



City of Broken Arrow

Request for Action

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**Broken Arrow City Council
Meeting of: 08-15-2017**

**To: Mayor and City Council
From: Office of the City Attorney**

Title: Approval of and authorization to execute a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Broken Arrow and Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson, LLP for providing counsel and legal advice regarding employment and labor issues

Background:

Kristen Brightmire with the law firm of Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson, LLP. is a well-respected attorney with vast legal knowledge and experience involving labor and employment law. The Human Resource Director and the City Attorney are recommending that the Council engage this firm to provide counsel and legal advice on employment and labor issues. Retention is recommended due to the firm's expertise in employment and labor law.

The attached Professional Services Agreement memorializes retention of the firm, costs and the hourly rates to be charged. The firm charges \$300.00 per hour for work completed by partners, \$210.00 per hour for associates, and \$140.00 per hour for paralegals. Routine costs such as copying and postage are addressed in the Agreement. Costs and fees for this matter are capped at \$30,000.00 and it will expire on June 30, 2018. Staff recommends that the Council approve the Agreement and authorize its execution.

Cost: Not to exceed \$30,000.00

Prepared By: Beth Anne Childs, City Attorney

**Reviewed By: Assistant City Manager - Administration
Fire Department
Police Department
Human Resources Department**

Approved By: Michael L. Spurgeon, City Manager

Attachments: Professional Services Agreement

Recommendation:

Approve the Professional Services Agreement and authorize its execution.