

RESOLUTION R-067-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO RETAIN SECONDARY COUNCIL FOR PER-AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) CLASS ACTION CASE

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board") is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia, as set forth by Act No. 165 ("Act") passed by the Georgia General Assembly during the 2017-1018 session and subsequently approved by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Section 11 (17) of the Act provides that the Board is authorized to appoint retained legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, the County's primary legal counsel requires specialized knowledge and additional resources to effectively represent the County's interests in this complex matter; and

WHEREAS, the law firm of Arnold & Itkin, LLP possesses the necessary expertise and resources to provide effective representation as secondary counsel to the County; and

WHEREAS, therefore be it resolved that Arnold & Itkin, LLP shall be retained for the once case of litigation from the Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) pollution class action lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, the Board authorizes the County Attorney to negotiate and execute an engagement letter or contract with Arnold & Itkin, LLP, outlining the terms of the firm's compensation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Walker County Board of Commissioners hereby retains the law firm of Arnold & Itkin, LLP, 6009 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77007, as secondary counsel, to assist the Board in representing the county in the PFAS class action lawsuit.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of October, 2025.

ATTEST:

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO

The foregoing Resolution received a motion for Approval from Commissioner Blakemore

second by Commissioner Hart and upon the question the vote is ______ ayes

__ nays to adopt the Resolution.