



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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A resolution authorizing the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission (“MHRC”) to approve Melody Fowler-Green as appropriate counsel, on an hourly fee basis, for additional representation of the MHRC in connection with a Title VI complaint against the Metropolitan Arts Commission.

WHEREAS, Section 11.20.100.B of the Metropolitan Code of Laws provides the MHRC with the power and duty: “To have the services of attorneys, hearing examiners, clerks and other employees and agents who are metropolitan government employees, except in those cases in which the metropolitan government is a party, and in which case the human relations commission may seek the metropolitan council’s approval to engage appropriate counsel”; and,

WHEREAS, RS2024-193 authorized the MHRC to employ Melody Fowler-Green as appropriate counsel on an hourly fee basis of \$375.00 per hour to be billed in 1/10th hour increments on a monthly basis and limited the total amount of the engagement to not exceed \$5,625.00; and,

WHEREAS, the MHRC has requested permission to retain Melody Fowler-Green for additional representation in connection with a Title VI complaint filed with the MHRC against the Metropolitan Arts Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the interests of the Metropolitan Government require appropriate counsel to represent the MHRC; and,

WHEREAS, an hourly rate of \$375.00 per hour (non-profit rate) is the most economical means of financing appropriate counsel for the MHRC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The MHRC is authorized to approve Melody Fowler-Green for additional representation of the MHRC in connection with a Title VI complaint filed against the Metropolitan Arts Commission on an hourly fee basis of \$375.00 per hour to be billed in 1/10th hour increments on a monthly basis.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.