with the service. In addition, the City of Pataskala Police Department utilizes the services of Language Line; and

*WHEREAS*, Council for the City of Pataskala believes it will be beneficial to individuals appearing in Mayor's Court if the Court offered interpreter services, rather than transfer the case.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO, A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT CONCURRING THAT:**

Section 1: The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract, in substantially the same form and content as the Statement of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, with LegalLine Services, Inc. to provide interpreter services in the City of Pataskala Mayor's Court.

Section 2: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of Council and that all deliberations of the Council and any of the decision-making bodies of the City of Pataskala which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the State of Ohio.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by the Charter of the City of Pataskala.

ATTEST:

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Jessica M. Cumbo, Clerk of Council

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Michael W. Compton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Brian M. Zets, Law Director