

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY**

**County of Camden, State of New Jersey**

**#R 124 -2019**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY TO CONTRACT FOR QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT ("QPA") SERVICES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9A. AND APPOINT THOMAS E. HASSETT AS QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT AS ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE, PURSUANT TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gloucester City ("City") is in the process of creating, by ordinance, the position of Purchasing Agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9a.;

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to designate an individual to serve as the City's purchasing agent and engage such individual to be appointed as a part-time independent contractor as permitted by State Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the law requires that anyone named to the title of Purchasing Agent after January 1, 2011, must hold a Qualified Purchase Agent ("QPA") Certificate to be appointed to the position; and

**WHEREAS**, local contracting units without a Qualified Purchasing Agent now has a maximum bid threshold of \$17,500 which creates unduly burdensome administrative delays and significant additional costs to the municipal entity; and

**WHEREAS**, initially the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) provided municipalities without a Qualified Purchasing Agent a maximum bid threshold of \$17,500.00 and municipalities with a Qualified Purchasing Agent a maximum bid threshold of \$36,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2015, the State Law was amended to provide municipalities with a QPA a maximum bid threshold of \$40,000.00, where the threshold presently stands.

**WHEREAS**, the City has reviewed the background and qualifications of Thomas E. Hassett, who has been certified as a Qualified Purchasing Agent by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and

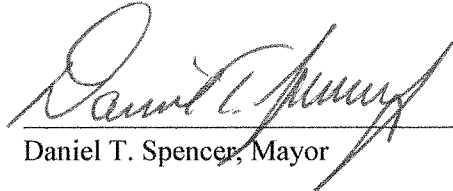
**WHEREAS**, Thomas E. Hassett possesses all the necessary qualifications to serve the City in the capacity of a part-time, independent contractor Qualified Purchasing Agent, which will save the City considerable costs associated with an archaic and bureaucratically restricted procurement process established by State Law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that:

1. The provisions of the **WHEREAS** clauses set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.
2. The Mayor and Common Council hereby authorizes the appointment of Thomas E. Hassett as the City's Qualified Purchasing Agent upon the effective date of an Ordinance formally creating said position on or about April 18, 2019 and the Mayor and/or Business

Administrator are hereby authorized to take any action to achieve the purposes set forth herein.


4. The position of Thomas E. Hassett, QPA, shall be part-time in nature and he shall be designated specifically as an independent contractor and perform all services for a yearly stipend in the amount of \$1,500.00.
5. This Resolution shall take effect upon the enactment of the Ordinance creating the Qualified Purchasing Agent Position.
6. The Chief Financial Officer has hereby certified the availability of funds for the actions taken herein.



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Daniel T. Spencer, Mayor

Passed by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2019.



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Vanessa L. Parent, Acting City Clerk,  
Certified Municipal Registrar