

December 16, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Piscataway Township Council was held on December 16, 2025 at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Council President Espinosa at 7:00 p.m.

Council President Espinosa made the following Statement, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as required under Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, specifying the time, date, location, login, or dial-in information, and, to the extent known, the agenda by posting a copy of the notice on the Municipal Building, Municipal Court and the two Municipal Library Bulletin Boards, Municipal Website, providing a copy to the official newspapers of the Township and by filing a copy in the office of the Township Clerk in accordance with a certification by the Clerk which will be entered in the minutes.

There will be public comment periods for both remote and in person attendees separately. Each member of the public shall only have one opportunity to speak during each public portion. As the technology does not allow us to know if there are multiple callers on an individual phone line or logged in user account, we ask that if you wish to speak, that you login in or dial in separately so that we can recognize you as a separate individual.

Should you have any further comments or questions, the Township Council is always available by email and phone, and you can always call the Mayor's office during normal operating hours.

On roll call, there were present: Councilmembers Cahill, Carmichael, Leibowitz, Lombardi, Uhrin, Rashid, and Espinosa.

Council President Espinosa led the salute to the flag.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to the remote attendees for comments regarding the Consent Agenda items.

There being no comments, this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

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The Clerk read for SECOND READING the following ORDINANCE:
ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 3, POLICE REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 12, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, CHAPTER 16, HOUSING AND RENT CONTROL, CHAPTER 17, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, CHAPTER 22, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, AND CHAPTER 23, SEWERS AND WASTEWATER

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, Middlesex County, finds it in the best interest of the public to amend Chapter 2, Administration, Chapter 3, Police Regulations, Chapter 12, Parks and Recreation Areas, Chapter 16, Housing and Rent Control, Chapter 17, Property Maintenance, Chapter 22, Solid Waste Management, and Chapter 23, Sewers and Wastewater of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway; and

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway are hereby amended with additions shown in italics and deletions shown in brackets as follows:

CHAPTER II ADMINISTRATION

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2-18.6 Director of Public Safety; Powers and Duties

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g. Oversee the Division of Emergency Medical Services.

2-18.7 Appointment of Police Officers.

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f. *Appointment. Police Officers shall be appointed by the Director of Public Safety, subject to the consent of the Mayor.*

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2-22.1 Establishment of the Division of Emergency Medical Services.

There is hereby created in and for the Township of Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey, a Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in the Department of Public Safety. Such division shall be known as the Division of Emergency Medical Services (Division of EMS), and shall be headed by the *Director of Public Safety* [Coordinator of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)].

2-22.2 Purpose.

The Division of EMS is hereby formed to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents and visitors of Piscataway. This division shall be responsible for ensuring that care rendered meets and/or exceeds all regulatory requirements, trying to attain the highest level of care authorized by the State of New Jersey, Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services, promoting healthcare and EMS technical education equity in the Township, and maintaining a quality improvement feedback program for all first responders who provide medical aid in the Township.

[2-22.3 Duties and Authority of the Division of EMS.]

[The Division of EMS is authorized to implement the administrative policies of the Mayor regarding the provision of EMS services in the Township and to receive, review and make recommendations to the Piscataway Township Council. It shall make recommendations to the Mayor and Council only after consulting with and receiving approval of the Advisory Council. The Division shall have the following duties and authority:]

[a. Recommend the formula for annual budget contributions to rescue squads, and provide such formula to the Business Administrator and Township Council for their use;]

[b. Receive and make recommendations to the Piscataway Township Council upon requests for capital appropriations rescue squads;]

[c. Receive and make recommendations to the Piscataway Township Council upon request for policy changes for said rescue squads;]

[d. Receive and make recommendations to the Piscataway Township Council upon resolutions for said rescue squads;]

[e. Receive and make recommendations to the Township Council upon any and all such other requests as may be deemed properly made to the Division of EMS;]

[f. With input from all rescue squads, recommend the vendor to be utilized for the screening of medical 9-1-1 calls received by the Piscataway Township Public Service Answering Point and the dispatching/management of all responding emergency medical services assets; and]

[g. The Division of EMS will ensure that appropriate actions are taken in response to complaints received by service providers, the public and/or any identified events defined in N.J.A.C. 8:40-3.7 (Reportable Events).]

[2-22.4 Advisory Council.]

[There is hereby established an Advisory Council that is responsible for overseeing and working with the Coordinator to ensure that the Division of EMS functions efficiently, effectively and in a transparent manner. The Coordinator shall chair the Advisory Council, but not be considered a member. In the absence of a duly appointed Coordinator, the Advisory Council shall meet and appoint an Interim Coordinator, who will serve until a Coordinator is properly hired by the Township.]

[a. The membership of the Division of EMS Advisory Council shall consist of:]

[1. A representative and alternate of the two currently existing rescue squads, River Road Rescue Squad and North Stelton Rescue Squad, which both serve Piscataway Township or any successor rescue squad/EMS agency that continues to serve Piscataway Township;]

[2. The Chief of Police or designee;]

[3. Township Business Administrator or designee;]

[4. One to three Township Council representatives selected by the Township Council who are appointed in their official capacity; and]

[5. Two public members representing users of the rescue squad services who are appointed by the two existing rescue squads for terms of two years that may be renewed.]

[b. Each rescue squad Chief officer shall appoint a representative and alternate prior to the January Division of EMS Advisory Council meeting. The Township Business Administrator's and Chief of Police's designee may be the same person. The designee's term shall run for the calendar year.]

[c. The designee of either the Business Administrator or the Chief of Police shall be a current and practicing Emergency Medical Technician licensed by the New Jersey Department of Health — Office of Emergency Medical Services.]

[2-22.5 Votes.]

[Each representative or alternate of the Advisory Council of the Division of EMS shall have one vote, with the exception of the Township Council members, who are nonvoting members participating in their official capacity only. In the event that the same person holds more than one seat on the Advisory Council, that person may only cast one vote. A quorum for a vote shall consist of a minimum of four voting members of the Advisory Council. A tie vote can be broken by the Coordinator, as chair of the Advisory Council.]

[2-22.6 Meetings of the Advisory Council.]

[Meetings of the Advisory Council of the Division of EMS for Piscataway Township shall be held four times a year and are subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. Additional meetings may be scheduled by the membership based upon need as requested by the membership; and, the Coordinator as Chair of the Advisory Council, shall be empowered to call special meetings should he/she perceive a need for a meeting.]

[a. The location of each meeting shall be at the Municipal Building;]

[b. Regular meetings shall be held in January, April, July and October at a date and time determined at the previous year's last meeting;]

[c. The Chief of Rutgers Emergency Services or its designee shall be invited to all meetings of the Advisory Council so long as Rutgers Emergency Services continues operation of Emergency Medical Services on campuses located in the Township of Piscataway;]

[d. The Chief Operating Officer of any vendor providing Emergency Medical Services and/or dispatch services to the Township of Piscataway or its designee shall be invited to all meetings;]

[e. The Medical Director of both rescue squads and any Emergency Medical Services in the Township shall be invited to all meetings; and]

[f. A public comment session shall be held at the end of all Advisory Council meetings to allow comment by members of the public.]

[g. (Reserved)]

[2-22.7 Coordinator of the Division of EMS.]

[The Division of EMS for the Township of Piscataway shall be headed by a Coordinator, who shall be an employee of the Township. The Mayor or Township Business Administrator may designate a current employee or may employ a new employee to that position. The Coordinator is responsible for operating the Division of EMS, and for submitting any reports to the Mayor, Business Administrator or the Township Council that are required or requested by such offices. The Coordinator's reporting functions may be satisfied through provision of Advisory Council meeting minutes. An Assistant Coordinator may be appointed by a majority vote of Advisory Council. Such person is not an employee of the Township and would serve in a volunteer capacity. The Coordinator shall have the following qualifications and competencies:]

[a. Maintain an active practice of providing emergency medical services within the Township;]

[b. Maintain certification as a New Jersey Department of Health — Office of Emergency Medical Services Emergency Medical Technician or greater;]

[c. Maintain New Jersey Office of Telecommunications — Emergency Medical Dispatch certification;]

[d. FEMA ICS-100 course completion;]

[e. FEMA ICS-200 (in-person) course completion;]

[f. FEMA ICS-300 course completion;]

[g. FEMA ICS-400 course completion;]

[h. FEMA IS-700 course completion; and]

[i. FEMA IS-800 course completion.]

[The Coordinator has the specific authority to seek and implement solutions on an emergency basis to ensure the best probable outcome for care provided to residents and visitors of the Township until a special meeting or the next scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee can be held.]

[2-22.8 Reports.]

[In order to effectively operate the Division of EMS, the Coordinator must receive certain data, information and reports from the rescue squads operating in the Township and the Police Department. Such information must be shared and discussed by the Advisory Council.]

[a. An annual police report shall be submitted to the Coordinator and presented at the January Advisory Council meeting, and shall include:]

[1. Compilation of monthly NEMSIS reports submitted to the New Jersey Department of Health — Office of Emergency Medical Services as required by N.J.A.C. 26:2K-67.]

[2. (Reserved)]

[b. An annual report from each of the rescue squads must be submitted to the Coordinator and presented to the Advisory Council by April 1 of each year, and shall include:]

[1. Personnel report - shall encompass active members, the current training status of active members, and list of officers.]

[2. Apparatus report — shall encompass all apparatus and define both their operational status and capabilities.]

[3. Clinical change report — shall encompass a list of all clinical changes made over the last year.]

[4. (Reserved)]

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2-80.7 Fees Charged by the Public Relations Advisory Commission.

Street Fair Fees. Vendor participation for street fairs and similar events sponsored by the Public Relations Advisory Commission will be subject to the following fee schedule[.]. *The Township Business Administrator may waive any or all of the following fees for Township-sponsored events.*

1. Craft and merchandise vendors: \$40 entry fee.
2. Food and amusement ride vendors: \$100 each.
3. Truck vendors: \$100.

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2-80.12 Fees Charged by Piscataway Community Television.

The following fees shall be charged by Piscataway Community Television for use of equipment, personnel and studio space for volunteer or nonprofit producers and organizations:

Equipment/Personnel	Fees
Mobile Unit/Studio Use	\$125[120].00
Director (Studio/Mobile)	\$50.00
Technical Director (Studio/Mobile)	\$45.00
Audio Engineer (Studio/Mobile)	\$45.00
Camera Operator (Studio/Mobile)	\$35.00
Producer/Consultant	\$45[50].00
Equipment/Camera Operator	\$50[75].00
Editing/Editor	\$50.00

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Chapter III Police Regulations

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3-2 NOISE.

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3-2.4 Enforcement Officers.

a. *Police Officers shall have the authority within their designated jurisdiction to investigate suspected violations of this section and pursue enforcement activities.*

3-2.5 Measurement Protocols.

a. *Sound measurements made by a Police Officer shall conform to the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:29-2.*

b. *When conducting indoor sound level measurements across a real property line, the measurements shall be taken at least three (3) feet from any wall, floor, or ceiling. The neighborhood residual sound level shall be measured in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:29-2.9(b)(2).*

3-2.6 Maximum Permissible Sound Levels.

a. *No person shall cause, suffer, or permit the operation of any source of sound on any source property in such a manner as to create a sound level that equals or*

exceeds the sound level limits set forth in Tables I, II, or III when measured at or within the real property line of any of the receiving properties listed in Tables I, II, or III.

- b. *Impulsive Sound.* Between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm, impulsive sound shall not equal or exceed 80 decibels. Between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am, impulsive sound which occurs less than four times in any hour shall not equal or exceed 80 decibels. Impulsive sound which repeats four times in any hour shall be measured as continuous sound and shall meet the requirements as shown in Tables I and II.

Table I: Maximum Permissible A-Weighted Sound Levels when Measured Outdoors

Receiving Property Category	Residential property, or residential portion of a multi-use property		Commercial facility, public service facility, non-residential portion of a multi-use property, or community service facility
	7 a.m. – 10 p.m.	10 p.m. – 7 a.m.	24 hours
Maximum A-Weighted sound level standard, dB	65	50	65

Table II: Maximum Permissible A-Weighted Sound Levels when Measured Indoors

Receiving Property Category	Residential property, or residential portion of a multi-use property		Commercial facility, public service facility, non-residential portion of a multi-use property, or community service facility
	7 a.m. – 10 p.m.	10 p.m. – 7 a.m.	24 hours
Maximum A-Weighted sound level standard, dB	55	40	55

Table III: Maximum Permissible Octave Band Sound Pressure Levels in Decibels

Receiving Property Category	Residential property, or residential portion of a multi-use property		Residential property, or residential portion of a multi-use property		Commercial facility, public service facility, non-residential portion of a multi-use property, or community service facility	Commercial facility of non-residential portion of a multi-use property
	OUTDOORS		INDOORS		OUTDOORS	INDOORS
Octave Band Center Frequency, Hz.	Octave Band Sound Pressure Level, dB		Octave Band Sound Pressure Level, dB		Octave Band Sound Pressure Level, dB	Octave Band Sound Pressure Level, dB
Time	7 a.m. – 10 p.m.	10 p.m. – 7 a.m.	7 a.m. – 10 p.m.	10 p.m. – 7 a.m.	24 Hours	24 Hours
31.5	96	86	86	76	96	86
63	82	71	72	61	82	72
125	74	61	64	51	74	64
250	67	53	57	43	67	57
500	63	48	53	38	63	53
1,000	60	45	50	35	60	50
2,000	57	42	47	32	57	47
4,000	55	40	45	30	55	45
8,000	53	38	42	28	53	42

3-2.7 Enforcement.

- a. Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a civil penalty for each offense of not more than \$3,000. If the violation is of a continuing nature, each day during which it occurs shall constitute an additional, separate, and distinct offense.
- b. Upon violation of this Ordinance, the Police Officer shall issue an enforcement document to the violator. The document shall identify the conditions or activity that has been violated. It shall also indicate whether the violator has a period of time to correct the violation before a penalty is sought.

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3-30 AIDING OR ABETTING A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

3-30.1 Prohibition Against Aiding or Abetting a Public Nuisance.

It shall be unlawful for any person to aid or abet in the creation of, continuation of, providing comfort to, providing assistance to, or otherwise promoting any public nuisance.

3-30.2 Definitions.

A "public nuisance" is any naturally occurring situation, circumstance or event; or any manmade situation, circumstance or event that was previously determined by any New Jersey Statute, any Township of Piscataway Municipal Ordinance or through prior case law to constitute a public nuisance.

The definition of "aid or abet" shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. any act or conduct encouraging another person to create, continue or facilitate a public nuisance;
- b. any act or conduct intended to assist in the creation, continuation or providing comfort of a public nuisance;
- c. any act or conduct intended to promote or encourage the creation or continuation of a public nuisance; or
- d. any act or conduct that tends to prolong an existing public nuisance.

3-30.3 Penalties and Fines.

Any person found guilty of aiding or abetting a public nuisance shall be subject to the following penalty:

- a. for a first offense, a fine of no less than \$500.00, but not to exceed \$1,000.00;
- b. for a second offense, a fine of no less than \$1,000.00, but not to exceed \$2,000.00; and
- c. for a third or more offense, a fine of no less than \$2,000.00.

A court appearance shall be required for any violation, including a first offense under this Chapter.

3-30.4 Continued or Repeat Violations.

For continued or repeated violations of this provision, a separate charge may be issued for each and every day of violation.

3-30.5 Enforcement.

This Chapter shall be enforced by any official authorized to issue Notices of Violations and Summonses for Violation, including, but not limited to: all officers of the Piscataway Police Department, Fire Officials, Code Enforcement Officers, Zoning Officers, Officials from the Department of Health and Welfare, Animal Control Officers, Construction Officials, and Officials from the Planning and Engineering Department.

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3-31 RESTRICTED AREAS IN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

3-31.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to create or otherwise establish designated restricted areas within buildings and/or offices where municipal operations are conducted so as to limit access to those areas to authorized employees and their invitees, to protect and safeguard public records and documents containing confidential and other personal identifying information.

3-31.2 Definitions.

Authorized personnel

Any municipal employee, vendor, repair person, or invitee authorized to access an otherwise restricted area.

INVITEE

Any person who after scheduling an appointment with a municipal employee is invited into a restricted area for the purposes of conducting business with a municipal employee.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING OR OFFICE

Any building or office space owned, leased, or utilized by the Township
PERSON

Any individual, partnership, cooperative association, private corporation, personal representative, receiver, trustee, assignee, or any other legal entity.

PUBLIC AREA

Any room, chamber, lobby, hall, corridor, staircase, meeting or conference space open to the public.

RESTRICTED AREA

Any area closed to the public and shall include the private offices of all municipal employees and any work area where municipal employees work with documents and records.

3-31.3 Access Prohibited.

Except as otherwise provided herein, access shall be prohibited in restricted areas of municipal offices as designated by the Township Business Administrator.

3-31.4 Signs.

The Township shall post signs outside of those areas designated as restricted areas that provide adequate warning to the public.

3-31.5 Violations and Penalties.

It shall be a violation of this section for any person to trespass upon a restricted area. Any person who is found guilty of violating this chapter shall pay fines as follow:

- i. For a first offense, a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).*
- ii. For a second or subsequent offense, a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).*

3-31.6 Enforcement.

The police department is hereby charged with the enforcement of this chapter. All members of the police department are hereby designated as enforcement officers for the purpose of enforcement of this chapter.

3-32 LARGE GATHERINGS.

3-32.1 Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this Section is to enable the Township of Piscataway and its governing body to have control over the type and scope of large gathering to be held within the confines of the Township, while insuring the protection of the interests of those in the community upon whom such large gathering shall impact.

3-32.2. Definitions

For purposes of this Ordinance:

- A. "Large Gathering" shall mean any event, party or assembly held on public or private property that is expected to attract 100 or more people at any one time.*
- B. "Organizer" means any individual, group, organization, or entity responsible for initiating, planning, or hosting a Large Gathering.*

3-32.3. Permit Required

- A. The Township of Piscataway requires a permit for any large gathering as defined in section 2. Failure to obtain a permit required herein will result in the inability to hold the event. The holding of an event which is subject to the requirement of a permit, without obtaining such permit, shall constitute a violation of this section.*
- B. Permit applications required hereunder will be available to the public at the Municipal Clerk's office during the times the Township is open to conduct business and, on the Township's, official website. An application shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk at least 14 days prior to the event. The issuance of permit shall not excuse the applicant from securing approvals or permits that may be required from any other governmental agency having jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, the division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the Department of Environmental Protection, Board of Health, etc.*
- C. No person, group, or organization shall be entitled to a permit if there are outstanding governmental, zoning, construction, or fire code violations against the property.*
- D. An application for permit hereunder shall be signed by the person, persons or parties responsible and shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk. The applicant shall set forth in the application for the permit the following information:
 - (1) The name, address and telephone number of the applicant(s).*
 - (2) The name, address and telephone number of the person or persons, corporation, organization or association sponsoring the activity, if applicable.**

(3) A detailed description of the proposed event and a sketch that shows the area or route to be used, along with proposed structures, tents, fences, barricades, signs, banners and restroom facilities, more commonly referred to as a footprint.

(4) The date(s) and hours for which the permit is desired.

(5) The location of the event for which the permit is desired, and complete details as to how the applicant intends to provide for security, traffic control, site cleanup, separation of recyclables and disposal of trash and debris and parking (and whether any temporary parking areas or street closures will be required).

(6) The number of attendees, participants, spectators, contestants, cast, crew and/or other people that are reasonably anticipated to attend the event.

(7) A detailed description of the Township's resources or services that may be required to be provided in connection with the event.

(8) A statement specifying whether food or beverage are intended to be presented, served, cooked, prepared or distributed (by either the hosts, the participants/guests or caterers); the method of disposing of garbage, trash, rubbish or any other refuse arising therefrom, including animal waste or animal parts. A temporary food permit from the health department may be required.

(9) A statement specifying the toilet facilities, number and placement, that will be available during the event and arrangements for the cleaning, emptying services of those facilities during and after the event.

E. Upon receipt of the aforesaid permit application, the Municipal Clerk shall have the event application reviewed by the Township Police Chief, Township Fire Official, Health Officer, Zoning Officer, Construction Official and Township Engineer for compliance with local and state ordinances, laws, requirements and regulations and for their recommendations, if any. A copy of said recommendations shall be delivered to the Township Administrator.

3-32.4. Exemptions

The following shall be exempt from obtaining a Large Gathering permit:

- A. Events sponsored by the Township of Piscataway
- B. Events held on property owned or operated by the Piscataway Board of Education
- C. Lawful assemblies for religious observance, protests or political rallies, provided reasonable efforts are made to notify the Township Police Department and Business Administrator at least 24 hours prior to the event or earlier if reasonably possible.
- D. If an agreement has been entered into between the Organizer and the Township of Piscataway for a recurring annual event.
- E. Venues that regularly host weddings, banquets, and similar private events as part of their normal business operations shall be exempt from obtaining a large gathering permit, provided the venue is in compliance with applicable zoning regulations and all safety and building code requirements.

3-32.5 Hours; Closing of Premises

The hours of operation of all Large Gatherings in the Township of Piscataway, excluding set up and close of operations shall be commenced no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and concluded no later than 10:00 p.m. of the same day. Both the premises where the Large Gathering is held, and the parking area shall be closed as expeditiously as possible after the conclusion of any Large Gathering.

3-32.6. Site Inspections

Local, county and state personnel shall be permitted to conduct an on-site inspection of the property to ensure compliance with the permit prior to and/or during the event. Failure to allow access to the property of any municipal, county or state official shall be grounds for non-issuance or revocation of a permit.

3-32.7. Police and Public Safety Requirements

- A. For any Large Gathering, the Township Police Department shall review the permit to determine whether the presence of extra-duty officers and/or onsite EMS is necessary for traffic control, crowd management, or protection of life and property.
- B. If deemed necessary, the Organizer shall pay the Township for the cost of extra-duty officers as per the Township's adopted fee schedule.
- C. Organizers are responsible for maintaining order at the event. Failure to control disorderly conduct may result in revocation of the permit and enforcement action.

3-32.8. *Enforcement and Penalties*

- A. *Any person who fails to obtain a permit or who violates the terms of this Ordinance shall be subject to:*
 - 1. *A fine of up to \$1,000 per offense;*
 - 2. *Reimbursement to the Township for public safety, cleanup, and other costs incurred due to unpermitted events.*
- B. *Any violation of the provisions of this chapter, occurring prior to or during the event, shall be subject to a revocation or non-issuance of its permit for such event by the enforcement officers or the Municipal Clerk. In the case of a revocation of a permit or violation of the rules and regulations provided herein where a permit is not requested, the enforcement officers may order an immediate cease and desist of the event.*

CHAPTER XII Parks and Recreation Areas

12-1 USE OF PARKS; PLAYGROUNDS, FIELDS, RINKS AND COURTS; HOURS; PERMITS.

12-1.1 Hours of Operation; Prohibited Acts.

It shall be unlawful for any person or vehicle to be or remain in or upon any of the public parks, playgrounds, fields, rinks, courts, and parking areas in the Township between dusk of any day and dawn of the following day. The prohibition shall not apply to Township-sponsored events, and persons or organizations who are in possession of a valid permit issued by the Director of *Parks and Recreation* under this section to use the public parks, playgrounds, fields, rinks, courts or parking areas during specified hours. It shall be unlawful for any person to perform motor vehicle maintenance or repairs in or upon any of the public parks, playgrounds, fields, rinks, courts, and parking areas in the Township.

12-1.2 Use Permit Required.

A permit shall be required for the use of a public park, playground, field, rink or court within the Township, under any of the following circumstances:

- a. *When there are more than 12 [15] participants and/or spectators in attendance[.]. However said number of participants and/or spectators requiring a permit may be [increased or decreased] determined by the Director of Parks and Recreation, in his or her sole discretion. The Director shall evaluate each public park, playground, field, rink and court to determine the maximum number of participants and/or spectators for purposes of requiring a permit.*

12-1.3 Use Permit Application.

The Director of the Department of *Parks and Recreation* is authorized to issue permits allowing the use of the public parks, playgrounds, fields, rinks and courts in the Township to such persons who submit an application in accordance with the following procedures:

- a. *The person or group of persons seeking issuance of the permit shall file an application in writing with the Department of Parks and Recreation, stating (i) the name and address of the applicant; (ii) the name and address of any person, business entity or association sponsoring the activity; (iii) the date and the hours for which the permit is desired; (iv) the public park, playground, field, rink or court, or any portion thereof, for which the permit is desired; (v) the type of game or activity for which the permit is desired; (vi) a reasonable estimate of the anticipated attendance; (vii) the anticipated age group of the expected participants; and (viii) such other information as may be reasonably required by the Director of Parks and Recreation.*

- c. *All permit holders shall be responsible for: (i) insuring that all participants and spectators adhere to park rules, and for summoning the police if individuals fail to do so; (ii) insuring that the public park, playground, field, rink or court is in a safe condition prior to allowing players to use same, and for reporting unsafe conditions to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation no later than one business day after its use; (iii) insuring that upon conclusion of the use, the public park, playground, field, rink or court is left in the same condition in which it was found, including the removal of any equipment, and cleanup and proper disposal of any litter; (iv) execution of an Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement in a form approved by the Township Director of Law, both*

on behalf of the organization and individually by each participant; and (v) compliance with any special conditions imposed by the Director of the Department of *Parks and Recreation*.

- d. *Qualified non-profit organizations may be granted a one-time exemption at the discretion of the Business Administrator, Township Clerk, or Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.*

12-1.5 Refusal; Revocation of Permit.

The Director of the Department of *Parks and Recreation* may refuse to issue a permit where the applicant has previously violated the terms or conditions of a permit. Additionally, the Director of the Department of *Parks and Recreation* may rescind a prior permit which has been previously issued where the applicant has made a material misrepresentation of any fact on the application, or for the violation of any term or condition of the permit.

12-1.8 Tennis and Pickle Ball Courts.

It shall be unlawful to engage in any activity, other than tennis or pickle ball at any tennis or pickle ball court located in the Township of Piscataway.

12-1.10 Use of Baseball and Softball Fields.

It shall be unlawful to engage in any activity, other than baseball or softball, at any baseball or softball field located in the Township of Piscataway.

12-2.2 Issuance of Permit.

Notwithstanding anything hereinabove contained, the Director of *Parks and Recreation* or [the Mayor] *their designee* may issue a permit for the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in a specific Township park or playground at a specific time or times. A permit shall be issued by the Director of *Parks and Recreation* or [the Mayor] *their designee* in all cases in which the applicant demonstrates that the issuance of the requested permit does not adversely affect the public interest.

12-4.1 Fees and Charges.

- a. Tennis instruction: adults: \$40[50] per person; children: \$20 per person for programs as may be operated by the division.

- c. Picnic fees. Picnic fees for Township parks shall be as follows. *The Township Business Administrator or Director of Parks and Recreation at their discretion, may waive picnic fees for Township organizations.*

Riverside Park	\$250
Possumtown Park	\$250
Columbus Park	\$250

- e. Fee for use of cricket pitches:

Season permit	\$400 [250]
Single day fee	\$50

- h. Fees for use of soccer fields:

Season permit	\$400 [250] per field
Single day fee	\$50 per field

- i. *Fees for use of baseball and softball fields:*

<i>Season permit</i>	<i>\$400 per field</i>
<i>Single day fee</i>	<i>\$50 per field</i>
<i>Lights for a season</i>	<i>\$400 per field</i>
<i>Lights for a day</i>	<i>\$25 per field</i>

12-5.2 Enforcement of Regulations.

Employees of the Department of *Parks and Recreation* and the Police Department shall have the authority to enforce these regulations, the breach of which shall create an offense cognizable in the Municipal Court of the Township.

12-7.1 Code of Conduct Athletic Events.

- a. Every participant, parent(s) of a participant, coach and official shall be required to execute the Athletic Code of Conduct of the Township prior to attending, coaching, officiating or participating in any Piscataway Township *Parks and Recreation* Department athletic event or an athletic event sponsored by the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club.

b. The form of the Athletic Code of Conduct shall be as follows:

Preamble:

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a Piscataway Township Recreation Department youth sports event or an athletic event sponsored by the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

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14. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.

I agree if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a Piscataway Township *Parks and Recreation* Department youth sports event or an athletic event sponsored by the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club, I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following, in any order or combination.

1. Verbal warning issued by the Director of the Piscataway Township *Parks and Recreation* Department, the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club, as appropriate.
2. Written warning issued by the Director of the Piscataway Township *Parks and Recreation* Department, the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club, as appropriate.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by the Piscataway Township *Parks and Recreation* Department, the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club, as appropriate.
4. Suspension from multiple youth sports events issued by the Director of the Piscataway Township *Parks and Recreation* Department, the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club, as appropriate.
5. Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by the Director of the Piscataway Township *Parks and Recreation* Department, the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club, as appropriate.

c. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to apply to a nonresident of the Township of Piscataway attending or participating in a Piscataway Township *Parks and Recreation* Department sporting event or an athletic event sponsored by the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club.

12-7.2 Ban.

A coach, parent, player, participant, official or other youth sports event attendee who violates one or more of the provisions contained in the Athletic Code of Conduct set forth in subsection 12-7.1 may be banned from attending, coaching, officiating or participating in at least one Piscataway Township *Parks and Recreation* Department youth sporting event, or where applicable, at least one youth sporting event sponsored by the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club, if the person:

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12-7.3 Relief from Ban.

A coach, parent, player, participant, official or other youth sports event attendee may be permitted to attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event from which the person has been banned pursuant to the provisions of subsection 12-7.2, if the person:

- a. Provides a written request for permission to resume participation or attendance to the Piscataway Township *Parks and Recreation* Department, or the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club;
- b. Provides a written apology to the Piscataway Township *Parks and Recreation* Department or the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club, and to the person or persons who were the subject of the behavior which constituted the violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct, as directed by the Piscataway Township *Parks and Recreation* Department, the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club;
- c. Demonstrates the completion, as required by the Piscataway Township *Parks and Recreation* Department, the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club, of an anger management counseling program which satisfies the provisions of subsection 12-7.4; and
- d. Satisfies any other requirement set forth by the Piscataway Township *Parks and Recreation* Department, the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club.

12-7.4 Counseling.

Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit the Piscataway Township *Parks and Recreation* Department, the Piscataway Township Little League or the Piscataway Township Soccer Club from requiring a person banned pursuant to the provisions of this section to complete an anger management counseling program specified by such Board or Organization.

12-10.1 Display of Flags on Township Flagpoles.

- c. The Township's flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. Rather, the Township's flagpoles are to be used exclusively by the Township, where the Council may display a commemorative flag as a form of government expression. However, the Township will allow the display of a flag on the Township [Senior Center] *Community Center* flagpole upon application to and approval from the Township.

CHAPTER XVI HOUSING AND RENT CONTROL

16-10.1 Housing Sales or Housing Rentals Regulated.

- e. Exceptions. Excepted from the foregoing provisions of this section shall be:

- 2. The rental of a single apartment or flat, *or a single apartment flat* in a two-family dwelling, the other occupancy unit of which is occupied by the owner as his residence or the household of his family at the time of the rental.

CHAPTER XVII PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

17-1 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ADOPTED.

PM-113.3 Applicability. This article relates to abandoned and vacant property and to property subject to a mortgage that has been determined by the mortgagee to be in default. This article shall be considered cumulative and is not superseding or subject to any other law or provision for same, but shall rather be an additional remedy available to the Township above and beyond any other state, county and/or local provisions for same.

PM 113.4 Abatement by municipality; Costs as lien. Upon adoption of a resolution by the governing body, the municipality may abate any nuisance, hazard or violation and place the property in compliance with the provisions of this article and any other applicable ordinances, statutes or regulations. The enforcement officer shall certify the costs thereof to the governing body. The governing body shall review the certificate of costs and, if found acceptable, authorize a lien be placed against the property. The

amount of the lien shall be added to the taxes to be assessed and levied upon the property. The amount of the lien shall also bear interest at the same rate as taxes and be collected in the same manner as any other taxes assessed and levied upon the property.

PM-113.4[5] Violations and penalties. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties and provisions of Section PM-106.0 through PM-106.3. In addition, any violation of this section may be enforced by the CO/CCO Supervisor.

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CHAPTER XXII Solid Waste Management

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22-2 MANDATORY RECYCLING PROGRAM

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22-2.5 Collection.

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- c. *Any resident that wishes to obtain a replacement or additional 95-gallon wheeled cart shall be charged a fee in accordance with amount charged by the Middlesex County Improvement Authority to the Township of Piscataway for the cost of said cart.*

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CHAPTER XXIII Sewers and Wastewater

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23-5 GREASE TRAPS.

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- d. *Inspections. The Director of the Department of Public Works, the Township Sewer Inspector, or their authorized designee shall have the authority to inspect grease traps and interceptors for compliance with this section. Inspections shall be conducted at least twice a year, or more frequently as deemed necessary by the Director or Sewer Inspector based on the nature of the operation and volume of discharge.*

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Ordinances of the Township are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon second reading, final passage and publication as required by law.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to remote attendees for comments.

Jessica Kratovil, 1247 Brookside Rd, urged the Council to not pass the ordinance as it currently reads.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer responded with some clarification regarding key points of the ordinance.

Councilmember Cahill asked the Township Attorney about this ordinance's effect on Rutgers University and the football stadium in town.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer said that because Rutgers University is a state entity, they do not have to abide by our ordinances; however, he is hopeful that they can have conversations with the university to get a better handle on the situation.

Councilmember Rashid asked if the ordinance is aimed at house parties specifically, why does it not state that specifically?

Councilmembers Lombardi, Cahill, and Uhrin as well as Mayor Wahler and Township Attorney Raj Goomer all responded that while it is mostly concerned with house parties, there are other circumstances where this ordinance would be helpful.

Brian Rak, 1247 Brookside Rd, commented on the noise levels outlined in the ordinance.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer provided further clarification regarding how the noise levels would be measured.

Alli Brachmann, 241 Vasser Dr, communicated her opposition to the ordinance.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer responded.

There being no further comments, the public portion was closed.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to in person attendees for comments.

Susan Pickoff, 607 Ellis Parkway, asked how this ordinance would affect those temporarily living in motels and those having a psychotic break.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer clarified that the hotels and motels portion of this ordinance was removed. He also stated that “public nuisance” is not broad – there are specific definitions that the Township will be adhering to in order to implement this.

Pratik Patel, 29 Redbud Rd, complained about various pieces of this legislation.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer gave an explanation regarding the fines outlined in the ordinance.

Staci Berger, 233 Ellis Parkway, expressed her opposition to this ordinance stating that it could have unintended consequences in the future.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer and Councilmember Cahill responded.

Bill Irwin, 233 Ellis Parkway, encouraged the Council to reconsider.

Gina Register, 78 Riverview Ave, thanked Councilmember Cahill for advocating for residents around Rutgers University, but asked that she talk to them about how early practice and noise starts, which is currently 6:00am. She also asked that the Council rewrite this ordinance to be more specific and reject it in its present form.

Fred White, 607 Ellis Parkway, asked about truck and chainsaw noise.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer responded.

Councilmember Rashid asked a few follow up questions.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer gave relevant responses and explanations. Councilmember Lombardi also added to Mr. Goomer’s statements.

There being no further comments, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Uhrin, seconded by Councilmember Lombardi, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey, that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 3, POLICE REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 12, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, CHAPTER 16, HOUSING AND RENT CONTROL, CHAPTER 17, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, CHAPTER 22, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, AND CHAPTER 23, SEWERS AND WASTEWATER

was introduced on the 13th day of November 2025 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 25th day of November 2025, was amended on the 25th day of November 2025 and the amendment was published on the 4th day of December 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on December 16, 2025, be adopted, passed, and after passage, be published, together with a notice of the date of passage or approval, in the official newspaper.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Ordinance shall be assigned No. 2025-28.

On roll call vote: Councilmembers Cahill, Carmichael, Lombardi, Uhrin, and Espinosa answered yes. Councilmembers Leibowitz and Rashid answered no.

RESOLUTION #25-402

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Cahill, seconded by Councilmember Uhrin.

WHEREAS, the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway permit the adoption of Resolutions, Motions or Proclamations by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway as part of the Consent Agenda, upon certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, each of the following Resolutions, Motions or Proclamations to be presented before the Township Council at its December 16, 2025 Regular Meeting appear to have the unanimous approval of all members of the Township Council:

- a. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract Through Somerset County Cooperative – Gasoline Supply 87 Octane – Not to Exceed \$125,000.00.
- b. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Professional Services Contract – Federal Tax Return and Solar Cost Segregation Preparation – Novogradacs & Company LLC – Not to Exceed \$25,000.00.
- c. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Removal of Topsoil at 9 Stelton Rd – Block 401, Lot 2 – Soil Removal Permit No. 309.
- d. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Sterling Village Security Deposit and Payment of Arrears to Piscataway Township – Apt 221.
- e. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Change Order, Final Acceptance and Release of Retainage – 2022 Road Program for Curbs, Sidewalks, Driveways & ADA Ramps – Discover Construction, LLC – Decrease of \$674,569.83.
- f. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Change Order, Final Acceptance and Release of Retainage – 2023 Road Program for Curbs, Sidewalks, ADA Ramps – Discover Construction, LLC – Decrease of \$295,824.87.
- g. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Small Balance Refunds and Cancellations by Tax Collector.
- h. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes – 100% Disabled Veteran Status – Block 605, Lot 69.01.
- i. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract Through ESCNJ – Scan Construction Permits – Accu Scan Digital Archival Solutions – Not to Exceed \$150,335.00.
- j. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Budget Transfers.
- k. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract Through Middlesex County Cooperative – Rock Salt Supply – Not to Exceed \$116,955.00.
- l. MOTION – Accept Council Meeting Minutes – November 25, December 2, & December 9, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway that each of the above-listed Resolutions, Motions or Proclamations be approved and adopted by the Township Council, with the same legal effect as through each was read in its entirety at the December 16, 2025 Regular meeting and adopted by separate vote.

The following are the Resolutions, typed in full, which were adopted by the foregoing consent agenda resolution:

RESOLUTION #25-403

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) received four (4) bids for the Gasoline Supply 87 Octane (the “Gasoline”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award dated December 18, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Township Director of Public Works recommends awarding a contract for the Gasoline to National Fuel Oil, Inc., Newark, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, through Somerset County Cooperative Purchasing Contract #CC-0045-24, for the period of January 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6(b)(2) authorizes the Township to make purchases and contract for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to certification #R-2025-0088; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to award a contract for the Gasoline Supply 87 Octane to National Fuel Oil, Inc., Newark, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, through Somerset County Cooperative Purchasing Contract #CC-0045-24, for the period of January 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #25-404

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) is in need of professional accounting services regarding Federal Tax Return and Solar Cost

Segregation Preparation Services (the “Services”) as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, Novogradac & Company, LLP, North Andover, MA has submitted two engagement letters dated October 29, 2025, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, to provide said services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award dated December 8, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Township Business Administrator recommends awarding a contract for the Services to Novogradac & Company, LLP, North Andover, MA, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 in total; and

WHEREAS, Novogradac & Company, LLP has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Novogradac & Company, LLP has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Piscataway in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Novogradac & Company, LLP from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to certification #R-2025-0091; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to award contracts for the Federal Tax Return and Solar Cost Segregation Preparation to Novogradac & Company, LLP, North Andover, MA, in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 in total; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) because the services are specialized and qualitative in nature, requiring expertise, extensive training, and proven reputation in the field; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Determination of Value has been placed on file with this resolution.

RESOLUTION #25-405

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2025, Fox and Foxx Development, LLC, Edison, NJ, submitted an application with the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) for Soil Removal Permit #309, regarding improvements to Block 1401, Lot 2 (9 Stelton Road); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Memorandum dated November 24, 2025, the Township Landscape Architect advised that the Soil Removal Permit application submitted by Fox and Foxx Development, LLC, Edison, NJ, complies with the requirements set forth in Piscataway Township Code Section 26-5, the Applicant Engineer’s November 14, 2025 letter was reviewed and found to be in order, and recommended granting of the Soil Removal Permit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to approve the Soil Removal Permit Application and issue Soil Removal Permit #309 to Fox and Foxx Development, LLC, Edison, NJ.

RESOLUTION #25-406

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) is in possession of a Security Deposit being held on behalf of the Estate of John Simons, in the amount of \$1,075.79, posted with the Township for Apartment 221 at Sterling Village; and

WHEREAS, the Township Finance Department recommends the release of said Security Deposit in the amount of \$557.32 to the Estate of John Simons and \$518.47 to the Township due to arrears; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release said Security Deposit in regard to Apartment 221 at Sterling Village in the total amount of \$1,075.79, with \$557.32 to be disbursed to the Estate of John Simons and \$518.47 to the Township of Piscataway due to arrears.

RESOLUTION #25-407

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) awarded a contract to Discover Construction, LLC, Dayton, NJ for the 2022 Road Program for Curbs,

Sidewalks, Driveways & ADA Ramps (the "Project"), in the amount not to exceed \$2,489,655.51; and

WHEREAS, due to certain field adjustments and minor quantities changes on the Project, Discover Construction, LLC finished the Project below the original contract amount and requested a decrease in the final total contract amount; and

WHEREAS, this change order would represent a \$674,569.83 decrease in the total amount of the Project from the original contract amount for a final completed total in the amount of \$1,815,085.68, a 27.09% decrease; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated December 9, 2025, a copy attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Township Supervisor of Engineering recommends the acceptance of the Project in the total contract amount of \$1,815,085.68 and recommends the release of the retainage in the amount of \$36,301.71, upon the posting of a two (2) year maintenance bond in the amount of \$1,815,085.68; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to amend the total contract amount for the 2022 Road Program for Curbs, Sidewalks, Driveways & ADA Ramps with Discover Construction, LLC, Dayton, NJ from \$2,489,655.51 to a final completed total of \$1,815,085.68, and execute a change order in the amount of \$674,569.83, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to accept the Project and return retainage funds to Discover Construction, LLC, Dayton, NJ in the amount of \$36,301.71, upon the posting of a two (2) year maintenance bond in the amount of \$1,815,085.68.

RESOLUTION #25-408

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") awarded a contract to Discover Construction, LLC, Dayton, NJ for the 2023 Road Program for Curbs, Sidewalks, Driveways & ADA Ramps (the "Project"), in the amount not to exceed \$1,634,751.77; and

WHEREAS, due to certain field adjustments and minor quantities changes on the Project, Discover Construction, LLC finished the Project below the original contract amount and requested a decrease in the final total contract amount; and

WHEREAS, this change order would represent a \$295,824.87 decrease in the total amount of the Project from the original contract amount for a final completed total in the amount of \$1,338,926.90, a 18.09% decrease; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated December 9, 2025, a copy attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Township Supervisor of Engineering recommends the acceptance of the Project in the total contract amount of \$1,338,926.90 and recommends the release of the retainage in the amount of \$26,778.54, upon the posting of a two (2) year maintenance bond in the amount of \$1,338,926.90; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to amend the total contract amount for the 2023 Road Program for Curbs, Sidewalks, Driveways & ADA Ramps with Discover Construction, LLC, Dayton, NJ from \$1,634,751.77 to a final completed total of \$1,338,926.90, and execute a change order in the amount of \$295,824.87, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to accept the Project and return retainage funds to Discover Construction, LLC, Dayton, NJ in the amount of \$26,778.54, upon the posting of a two (2) year maintenance bond in the amount of \$1,338,926.90.

RESOLUTION #25-409

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1 Provides that a municipality may authorize the processing of tax refunds of less than ten dollars(\$10.00) and the cancellation of tax delinquencies of less than ten dollars(\$10.00);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel tax and sewer tax balances under \$10.00.

RESOLUTION #25-410

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting authorization to cancel taxes and refund the amount as listed below

BLOCK	LOT	QUAL	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
605	69.01		COSTAS EFTHYMIOUS	2025	868.14	100% Disabled Veteran
605	69.01		COSTAS EFTHYMIOUS	2026	5,095.50	100% Disabled Veteran

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the taxes and refund the overpayment of taxes to the record owner. The Collector is hereby authorized to adjust the records accordingly.

RESOLUTION #25-411

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") is in need of Document Management for Records Retention and Disposal (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award dated December 11, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Township Construction Official recommends awarding a contract for the Services to Alpine Consulting, Inc. dba AccuScan, Edgewater Park, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$150,335.00 through the Education Services Commission of New Jersey Bid #ESCNJ 22/23-11; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(2) authorizes the Township to make purchases and contract for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to certification #R-2025-0090; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to award a contract for the Document Management for Records Retention and Disposal to Alpine Consulting, Inc. dba AccuScan, Edgewater Park, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$150,335.00 through the Education Services Commission of New Jersey Bid #ESCNJ 22/23-11.

RESOLUTION #25-412

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58 provides for appropriations transfers during the last two (2) months of the fiscal year, when it has been determined that it is necessary to expend for any purposes specified in the budget an amount in the excess of the sum appropriated therefore, and where it has been further determined that there is an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation.

DESCRIPTION	CLASSIFICATION	FROM	TO
First Aid Squad	Other Expenses	150,000.00	
Public Works	Salaries & Wages	15,000.00	
Buildings & Grounds	Salaries & Wages		15,000.00
Legal Services	Other Expenses		150,000.00
		165,000.00	165,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the following transfers are hereby authorized:

RESOLUTION #25-413

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway is in need of a 2025-2026 Rock Salt Supply (the "Salt"); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway Director of Public Works recommends awarding a contract for the Salt through the Middlesex County Cooperative Contract No. B-25-560 to Morton Salt, Inc., Chicago, IL in an amount not to exceed \$116,955.00, for a term beginning on December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 et. seq. authorizes the Township to make purchases and contract for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and

accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to certification #R-2025-0092; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Morton Salt, Inc., Chicago, IL for the 2025-2026 Rock Salt Supply in the amount not to exceed \$116,955.00 through the Middlesex County Cooperative Contract No. B-24-560 for a term beginning on December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2026, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM OFFICIALS:

- All Councilmembers, the Business Administrator, and the Township Attorney wished everyone a very happy holiday season.
- Councilmember Cahill remarked on both the good and the bad happening in the world, but reminded everyone to be kind to one another.
- Councilmember Carmichael thanked the Holmes Marshall Fire Company for their generosity in giving toys to those less fortunate.
- Councilmember Leibowitz thanked residents for their generosity as well, stating that the donation boxes placed around town were very full. She wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah.
- Councilmember Lombardi reminded residents to vote in the Holiday House Decorating Contest – voting closes on the 19th! She also thanked the DPW for a great job plowing the streets and asked residents to remember not to park on the street when there is snow on the ground.
- Councilmember Rashid congratulated the Wawa for opening and said she is very excited for the Tesla charging station to open, as this will be the first Tesla charging station in Piscataway.
- Councilmember Uhrin congratulated the Piscataway Pop Warner 10U cheerleading team for winning first place at the Queen City competition.
- Mayor Wahler had no comments.
- Business Administrator Paula Cozzarelli stated that the Township is expected to receive \$5.2 million for the solar credits as well as an extra \$250,000.00 for the electric vehicle charging station rebate. She also said there is going to be a \$2.7 million increase to the budget this year due to medical insurance costs rising, which the Township has no control over.
- Council President Espinosa thanked the Township Council, Mayor, Business Administrator, Clerk's Office, Chief of Staff, Police Department, and all other municipal staff for their continued support and hard work.

The Council considered the matters on the Agenda for January 2, 2026 Reorganization:

- **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:**
 - Civil Rights Advisory Commission.
 - Community Outreach Advisory Board
 - Historic Preservation Advisory Commission.
 - Deputy OEM Coordinator.
 - Planning Board.
 - Presiding Municipal Court Judge.
- **APPOINTMENTS:**
 - Appointment of Deputy Municipal Clerk.
 - Appointment of Deputy and Alternate Deputy Registrars.
 - Appointments to Cultural Arts Advisory Commission.
 - Appointments to Health Advisory Commission.
 - Appointments to Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee.
 - Appointments to Library Board of Trustees.
 - Appointment of Certified Animal Control Officer & Animal Cruelty Investigator.
 - Appointments to Property Maintenance Appeal Board.

- Appointments to Public Relations Advisory Commission.
- Appointments to Recreation Advisory Commission.
- Appointments to Rent Leveling Board.
- Appointments to Senior Citizens Advisory Commission.
- Appointments to Senior Citizens Housing Board of Trustees.
- Appointments to Zoning Board of Adjustment.
- Appointment of Supervising Prosecutor.
- Appointment of Township Prosecutors.
- Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer.
- Appointment of Public Defenders.
- Appointment of Municipal Court Judge.
- Appointment of Municipal Court Administrator.
- Appointment of Deputy Municipal Court Administrator.
- Appointment of Special Police Officers.
- Appointment of Qualified Purchasing Agent.
- Appointment of Treasurer.
- Award of Contracts and Appointment of Township Professionals 2026.
- Appointment of Recycling Coordinator and Authorization to Apply for 2025 Recycling Tonnage Grant.
- Appointment of Clean Communities Coordinator and Authorization to Apply for Clean Communities Grant.
- Designation of Certifying Official for Municipal Lien Searches.
- Designation of Subdivision Search Officer.
- Designation of Agent of Township for Filing Applications with State D.E. P. for Flood Hazard Area Permit Authorizations.
- Designation of Agent of Township for Filing Applications with Freehold Soil Conservation District (FSCD).
- Designation of Agent of Township for Filing Applications with State D.E.P. for Extension of Sanitary Sewers.
- Designation of Official Township Depositories.
- Approval of Cash Management Plan for 2026.
- Designation of Official Newspapers.
- Designation of Newspapers to Receive Notice of Meetings.
- Designation of Signatures for Signing of Checks.
- Designation of Interest Charges for Delinquent Taxes, Sewer Service Charges, and Assessments.
- Authorizing Advertising 2026 Master Bid List.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – REMOTE ATTENDEES:

- Ed Marsh, 113 Wyckoff Ave, asked that the Council reconsider the time limits given to the public during the public portions and change them to two 4-minute portions. He also asked why the public officials' contact information and the public meetings are no longer advertised in the newsletter.
 - Township Attorney Raj Goomer responded that the public officials' contact information does not appear in the newsletter because of Daniel's Law.
- Brian Rak, 1247 Brookside Rd, asked what happens to the emails that are sent to the council@piscatawaynj.org email address.
 - Councilmember Cahill and Township Attorney Raj Goomer responded that all emails get printed and given to each councilmember. This specific email was legal in nature, so Mr. Goomer and the individual spoke discussed the subject matter.

There being no further comments, this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – IN PERSON ATTENDEES:

- Rob Freeman, 2 Haywood Ave, spoke about the heavy traffic issues during rush hour on Haywood Ave because a navigation app (Waze) is directing drivers through that neighborhood as a shortcut.
 - Township Attorney Raj Goomer responded that he has had conversations with the Public Safety Director and they are going to try to contact Waze to

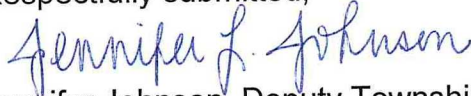
see what can be done. He will also speak to the Public Safety Director about a possible “No Left Turn” during certain hours on certain days.

- Pratik Patel, 29 Redbud Rd, made complaints about warehouses, health insurance price increases, and property taxes.
- Bill Irwin, 233 Ellis Parkway, spoke in opposition of the hotels and motels ordinance that was taken out of a larger ordinance and will be reintroduced next year.
- Rina, Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey, also spoke in opposition to the ordinance pertaining to hotels and motels.

There being no further comments, this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

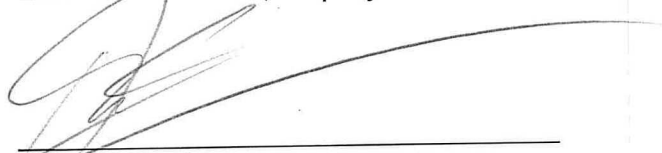
There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm. Motion by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Cahill, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Johnson, Deputy Township Clerk

Accepted:



Dennis Espinosa
Council President

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