

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2026
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 8**

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey was held on June 8, 2026, and was called to order by Mayor Guindi at 7:00 PM with the following Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor and Council Roll Call	Present	Absent	Excused Tardy
<i>Mayor Peter S. Guindi</i>	X		
<i>Councilwoman Sandra DaSilva</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Joseph Donato</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Hank Dziemian</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Nick Giannakopoulos</i>	X		
<i>Councilman James Gurchensky</i>	X		
<i>Council President Matt DeSantis</i>	X		

Also attending this meeting were Interim Business Administrator Mark Tinitigan, Chief Financial Officer Joseph Zanga, DPW Director Adriano Soares, Assistant Fire Chief William Smith, Borough Attorney John DeLuca, and Borough Engineer Justin Cornell

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 OF PUBLIC LAW OF 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING, 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE HOME NEWS TRIBUNE ON JANUARY 7, 2026, POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING BULLETIN BOARD, THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING AT 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Guindi lead the salute to the Flag and a moment of silence.

PROCLAMATIONS, HONORS, AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

- None

AGENDA SESSION

- Discussion on Ordinances –Borough Attorney John DeLuca, CFO Joe Zanga, and Business Administrator Mark Tinitigan explain the ordinances on the agenda.

ORDINANCE– SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2026–11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 72 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, TITLED “PUBLIC SAFETY,” TO AMEND SECTION 72-27, TITLED “SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS,” TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF CLASS ONE SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SERGEANT TO CLASS ONE SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SUPERVISOR.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has established the position of Special Law Enforcement Officer within Chapter 72, Section 72-27 of the Code of the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, Section 72-27 currently refers to certain designated Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers as “Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Sergeants” or “Class One Sergeants”; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has requested that the title of Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Sergeant be changed to Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Supervisor; and

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WHEREAS, the purpose of this amendment is to distinguish the Borough's regular sworn police rank of Sergeant from the designated Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer position, and to reduce confusion regarding the authority and responsibilities associated with each role; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is intended as a title and nomenclature change only, and is not intended to alter the powers, duties, limitations, supervision, employment status, or statutory authority of any Special Law Enforcement Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment to Section 72-27D(1)(f).

Chapter 72, Section 72-27D(1)(f) of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended to read as follows:

(f) The number of Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers shall consist of a maximum of two Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Supervisors and 18 Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers.

SECTION 2. Amendment to Section 72-27D(1)(g).

Chapter 72, Section 72-27D(1)(g) of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended to read as follows:

(g) The Chief of Police shall be responsible for designating up to two Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers who will hold the position of Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Supervisor during their period of appointment.

SECTION 3. Amendment to Section 72-27D(2)(d).

Chapter 72, Section 72-27D(2)(d) of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) The Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Supervisors will be responsible for the scheduling of Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers to any given assignment at the direction of the Chief of Police or his direct designee.

SECTION 4. Amendment to Section 72-27D(8)(a)[5].

Chapter 72, Section 72-27D(8)(a)[5] of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended to read as follows:

[5] Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Supervisors: minimum wage plus \$8 per hour.

SECTION 5. Construction.

This Ordinance shall be construed as a title and nomenclature amendment only. Nothing herein shall be construed to create a regular police rank, to modify the chain of command of the South River Police Department, to alter the statutory classification or authority of any Special Law Enforcement Officer, to expand the duties of any Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer, or to modify the supervision and limitations otherwise applicable under Section 72-27 of the Code of the Borough of South River and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.8 et seq.

SECTION 6. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

SECTION 7. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. Codification.

The Borough Clerk and/or the codifier are authorized and directed to make all necessary changes to the Code of the Borough of South River to reflect the amendments adopted herein.

SECTION 9. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Council President DeSantis motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2026-11 by title only. Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2026-11 only.

Being no public came forth, Council President DeSantis motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor.

Adopted 6-8-26

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

ORDINANCE 2026-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 193, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER TO ESTABLISH NO STANDING ZONES ON PORTIONS OF CHARLES STREET AND LINCOLN STREET.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is authorized to regulate traffic and parking on streets under municipal jurisdiction, including by ordinance regulating the parking of vehicles on streets and portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the South River Police Department has reviewed traffic conditions in the area of Pillars Preparatory Academy, located at 34 Charles Street, including conditions occurring during student drop-off and pick-up periods; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has reported that vehicles stopping, standing, or idling in the area create congestion, restrict visibility, interfere with traffic flow, and limit the passage of vehicles, including emergency vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has further reported that the existing conditions have created recurring nuisances for nearby residents, including blocked driveways, restricted access to on-street parking, excessive noise, and vehicles using private driveways to turn around; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended that the Borough amend § 193-32.1, Schedule IIIA, "No Standing," to add no standing restrictions on the south side of Charles Street from Stanton Street to Lincoln Street and on the west side of Lincoln Street from Charles Street to a point 265 feet south thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council find that the proposed amendments are necessary and appropriate to enhance public safety, improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, and address the conditions identified by the Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 193, “Vehicles and Traffic,” of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River to establish no standing zones on portions of Charles Street and Lincoln Street in order to promote public safety, improve traffic flow, and address congestion in the area of Pillars Preparatory Academy.

SECTION 2. Amendment to Chapter 193.

Chapter 193 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, titled “Vehicles and Traffic,” is hereby amended and supplemented to amend § 193-32.1, Schedule IIIA, “No Standing,” to add the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Charles Street	South	From Stanton Street to Lincoln Street
Lincoln Street	West	From Charles Street to a point 265 feet south thereof

SECTION 3. No Standing Restrictions.

No person shall stand or permit a vehicle to stand in the areas designated in Section 2 of this Ordinance, except as otherwise permitted by law.

SECTION 4. Signs and Enforcement.

The appropriate Borough officials are hereby authorized and directed to install, or cause to be installed, appropriate signage designating the no standing zones established by this Ordinance. The restrictions adopted herein shall be enforceable upon the installation of appropriate signage.

SECTION 5. Continuing Effect.

Except as amended and supplemented by this Ordinance, Chapter 193 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

SECTION 7. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. Codification.

The Borough Clerk and/or the codifier are authorized and directed to make all necessary changes to the Code of the Borough of South River to reflect the amendments adopted herein.

SECTION 9. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Council President DeSantis motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2026-12 by title only. Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2026-12 only.

Being no public came forth, Council President DeSantis motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor.

Adopted 6-8-26

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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ORDINANCE 2026-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING § 363-5 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER TO ADD A FARMERS' MARKET VENDOR ANNUAL PERMIT FEE

WHEREAS, the Code of the Borough of South River presently establishes fee requirements for retail and wholesale food establishments, including a fee for a temporary retail food establishment of \$25 for a one-day permit and \$10 for each consecutive day thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that vendors participating in duly authorized farmers' markets within the Borough should be subject to a permit structure tailored specifically to farmers' market operations, rather than the existing temporary retail food establishment fee structure; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to create a new annual permit fee specifically for farmers' market vendors so that such vendors may operate at duly authorized farmers' markets within the Borough during the calendar year under a single annual permit; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds that establishing an annual farmers' market vendor permit will create a clearer and more predictable fee structure for farmers' market participation; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body also desires to make clear that this annual farmers' market vendor permit applies only to farmers' market vendors operating stands at a farmers' market and does not apply to food trucks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing body of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Amendment to Code.

Section 363-5 of the Code of the Borough of South River, titled "Fees," is hereby amended to read as follows:

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§ 363-5. Fees.

The fees for licenses for retail and wholesale food establishments, such licenses to be effective from January 1 until December 31 of the current year, are hereby amended as follows:

- A. Retail and wholesale food establishments, permanent locale: \$100.
- B. Any retail food establishment engaged in the sale of packaged food products: \$50.
- C. Temporary retail food establishment: \$25 for a one-day permit and \$10 additional for each consecutive day thereafter.
- D. Farmers' market vendor annual permit: \$50. This annual permit shall be valid for the calendar year commencing January 1 and ending December 31 of the same year and shall entitle the permit holder to set up and operate a stand at a duly authorized farmers' market within the Borough for the entirety of that calendar year without payment of any additional daily temporary retail food establishment fee. This annual permit shall apply only to farmers' market vendors operating stands at a farmers' market and shall not apply to food trucks.
- E. Late fee of \$20 after January 31 of the current year for retail and wholesale food establishments.
- F. Late fee of \$10 after January 31 of current year for sale of packaged food products.

Section 2. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Codification.

This Ordinance shall be codified in the Code of the Borough of South River as amended herein.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, approval, and publication according to law.

Council President DeSantis motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2026-13 by title only. Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2026-13 only.

Being no public came forth, Council President DeSantis motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor.

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Councilman Giannakopoulos speaks further on this ordinance stating the applicants can apply every season rather than for every Farmers Market. The hope is to bring more activity in the downtown area. The Farmers Market will run from September through the end of October every Sunday.

Adopted 6-8-26

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>		X	X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

Alyssa Hager, RMC
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ORDINANCE 2026-14

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 58, LOT 1 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, FROM SOUTH RIVER LITTLE LEAGUE, FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION.

WHEREAS, South River Little League, a New Jersey nonprofit corporation, is the owner of certain real property located in the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, commonly known as 63 Burton Avenue, South River, New Jersey, and designated on the official Tax Map of the Borough of South River as Block 58, Lot 1 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property was conveyed by the Borough of South River to South River Little League by deed dated June 24, 1965, for consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, and said deed further provided that the Property was to be used by the grantee for recreational and athletic purposes only, with reverter language in favor of the Borough in the event of diversion to another use without the Borough's permission; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council have determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough and its residents for the Borough to acquire title to the Property from South River Little League for nominal consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) so that the Property may continue to be owned, preserved, maintained, and used for public recreational, park, athletic, and related municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is authorized to acquire real property for public purposes, including by gift or other lawful conveyance, upon authorization by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council desire to authorize the acquisition of the Property and further authorize the appropriate Borough officials to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the acquisition and acceptance of title;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Authorization to Acquire Property.

The Borough of South River is hereby authorized to acquire from South River Little League all of its right, title, and interest in and to the real property known as Block 58, Lot 1 on the official Tax Map of the Borough of South River, also commonly known as 63 Burton Avenue, South River, New Jersey, for nominal consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00).

Section 2. Purpose of Acquisition.

The Property shall be acquired and accepted by the Borough for public park, recreational, athletic, baseball field, open space, and other related municipal purposes, consistent with applicable law and the historic use and deed history of the Property.

Section 3. Authorization to Execute Documents.

The Mayor, Borough Clerk, Borough Administrator, Borough Attorney, and such other Borough officials and professionals as may be necessary are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the acquisition of the Property, including, without limitation, the authority to:

- a. accept and execute the deed and any deed acceptance documents;
- b. review, negotiate, approve, and execute affidavits, certifications, closing statements, transfer declarations, and any and all other closing documents;
- c. obtain and review title, tax, utility, survey, and other due diligence materials;
- d. take such actions as may be necessary to record the deed and related instruments; and
- e. execute such other documents and perform such other acts as may be necessary or convenient to legally effectuate the transfer of title to the Borough.

Section 4. Borough Attorney Approval.

All conveyance documents, including the form of deed and any ancillary affidavits, certifications, and closing documents, shall be subject to review and approval by the Borough Attorney, whose approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the Borough Attorney's preparation of, review of, and/or consent to such documents.

Section 5. Conditions of Closing.

The authorization granted herein shall be subject to and conditioned upon:

- a. receipt of evidence satisfactory to the Borough Attorney that South River Little League has duly authorized the conveyance;
- b. confirmation of marketable title or such title as the Borough may accept in its discretion;
- c. satisfaction, adjustment, or other disposition of any outstanding utility or municipal charges as may be identified prior to closing; and
- d. compliance with all recording and closing requirements required by law or by the Middlesex County Clerk for transfer of title.

The tax search provided for the property lists no liens, but does show an open electric balance, which should be addressed before or at closing.

Section 6. Acceptance of Conveyance.

Upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth herein and execution of the necessary transfer documents, the Borough is hereby authorized to accept conveyance of the Property and to cause the deed and related instruments to be recorded.

Section 7. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 8. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Council President DeSantis motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2026-13 by title only. Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2026-13 only.

Being no public came forth, Council President DeSantis motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor.

Adopted 6-8-26

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

ORDINANCES— FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2026-15 by title only

ORDINANCE 2026-15

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$2,921,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,805,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED by the BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general and Sewer Utility improvements to be undertaken in and by the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,921,000.00, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor, including \$1,020,738.85 in grant funds expected to be received from the Middlesex County Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (MCTF), and the sum of \$95,261.15 as the down payment for said purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. The down payment is now available by virtue of budget appropriation and provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in the Capital Improvement Fund of one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the costs of said improvements or purposes not provided for by the application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,805,000.00, pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which the obligations are to be issued consist of (i) the acquisition of a sanitation truck; (ii) the acquisition of various equipment for the Police Department; (iii) various improvements to the Veterans Drive Athletic Field; (iv) the acquisition of various equipment for the Fire Department; and (v) various sewer system improvements, including, but not limited to, sewer main and pump station improvements, together with all purposes necessary, incidental or appurtenant thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with contracts, plans, specifications or requisitions therefor on file with or through the Borough Clerk, as finally approved by the governing body of the Borough.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof is \$1,805,000.00, as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof is \$2,921,000.00, which is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor. The excess of the appropriation of \$2,921,000.00 over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of said \$95,261.15 down payment for said purposes, and said \$1,020,738.85 grant funds expected to be received from the MCTF for said improvements to the Veterans Drive Athletic Field.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer, who shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of such notes occurs, such report shall include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not a current expense and are improvements or purposes that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general and Sewer Utility improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law and taking into consideration the amount of the obligations authorized for said purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 13.84737 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director

of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such Statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,805,000.00 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$556,000.00 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs, legal fees and other items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included as part of the cost of said improvements and is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for said improvements.

(e) To the extent that moneys of the Borough are used to finance, on an interim basis, costs of said improvements or purposes, the Borough reasonably expects such costs to be paid or reimbursed with the proceeds of obligations issued pursuant hereto.

Section 6. The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 7. Any grant or similar moneys from time to time received by the Borough for the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements within the appropriation herein authorized or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are received and so used.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and, unless paid from other sources, the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first dissemination thereof through the Borough's website after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on June 8th, 2026, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 29th day of June, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building located at 61 Main Street, South River, New Jersey, and/or virtually via Zoom meeting code 826 6082 9597: password: 000000 at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.

Introduced 6-8-26

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>		X	X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

Alyssa Hager, RMC

Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2026-16 by title only

ORDINANCE 2026-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 72, "PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF," AND CHAPTER 246, "PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS," OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER TO UPDATE PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION, USE, AND ACCESS OF BOROUGH-OWNED PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River owns, maintains, and controls certain buildings, lands, grounds, facilities, apparatus, equipment, and property used by or associated with the South River Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Code presently provides that the South River Fire Department consists of three companies, namely Engine Company No. 1, Reliable Fire Company, and Summit Engine Company; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Code presently provides that all apparatus, accessories, vehicles, equipment, and supplies necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Fire Department shall be bought and paid for by the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Code presently provides that the Fire Chief is responsible for Fire Department property, excluding buildings and grounds; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Code presently contains provisions concerning the Fire Committee and Building Managers, including provisions concerning the operation and use of fire stations, outside or non-Fire-Department use of fire stations, and the issuance and return of keys/fobs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to preserve the administrative role of Building Managers with respect to the issuance, tracking, suspension, deactivation, and return of keys, fobs, access cards, access codes, electronic credentials, and other means of access to Borough-owned fire stations and related Fire Department facilities, while confirming that all such authority remains subject to the ultimate authority, review, modification, reversal, and override of the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to clarify that no Fire Department officer, Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, Fire Committee member, Building Manager, fire company officer, fire company member, or other Fire Department member shall have independent authority to approve outside, non-Fire-Department, private, commercial, or nonmunicipal use of Borough-owned fire stations, buildings, lands, grounds, facilities, or related municipal property, except as expressly authorized by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further desire to conform Chapter 246, Article II, "Municipal Buildings," so that use of Borough-owned Fire Department facilities is governed by the specific requirements set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that this Ordinance is necessary and appropriate to protect public property, promote accountability, avoid unauthorized private or commercial use of Borough resources, and ensure that Borough-owned Fire Department facilities are used only for lawful, authorized, and municipal purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment to § 72-5D, "Duties of Chief."

Chapter 72, Article II, § 72-5D of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

- D.** The Chief shall be responsible for all Fire Department property, excluding buildings and grounds. The Chief's responsibility for Fire Department property shall not include, and shall not be construed to include, authority to approve, authorize, permit, schedule, license, or otherwise allow any outside, non-Fire-Department, private, commercial, nonmunicipal, or third-party use of any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, room, office, bay, storage area, parking area, or other Borough-owned real property. Such authority shall remain with the Mayor and Council, except to the limited extent expressly authorized by ordinance, resolution, or written policy adopted by the Mayor and Council.

SECTION 2. Amendment to § 72-7, "Fire Committee."

Chapter 72, Article II, § 72-7 of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

A. Fire Committee.

The Fire Committee for the South River Fire Department shall consist of the Company Presidents and Vice Presidents from Engine Company No. 1, Reliable Fire Company, and Summit Engine Company.

B. General Duties and Scope of Authority.

- (1)** The Fire Committee may serve in an advisory and liaison capacity with respect to communications between the Fire Department, the fire companies, the Borough Administrator, and the Mayor and Council concerning the condition, maintenance, repair, and orderly operation of Borough-owned fire stations and related Fire Department facilities.
- (2)** All fire stations, buildings, lands, grounds, rooms, offices, bays, apparatus areas, storage areas, parking areas, facilities, and other real property used by or associated with the South River Fire Department are Borough-owned municipal property and shall be subject to the ultimate authority, control, and discretion of the Mayor and Council.
- (3)** No outside, non-Fire-Department, private, commercial, nonmunicipal, or third-party use of any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, facility, or related municipal property shall be permitted unless expressly authorized by:
 - a.** resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council; or
 - b.** a written facilities-use policy adopted by resolution of the Mayor and Council, provided that such policy expressly authorizes the particular category of use and establishes the conditions under which administrative approval may be granted.
- (4)** The Borough Administrator, or the Borough Administrator's designee, may administer and implement any facilities-use policy adopted by the Mayor and Council, including the receipt of applications, scheduling, maintenance of records, collection of required documents, verification of insurance, coordination of access, and enforcement of

conditions of approval. The Borough Administrator's administrative role shall not be construed as independent policy-making authority and shall be exercised only in accordance with this Chapter, Chapter 246, and any ordinance, resolution, or policy adopted by the Mayor and Council.

- (5) No Fire Chief, First Assistant Chief, Second Assistant Chief, Incident Safety Officer, Captain, Lieutenant, Fire Committee member, Building Manager, company president, company vice president, company secretary, company officer, firefighter, fire company member, Fire Cadet advisor, Junior Firemen advisor, Fire Cadet, Junior Fireman, or other member or representative of the Fire Department or any fire company shall have independent authority to approve, authorize, permit, schedule, license, or otherwise allow any outside, non-Fire-Department, private, commercial, nonmunicipal, or third-party use of any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, or related municipal property, except as expressly authorized by ordinance, resolution, or written policy adopted by the Mayor and Council.
- (6) No person shall use, occupy, store property within, conduct business from, operate any private enterprise from, or otherwise utilize any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, equipment, apparatus, supplies, or related municipal property for any private, personal, commercial, business, or nonmunicipal purpose except as expressly authorized by resolution of the Mayor and Council or pursuant to a written facilities-use policy adopted by resolution of the Mayor and Council.
- (7) Nothing herein shall prohibit official Fire Department use of Borough-owned fire stations and related facilities for emergency response, fire suppression, rescue operations, drills, training, equipment maintenance, administrative meetings, official Fire Department business, or other official municipal fire-service purposes, provided that such use remains subject to the Borough Code, applicable law, and any policies adopted by the Mayor and Council.
- (8) The Fire Committee may report concerns regarding facility use, maintenance, repairs, safety, security, access, or potential violations of this Chapter to the Borough Administrator, the Fire Chief, the Public Safety Committee, or the Mayor and Council. The Fire Committee shall not adjudicate, approve, authorize, or independently resolve matters concerning outside use, non-Fire-Department use, private use, commercial use, or access to Borough-owned facilities except as expressly authorized by the Mayor and Council.
- (9) Building Managers shall retain administrative responsibility for the issuance, tracking, suspension, deactivation, and return of keys, fobs, access cards, access codes, electronic credentials, and other means of access to Borough-

owned fire stations and related Fire Department facilities, as set forth in Subsection C below. The Building Managers shall exercise such administrative responsibility subject to this Chapter, Chapter 246, any ordinance, resolution, or written policy adopted by the Mayor and Council, and the ultimate authority of the Mayor and Council to review, modify, reverse, revoke, suspend, or override any act or decision of the Building Managers concerning access to Borough-owned fire stations and related Fire Department facilities.

C. Access credentials; keys; fobs; entry.

- (1)** Building Managers shall be responsible for the administration, issuance, tracking, suspension, deactivation, and return of all keys, fobs, access cards, access codes, electronic credentials, and other means of access to Borough-owned fire stations and related Fire Department facilities. Building Managers shall maintain a current list of all persons holding such access credentials and shall provide such list to the Borough Administrator, the Municipal Clerk, the Fire Chief, or the Mayor and Council upon request. All acts and decisions of the Building Managers concerning access credentials shall be subject to review, modification, reversal, suspension, revocation, or override by the Mayor and Council in their sole discretion.
- (2)** Access credentials may be issued only to persons who have a legitimate municipal, operational, emergency-service, maintenance, inspection, employment, contractual, or other Borough-authorized need for access, as determined pursuant to this Chapter and any policy adopted by the Mayor and Council. The determination of whether any person has a legitimate need for access shall be made in the first instance by the Building Managers, subject to any policy adopted by the Mayor and Council and subject to review, modification, reversal, or override by the Mayor and Council in their sole discretion.
- (3)** Building Managers may consult with the Fire Chief, Assistant Chiefs, Fire Committee, company officers, and Borough Administrator regarding operational access needs of Fire Department officers, members, vendors, contractors, inspectors, and other persons requiring access to Borough-owned fire stations and related Fire Department facilities. Such consultation shall not confer independent authority upon the Fire Chief, Assistant Chiefs, Fire Committee, fire companies, company officers, or Fire Department members to approve outside, non-Fire-Department, private, commercial, nonmunicipal, or third-party use of Borough-owned property.
- (4)** No person issued any key, fob, access card, access code, electronic credential, or other means of access shall loan, transfer, duplicate, share, disclose, or permit use of such credential by any other person unless expressly authorized

by the Building Managers pursuant to this Section or pursuant to a policy adopted by the Mayor and Council. Any such authorization shall remain subject to review, modification, reversal, or override by the Mayor and Council in their sole discretion.

- (5)** No person shall admit, permit, or allow any unauthorized person to enter or remain within any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, or related municipal property.
- (6)** Non-Fire-Department personnel, guests, vendors, contractors, inspectors, invitees, or other visitors may enter Borough-owned fire stations and related facilities only in connection with:

 - a.** official municipal business;
 - b.** emergency response or public-safety operations;
 - c.** inspection, maintenance, repair, or contracted services authorized by the Borough;
 - d.** a use approved by resolution of the Mayor and Council;
 - e.** a use permitted pursuant to a facilities-use policy adopted by resolution of the Mayor and Council; or
 - f.** another purpose expressly permitted by ordinance, resolution, or written policy adopted by the Mayor and Council and administratively coordinated by the Building Managers, the Borough Administrator, or their respective designees in accordance with such authority.
- (7)** Guests or visitors permitted to enter a Borough-owned fire station or Fire Department facility shall comply with all applicable Borough policies, Fire Department safety directives, access restrictions, supervision requirements, and conditions of approval. The presence of a Fire Department member shall not, by itself, authorize access by a guest or visitor unless such access is otherwise permitted by this Chapter or by policy adopted by the Mayor and Council.
- (8)** Any person whose membership, office, employment, contractual relationship, authorization, or need for access has ended, expired, been suspended, or been revoked shall immediately return all keys, fobs, access cards, equipment, credentials, and other Borough property to the Building Managers, who shall promptly update the

access-credential records and notify the Borough Administrator or the Borough Administrator's designee upon request or as otherwise required by policy adopted by the Mayor and Council.

- (9) Building Managers may immediately suspend, deactivate, or restrict any access credential when necessary to protect public property, public safety, Borough operations, or compliance with this Chapter, subject to any applicable law, collective negotiations agreement, personnel policy, due process requirement, or policy adopted by the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council may, in their sole discretion, affirm, modify, reverse, revoke, suspend, or override any such act or decision by the Building Managers.
- (10) Notwithstanding any act, decision, approval, denial, issuance, suspension, deactivation, restriction, or determination by the Building Managers, the Mayor and Council may, in their sole discretion, review, affirm, modify, reverse, revoke, suspend, overrule, or override any act or decision concerning access to, entry into, or possession of keys, fobs, access cards, access codes, electronic credentials, or other means of access to any Borough-owned fire station or related Fire Department facility. The Mayor and Council may direct that access be granted, denied, restricted, suspended, revoked, or conditioned as to any person, including any Fire Department officer, Fire Department member, fire company officer, fire company member, vendor, contractor, guest, invitee, or other individual. No person shall acquire any property right, contractual right, vested right, or entitlement to access to Borough-owned property or possession of any access credential by virtue of any action or inaction of the Building Managers, Fire Department, fire companies, or Borough.
- (11) A violation of this Section may result in revocation or suspension of access privileges, Fire Department discipline where applicable, referral to the Mayor and Council, referral to the Borough Administrator, referral to law enforcement, municipal enforcement, or any other remedy available at law or under the Borough Code.

SECTION 3. Amendment to § 72-12, "Bylaws."

Chapter 72, Article II, § 72-12 of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

§ 72-12. Bylaws.

- A. Each company shall have the power to adopt bylaws for the conduct and management of such company and the officers and members thereof, not inconsistent with the provisions of this article or any ordinance of the Borough of South River or any statutory law applicable thereto.

- B. No fire company bylaw, rule, policy, custom, practice, vote, approval, or internal procedure shall authorize, regulate, permit, schedule, license, or expand access to or use of any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, equipment, apparatus, supplies, keys, fobs, access cards, access codes, electronic credentials, or other municipal property except as expressly permitted by the Borough Code, including the Building Managers' administrative authority under § 72-7C, or by ordinance, resolution, or written policy adopted by the Mayor and Council, subject at all times to the ultimate authority of the Mayor and Council.
- C. Any fire company bylaw, rule, policy, custom, practice, vote, approval, or internal procedure that is inconsistent with this Chapter, Chapter 246, or any ordinance, resolution, or written policy adopted by the Mayor and Council concerning the use, access, control, maintenance, or operation of Borough-owned property shall be void and of no force or effect to the extent of such inconsistency.
- D. Nothing in any fire company bylaw shall be construed to confer upon any fire company, company officer, Fire Committee member, Building Manager, Fire Department officer, Fire Department member, Fire Cadet advisor, Junior Firemen advisor, Fire Cadet, Junior Fireman, or other person any property right, access right, occupancy right, management right, licensing authority, approval authority, or other control over Borough-owned property. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the Building Managers' administrative responsibility for access credentials under § 72-7C, provided that such responsibility shall remain subject to the ultimate authority, review, modification, reversal, and override of the Mayor and Council.

SECTION 4. Amendment to Fire Cadet Program provisions.

Chapter 72, Article X, "Fire Cadets," of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended and supplemented by adding a new § 72-56D as follows:

- D. Any access to or presence within any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, or related municipal property by any member of the Fire Cadet Program shall be deemed access pursuant to a Borough-authorized program and shall be subject to this Chapter, Chapter 246, and any facilities-use, access, supervision, safety, or security policy adopted by the Mayor and Council.

SECTION 5. Amendment to Junior Firemen Program provisions.

Chapter 72, Article XI, "Junior Firemen," of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended and supplemented by adding a new § 72-59E as follows:

- E. Any access to or presence within any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, or related municipal property by any member of the Junior Firemen Program shall be deemed access pursuant to a Borough-authorized program and shall be subject to this Chapter, Chapter 246, and any facilities-use, access, supervision, safety, or security policy adopted by the Mayor and Council.

SECTION 6. Amendments to Chapter 246, Article II, "Municipal Buildings."

Chapter 246, Article II, "Municipal Buildings," of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended by repealing, in their entirety, § 246-12, § 246-13, § 246-14, and § 246-15, which are duplicates of § 246-8, § 246-9, § 246-10, and § 246-11, respectively.

Chapter 246, Article II of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby further amended and supplemented by adding a new, § 246-12, entitled "Fire Department facilities," to read as follows:

§ 246-12. Fire Department facilities.

- A.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, Chapter 72, or any other provision of the Borough Code, all fire stations, buildings, lands, grounds, rooms, offices, bays, apparatus areas, storage areas, parking areas, facilities, and other real property used by or associated with the South River Fire Department are Borough-owned municipal property and shall be subject to the ultimate authority, control, and discretion of the Mayor and Council.
- B.** No outside, non-Fire-Department, private, commercial, nonmunicipal, or third-party use of any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, facility, or related municipal property shall be permitted unless expressly authorized by:

 - (1)** resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council; or
 - (2)** a written facilities-use policy adopted by resolution of the Mayor and Council, provided that such policy expressly authorizes the particular category of use and establishes the conditions under which administrative approval may be granted.
- C.** The Municipal Clerk's authority to approve or deny municipal building applications under this Article shall not apply to outside, non-Fire-Department, private, commercial, nonmunicipal, or third-party use of Borough-owned fire stations or Fire Department facilities, except to the limited extent expressly authorized by a written facilities-use policy adopted by resolution of the Mayor and Council.
- D.** The Borough Administrator, or the Borough Administrator's designee, may administer and implement any facilities-use policy adopted by the Mayor and Council concerning Fire Department facilities, including the receipt of applications, scheduling, maintenance of records, collection of required documents, verification of insurance, and enforcement of conditions of approval; provided, however, that Building Managers shall administer keys, fobs, access cards, access codes, electronic credentials, and other means of access to Borough-owned fire stations and related Fire Department facilities in accordance with § 72-7C, subject to the ultimate authority, review, modification, reversal, and override of the Mayor and Council.

- E. Any person, group, business, entity, organization, contractor, vendor, invitee, or other outside user authorized to use a Borough-owned fire station or Fire Department facility shall comply with all requirements of this Article, including but not limited to insurance, indemnification, application, scheduling, fee, safety, security, access, and conduct requirements, unless expressly waived or modified by resolution of the Mayor and Council.
- F. No person shall use, occupy, store property within, conduct business from, operate any private enterprise from, or otherwise utilize any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, equipment, apparatus, supplies, or related municipal property for any private, personal, commercial, business, or nonmunicipal purpose except as expressly authorized by resolution of the Mayor and Council or pursuant to a written facilities-use policy adopted by resolution of the Mayor and Council.
- G. Nothing herein shall prohibit official Fire Department use of Borough-owned fire stations and related facilities for emergency response, fire suppression, rescue operations, drills, training, equipment maintenance, administrative meetings, official Fire Department business, or other official municipal fire-service purposes, provided that such use remains subject to the Borough Code, applicable law, and any policies adopted by the Mayor and Council.
- H. In the event of any conflict between this Section and any other provision of this Chapter, any fire company bylaw, any Fire Department policy, any fire company policy, or any other rule, custom, practice, or procedure, this Section shall control. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the Building Managers' administrative responsibility for access credentials under § 72-7C, provided that such responsibility shall remain subject to the ultimate authority, review, modification, reversal, and override of the Mayor and Council.

SECTION 7. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 8. Severability.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Codification.

This Ordinance shall be codified in the Code of the Borough of South River. The Borough Clerk and the codifier are authorized to make nonsubstantive, clerical, formatting, numbering, and cross-reference corrections as may be necessary to codify this Ordinance, provided that no substantive change shall be made without further action by the Mayor and Council.

SECTION 10. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on June 8th, 2026, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 29th day of June, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building located at 61 Main Street, South River, New Jersey, and/or virtually via Zoom meeting code 826 6082 9597: password: 000000 at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.

Introduced 6-8-26

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>		X	X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2026-17 by title only

ORDINANCE 2026-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 103, "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES," ARTICLE I, "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES," SECTION 103-17, "HOURS OF SALE," OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER TO AMEND THE PROHIBITED HOURS OF SALE ON SUNDAYS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-40, the governing body of each municipality may, by ordinance or resolution, limit the hours during which the sale of alcoholic beverages at retail may be made and may regulate Sunday retail sales of alcoholic beverages within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 103, Article I of the Code of the Borough of South River governs the licensing and regulation of alcoholic beverages within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Section 103-17 of the Borough Code establishes the hours during which plenary retail consumption licensees and plenary retail distribution licensees are prohibited from selling, serving or delivering alcoholic beverages on licensed premises; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to amend the Sunday prohibited hours of sale in order to promote commerce within the Borough, specifically in connection with televised sporting events such as NFL Football and the FIFA World Cup; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to amend the Sunday hours of operation for plenary retail consumption licensees and plenary retail distribution licensees to accommodate patrons seeking to purchase, order, or consume alcoholic beverages in connection with televised sporting events; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that the amendment set forth herein is consistent with the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

May 11, 2026 Council Regular Meeting Minutes- APPROVED 6/29/26

SECTION 1. Amendment to § 103-17A.

Chapter 103, "Alcoholic Beverages," Article I, "Alcoholic Beverages," Section 103-17, "Hours of sale," Subsection A, of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

§ 103-17. Hours of sale.

- A.** No plenary retail consumption licensee shall sell, serve or deliver, or allow, permit or suffer the sale, service or delivery of, any alcoholic beverage on licensed premises on weekdays between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. and on Sundays between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., with the exception of January 1 of each year, when the hours during which no such sales shall be made, as set forth above, shall be between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., except when January 1 shall fall on a Sunday, in which case the closing hours shall be from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

SECTION 2. Continuation of Existing Provisions.

Except as expressly amended herein, all remaining provisions of Chapter 103, Article I, Section 103-17 of the Code of the Borough of South River shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. Severability.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Codification.

This Ordinance shall be codified in the Code of the Borough of South River. The Borough Clerk and the codifier are authorized to make nonsubstantive, clerical, formatting, numbering, and cross-reference corrections as may be necessary to codify this Ordinance, provided that no substantive change shall be made without further action by the Mayor and Council.

SECTION 6. Effective Date.

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<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			

Councilman Giannakopoulos			X			
Councilman Gurchensky		X	X			
Council President DeSantis	X		X			

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

DEPARTMENTAL/PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Borough Engineer Justin Cornell

- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Aid Program and NJDOT FY 2024 Local Aid Program**
 - The borough received a \$681,405.00 grant Leonardine Ave. from the OBT to Grand Ave., Prentice Ave., from Willett Ave. to Sheldon Ave., & Beryl St. from Cleveland Ave. to Wilcox.
 - The NJDOT has awarded the Borough a grant in the amount of \$606,980.00 for the Improvements to Darrow Street from Virginia Street to Bright Street, Dailey Street from Ferris Street to John Street and John Street from Colfax Street to George Street.
 - Our office is working with the contractor to complete the punchlist and close the project.
- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Transportation Projects Grant**
 - The Borough received a \$575,000 grant for the improvements to Albourne Street from Ferris Street to Seppi Avenue, Franklin Street from Wilson Avenue to Pulawski Avenue and Olchaskey Avenue from Kamm Avenue to Prentice Avenue.
 - A preconstruction meeting was held on Thursday, April 30th with Crossroads Paving. Construction is expected to begin later this month.
- **NJDOT FY 2025 Local Aid Program**
 - The Borough received a \$506,913 grant for the following roads:
 - Prentice Avenue from Willett Avenue to Sheldon Avenue;
 - Tice Avenue from the Old Bridge Turnpike to David Street;
 - Cleveland Avenue from Virginia Street to Terminus.
 - The bid opening took place on April 30, at 10:00 am. Fernandes Construction, Inc. was the apparent low bidder. A preconstruction hearing will be scheduled later this month.
- **2025 Electrical Substation Maintenance**
 - The project was approved for award in the amount of \$131,540.00 to RESA Service, LLC of Farmingdale, New Jersey. Sign contracts were submitted to the Borough.
 - Work has begun on the Electrical Substation Improvements.
- **NJDOT FY 2026 Local Aid Program**
 - The Borough received a \$582,753.00 grant for the following roads:
 - Mercer Street from Willett Avenue to Johnson Place.
 - Lyons Street from Sunset Street to Frandsen Avenue.
 - Mitchell Avenue from Old Bridge Turnpike to Garden Street.
 - The project has been authorized, and design work has begun.

CFO Joseph Zanga

- Speaks on resolutions on the consent agenda.

Assistant Fire Chief William Smith

- Speaks on Memorial Day services
- 2nd quarter training and testing will be begin

OEM Coordinator Peter Swecanski

- Presents an award to a family in town that donated items to the Office of Emergency Management

Borough Attorney John Deluca

- No report

Borough Clerk Alyssa Hager

- The May 11th minutes will be on the 6/29 meeting agenda for approval

Interim Business Administrator Mark Tinitigan

- Speaks on resolution 2026-157 and 2026-174
- Speaks on the retirement of Sergeant Roselli

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**Councilman Gurchensky**

- OOA will be hosting an afternoon tea with Mayor Guindi, please RSVP by 6/1. You will be able to share all your thoughts and questions
- As of July, transportation will be discontinued for the OOA
- The OOA will be closed 7/13-7/24
- Speaks on the Patriotic House Decorating Contest

Councilwoman DaSilva

- Thanks everyone that came out for the Memorial Day Parade and the Portuguese Flag Raising ceremony. The Cultural Arts and Heritage Commission welcomes everyone.
- Speaks on the upcoming summer library events. Please check the library website for more information
- The Humans Relations Commission had a computers event workshop for seniors at the Willett Manor.
- They are planning a Multicultural Day in September. Once a date is chosen, it will be on the borough website
- There will be a BBQ at the Willett Manor on 7/1 between 2pm -4pm
- 8/19 is the Human Relations International Potluck

Council President DeSantis

- The Recreation Little League Championship series in this week. Game 1 is Tuesday and Game 2 is Thursday. Both games start at 6 pm
- Softball/Baseball has ended. Both programs had a great turnout. Pop Warner football/cheerleading registration is now open. The season starts mid-July and it is for boys and girls ages 5-13
- Recreation will be having a girls Flag Football team. It will be for ages 5-18. The team will be made up of South River girls
- Recreation is working on a new soccer program
- Basketball fundamentals will be on 7/11, 7/18, and 7/25.
- Please visit the recreation website for more information
- The next recreation meeting is on 9/21

Councilman Giannakopoulos

- The next Shade Tree meeting will be on 6/10 at 7 pm

- The next EDC meeting will be on 6/17

Councilman Donato

- The Environmental Commission/Green Team will be posting anti-litter signs.
- Speaks on the Community Garden
- Speaks on Data Centers

Councilman Dziemian

- The BOE had their senior awards on 6/2. 154 awards were presented, with 67 students receiving the awards. The awards totals \$62,587 was distributed
- Graduation will be on 6/23
- Speaks on the upcoming BOE programs
- Speaks on the Frost on the Pumpkin race. Registration is now on the borough website. The race will be on 10/25
- Thanks the South River High School administration regarding a project to convert the pre-game film to digital

Mayor Guindi

- No report

PUBLIC COMMENT- Consent Resolutions Only (5 min per speaker)

Mayor Guindi opened the floor for Public Comment.

Jim Hutchison, 38 Virginia Street, suggests adding more context to the consent agenda

Being that no one else came forward for public comment, Mayor Guindi requested motion to close. Councilman Gurchensky motioned to close; seconded by Councilman Dziemian. All in Favor.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- None

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2026-157 TO 2026-178

WHEREAS RESOLUTION 2025-01 AUTHORIZES THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO UTILIZE A CONSENT AGENDA TO ADOPT VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF A ROUTINE AND NONCONTROVERSIAL NATURE AT ONE TIME. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE BELOW LISTED RESOLUTIONS ARE HEREBY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL IN WHOLE AS IF THE SAME WERE INDIVIDUALLY ACTED UPON.

The Borough Clerk read the resolution titles on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION 2026-157 APPOINTMENT OF A PART TIME MUNICIPAL COURT EMPLOYEE

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint John Fay, to the position of Part-Time Clerical Municipal Court Violations Clerk employee effective June 10, 2026, at a rate of \$20.00/hr.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on June 8, 2026.

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

**RESOLUTION 2026-158
PROPERTY TAX REFUND**

WHEREAS, The following properties listed below applied for tax exempt status under the provisions for a totally disabled veteran status in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30et seq, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor reviewed and approved the application for the 2026 tax year for below resident, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is recommending the cancellation and refund of the 2nd quarter of 2026 for Block 307 Lot 4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector recommends cancellation and refund of the 2nd quarter of 2026 in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property Location:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
307	4	Matthew Treadwell K. McChesney 9 Milton Avenue South River NJ 08882	\$1582.05 (cancel and refund)

Refund payable to : Cotality – Cotality Centralized Refunds
Attention : Refunds Natalie Nerio
PO Box 9202
Coppell TX 75019

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			

Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Council President DeSantis	X		X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-159

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES WITH THE SOUTH RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., authorizes the Borough of South River to enter into a contract for various governmental services with the South River Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5 requires such a contract to be authorized by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River and the South River Board of Education have agreed upon various terms for the sharing of the governmental services; such agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing body to authorize the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the South River Board of Education to enter into a contract for the provision of certain governmental services with the South River Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the governing body does hereby authorize the execution of a Shared Service Agreement with the South River Board of Education for various governmental services.
2. That the Mayor and the Borough Clerk of the Borough of South River are hereby authorized to execute and attest, respectively, a Shared Services Agreement with the South River Board of Education and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.
3. The term of this Shared Services Agreement shall be from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031, subject to renewal/extension by consent of the parties.
4. That a copy of the agreement shall be kept on file and made available for public inspection at the Borough Clerk's Office during normal business hours.
5. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the South River Board of Education, the Borough Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilwoman DaSilva			X			
Councilman Donato			X			

<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

**RESOLUTION 2026-160
RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CME ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
RELATED TO VETERANS DRIVE PARKING LOT WETLAND DELINEATION**

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that CME Associates is authorized to perform professional engineering services related to Veterans Drive Parking Lot Wetland Delineation, as outlined in the Borough Engineer's letter dated January 13, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$9,950.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in account 6-01-44-901-213.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

**RESOLUTION 2026-161
RESOLUTION APPOINTING HEARING OFFICER**

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 the Public Safety Committee (“Committee”) serves as the appropriate authority of the South River Police Department; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-147 and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-148 provide for appropriate authorities to act as hearing officers to hear and decide disciplinary charges brought against members of a police department; and

WHEREAS, disciplinary charges have been brought against a member of the police department and said member has requested a hearing on the charges; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has determined it appropriate to delegate its authority to hear and decide the charges to a third-party for the purposes stated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has reviewed the background of Michael Foligno (“Foligno”), Elmwood Park Chief of Police, to provide this service and has determined that hiring Chief Foligno is in the best interests of the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, as follows:

1. The Borough hereby appoints Police Chief Foligno as Hearing Officer to preside over the disciplinary hearing, and who shall review evidence and make a recommendation in writing at the conclusion of the hearing as to whether the charges are sustained and what penalty, if any, should be imposed by the Committee; and
2. Chief Foligno shall be compensated at the rate of \$150.00 per hour, plus expenses, for the conduct of the hearing and time expended related thereto, not to exceed \$3,000.00.
3. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has advised that funds are available for this hearing in Account 6-01-25-240-205.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-162
PROPERTY TAX REFUND

WHEREAS, the official tax records of the Borough of South River, New Jersey show certain adjustments, recessions, amendments, cancellations, corrections, refunds and uncollectibles should be made on certain accounts due to various reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends these changes as listed; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough Tax Collector be and he is authorized to make the necessary adjustments, indicated below and any attached list.

LOT & BLOCK	REASON	NAME & ADDRESS	PROPERTY LOCATION	AMOUNT
B215 L2	Overpayment	Mena & Gerges Saadalla 3 Mitchell Ave South River NJ 08882	3 Mitchell Ave	\$2513.62

Refund check payable to : PNC Financial Services
PO Box 9042
Coppell TX 75019
Mortgage acct #: 1001183683

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-163

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOUTH RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A BOOT DRIVE ON JUNE 13, 2026

WHEREAS, the South River Fire Department has requested permission to conduct a boot drive at the intersection of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the South River Fire Department does perform fundraising to provide services to the citizens and residents of the Borough of South River; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the South River Fire Department is hereby authorized to conduct a boot drive at the intersection of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike on Saturday, June 13, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that permission is granted to conduct a boot drive at the intersection of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike on the aforesaid date subject to the following:

1. That the individuals conducting the booting shall wear a reflective safety vest while booting.
2. That there will be no interference with the flow of traffic on the roadway.
3. All fundraising shall be conducted by individuals having attained at least the age of eighteen (18) years.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-164
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BLOCK PARTY FOR HERITAGE LANDING ON JUNE 14, 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River, in an effort to provide for harmonious relations between neighbors and residents of the Borough of South River, does encourage block parties to take place; and

WHEREAS, said block parties do improve neighborhood cooperation, friendliness and harmonious relations between neighborhood residents; and

WHEREAS, Anita Chadha, President of Heritage Landing, respectively has requested that Heritage Landing, Wainscot Lane between Charter Drive and Monticello Avenue be barricaded to allow a block party to take place on Sunday, June 14, 2026, from the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the block party request by Anita Chadha for Heritage Landing is hereby granted contingent upon the following:

1. No alcoholic beverages shall be located upon the street or public right-of-way; and
2. The residents requesting said block party shall be responsible for the cleanup of any and all litter and debris upon the street at the close of the block party; and

3. Police barricades be removed at the end of the block party and at any time during the block party, if needed, to allow emergency vehicles to enter said street; and
4. That Anita Chadha shall be responsible for contacting the Police Department at the start of the block party and at the conclusion of the block party to advise that the street has been opened to traffic; and
5. The block party shall commence at 2:00 p.m. and conclude at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 14, 2026.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-165

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO BEN SHAFFER RECREATION FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY BC-BID-24-35 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey desires to procure Pickleball Courts from Ben Shaffer Recreation and;

WHEREAS Ben Shaffer Recreation is available on Bergen County Cooperative # BC-BID-24-35, and is available for use by local units pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS the total cost of the contract shall not exceed \$288,553.97; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in accounts 6-01-99-300-230 for \$88,553.97 and 6-01-41-748-201 for \$200,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- The Borough Council hereby authorizes the award of a contract to Ben Shaffer Recreation for the purchase and installation of pickleball courts and associated equipment and,
- The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Borough of South River and provide copies of the resolution to:
 - Administrator
 - Chief Financial Officer
 - Director of Public Works
 - Ben Shaffer Recreation
PO Box 844 Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Councilwoman DaSilva			X			
Councilman Donato			X			
Councilman Dziemian		X	X			
Councilman Giannakopoulos			X			
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Council President DeSantis	X		X			

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-166
RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL TO
PLENARY RETAIL, CONSUMPTION AND CLUB LICENSES IN THE BOROUGH
OF SOUTH RIVER FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027

WHEREAS, applications for renewal of Plenary Licenses have been filed with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission through its Online Licensing System and Borough renewal fees have been paid for the period of July 1, 2026 until June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, all requirements have been complied with and the Borough Council has determined that no protests have been filed against the granting of the said renewal application for such plenary license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey that approval is hereby granted to said applications, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission and Code of the Borough of South River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, the applicant for their record purposes, the Beverage Tax Bureau, and the Chief of Police of the Borough of South River.

LICENSE

<u>NUMBER:</u>	<u>LICENSEE:</u>	<u>DBA TRADE NAME</u>
1223-32-019-009	Pantry 1 South River, Inc. 1 Great Beds Way South Amboy, NJ 08879	Pantry 1 Foodmart (Pocket) 17 Division Street South River, NJ 08882
1223-33-024-003	Budney's Inc. 14 Washington Street South River, NJ 08882	Budney's Tavern
1223-33-013-016	Vida Feliz LLC 25 Whitehead Avenue South River, NJ 08882	Ria Mar
1223-44-015-007	Daisy's Liquors Inc. 64 Jackson Street South River, NJ 08882	Daisy's
1223-31-047-001	Imperial Band of South River Inc.	Imperial Music Center

	48 Appleby Avenue South River, NJ 08882	
1223-31-056-001	Lyons-Schepsco VFW Post 31 Reid Street South River, NJ 08882	VFW Post 1451
1223-33-018-005	Crestwood Food & Liquor Inc. 260 Old Bridge Turnpike South River, NJ 08882	Crestwood Liquor Bar Food Store
1223-44-001-010	Soham Inc. 81 Main Street South River, NJ 08882	Krauser's Food Store
1223-44-028-003	Gandhi Trading LLC 49-51 Obert Street South River, NJ 08882	Otto's Liquors
1223-33-021-004	Rivertap LLC Daniel Andre 41 Hollander Street South River, NJ 08882	Pocket License
1223-33-029-005	Goldstar Bar Inc. 33 Whitehead Avenue South River, NJ 08882	Goldstar Bar
1223-33-039-008	Fishermen's Cove Corp. 11 Jackson Street South River, NJ 08882	Portuguese Fisherman
1223-32-037-009	Kapp Associates Corp. 216 Old Bridge Turnpike South River, NJ 08882	National Wine and Liquor
1223-33-009-008	Camposino Restaurant Rodizio and Café LLC 12-16 Ferry Street South River, NJ 08882	Camposino Restaurant Rodizio and Café
1223-33-002-011	Paulo Santos 39 Hollander Street South River, NJ 08882	Pocket License
1223-44-022-009	South River Spirits N More LLC Samir Desai 710 Old Bridge Turnpike South River, NJ 08882	Spirits N More
1223-31-044-001	Byelorussian American Community Center 284 Whitehead Avenue South River, NJ 08882	Byelorussian American Community Center

1223-31-048-001	Level Club of South River Inc. 120 Old Bridge Turnpike South River, NJ 08882	Level Club
1223-44-041-012	Shreeji Ki Krupa Inc. 490 Old Bridge Turnpike South River, NJ 08882	Witty's Liquors
1223-33-008-007	Kilimanjaro 700 Old Bridge Turnpike South River, NJ 08882	La Tavola Cucina
1223-31-055-003	South River Portuguese Club 100 John Street South River, NJ 08882	South River Portuguese Club
1223-33-007-005	RPM 33 LLC 71 Devoe Street South River, NJ 08882	Thirty Three's Tavern

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-167

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VFW A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR A FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON JUNE 28, 2026

WHEREAS, the VFW, located at 31 Reid Street, South River New Jersey, has applied for a Special Events Permit for a Food Truck Festival to be held at 31 Reid Street, South River on Sunday, June 28, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the application of the VFW for a Food Truck Festival to be held at 31 Reid Street, South River on Sunday, June 28, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. is hereby approved contingent upon the following:

1. Alcoholic beverages can only be served from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. during the festival.

2. There must be at least five (5) identifiable non-drinking members either by tag, badge, shirt, etc. assigned by the organization to provide security.
3. A one-day permit for an Annual Picnic, if necessary, will be obtained by ABC.
4. Proof of Liability Insurance provided to the Borough of South River when available.
5. Said event must follow all the rules, regulations of State, County, and Local Government.
6. Subject to approval by the South River Police Department and compliance with any condition included in their approval.
7. No parking in the area of the entrance and driveway of the picnic area from front to back.
8. Entrance gate to the picnic area is to remain unlocked from the start time to the finish time.
9. All agency approvals such as Code Compliance, Police, County Board of Health and Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal to be contacted by the applicant.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>					X	
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-168
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEE

WHEREAS, the VFW has recommended that the requirements of Borough Code Chapter 288A entitled "Special Events" be waived during the Food Truck Festival event that was held on Sunday June 28, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the said waiver of requirements of Chapter 288A is hereby approved.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>					X	
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
May 11, 2026 Council Regular Meeting Minutes- APPROVED 6/29/26

Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-169
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AWARD FOR GREKOSKI PARK INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND CONCESSION
STAND/RESTROOM PROJECT TO TNS CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,000.00

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, had previously authorized and directed the Borough Clerk to advertise for receipt of sealed bids for the Grekoski Park Inclusive Playground Concession Stand/Restroom Project in accordance with specifications approved and filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, said bids were received on May 19, 2026, and opened and read aloud in public and an examination thereof shows that TNS Construction of Stanhope, NJ was the apparent low bidder thereon with a bid of \$225,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has noted that the bid of the apparent low bidder contained no material departures from the bidding documents; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in accounts 6-01-99-300-231 for \$145,959.29 and C-06-44-901-215 for \$79,040.71.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex, the State of New Jersey, that the above recited bid be and the same is hereby accepted and the appropriate officials are authorized to sign a contract with TNS Construction of Stanhope, NJ, when all required bid documents are received.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the Borough be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute all instruments necessary to complete the above stated transaction.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-170
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor of the Borough of South River, with the advice and consent of the Council of South River, do hereby appoint the following as a member of the Board of Health:

Susan Kendricks

Term: 6/8/2026 – 12/31/2028 (unexpired term)

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-171

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PORTUGUESE CLUB A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR AN EVENT THAT WAS HELD ON
JUNE 6, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Portuguese Club, located at 100 John Street, South River New Jersey, had applied for a Special Events Permit on June 1, 2026, for an Outdoor Picnic that was held at 100 John Street, South River for Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the application of the Portuguese Club for an Outdoor Picnic that was held at 100 John Street, South River on Saturday, June 6, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. is hereby approved.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-172

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159.P.L. 1948)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provided that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount.

SECTION 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of South River hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget under the caption of:

Miscellaneous Revenues
Public and Private Programs offset with appropriations:
Recycling Enhancement Grant \$ 1,000.00
Bulletproof Vest Grant \$ 8,553.09

SECTION 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum be hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Operation: Excluded from Cap
Public and Private Programs offset by revenues
Recycling Enhancement Grant \$ 1,000.00
Bulletproof Vest Grant \$ 8,553.09

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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RESOLUTION 2026-173
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2026 SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is in need of certain officials and employees to administer, manage, and perform the day to day operations at the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, these officials and employees shall be compensated for the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the compensation proposed for the incumbency in the following office and positions shall fall within the salary range approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has attempted to break down the title by operating unit for the sole purpose of indicating which office and position typically work together and not for the purpose of determining which title belongs to which unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the official and employee listed is to be paid annual salary:

DEPARTMENT/TITLE

DEPARTMENT OF AGING

Part – Time Clerical – MG – effective 6/9/26

Part – Time Clerical – AS – effective 6/9/26

2026

\$25.75/hr

\$25.75/hr

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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RESOLUTION 2026-174

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER KERWIN J. SAMPSON TO THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River Police Department interviewed candidates for the opening of a Police Officer position; and

WHEREAS, the South River Police Chief, Mark Tinitigan, recommends Kerwin J. Sampson for said Police Officer position pending successful completion of a comprehensive medical and psychological exams as well as the mandatory substance abuse test; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River Mayor and Council desire to appoint Kerwin J. Sampson as a Borough of South River Police Officer.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of South River Mayor and Council, do hereby authorize the appointment of Kerwin J. Sampson as Police Officer of the Borough of South River Police Department to be paid an annum salary pursuant to the South River Police Department current contract and the effective start date is June 15, 2026.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-175
PROPERTY TAX REFUND

WHEREAS, the official tax records of the Borough of South River, New Jersey show certain adjustments, recessions, amendments, cancellations, corrections, refunds and uncollectibles should be made on certain accounts due to various reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends these changes as listed; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough Tax Collector be and he is authorized to make the necessary adjustments, indicated below and any attached list.

LOT & BLOCK	REASON	NAME & ADDRESS	PROPERTY LOCATION	AMOUNT
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B36 L41	Overpayment	Aguiar D & Petroff J June Street Rear South River NJ 08882	June St rear	\$288.66
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Refund check payable to : Derek Chacon
38 Kearney Ave
South Amboy NJ 08879

(Lienholder made errant online payments)

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<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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RESOLUTION 2026-176
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN UTILITY REFUNDS

WHEREAS, the official utility records of the Borough of South River, New Jersey show certain refunds which include electric, water and consumer deposits (CD); and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Utility Revenue recommends that the following refunds should be made to the consumer noted herein below listed; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Collector of Utility Revenue is hereby authorized to make the following refunds and adjustments indicated below and any attached list.

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CHECK</u>
65-999-005-623 ELEC CURRENT	BERTO PROPERTIES LLC 17 REBEL RUN DR EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816	\$140.96
65-999-009-884 ELEC CURRENT	SERGIO DACOSTA & AMANDA DASILVA 23 QUAKER DR EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816	\$87.60
65-999-958-420 ELEC CURRENT	MINIT-MART FOOD STORE C/O GAYAIRI ENTERPRISES LLC 64 BERKSHIRE WAY EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816	\$1,195.00
65-999-008-496 CD	LAUREN GIUSTO 401 S 1 ST AVE APT 4071A HIGHLAND PARK, NJ 08904	\$147.53
65-999-005-143 CD	BRIAN LAUL SR 51 NICKEL AVE SAYREVILLE, NJ 08872	\$160.46
65-999-009-436 CD	LISA LOUREIRO & JONATHAN LOPEZ 50 WILLETT AVE APT 11B SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$98.01
65-999-008-755 CD	DAVYD & INES MYKYTYNETS	\$103.64

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16 DRAEGER PL
SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882

65-999-008-911 CD

JULIO TORRES
24 GORDON ST
SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882

\$60.40

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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RESOLUTION 2026-177
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS LIST

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey that all bills, claims and statements against the Borough, in the total amount of \$1,302,841.42 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$3,030,613.56 listing attached, have been duly itemized, audited, approved and signed by the proper officers of the Borough, be and the same are hereby ordered paid.

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<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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RESOLUTION 2026-178

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE CONDITIONAL DESIGNATION OF A REDEVELOPER FOR THE WOJIE WAY REDEVELOPMENT AREA, BLOCK 356, LOT 1.06, AND ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY EVALUATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the "LRHL"), authorizes municipalities to determine areas in need of redevelopment, adopt redevelopment plans, and implement redevelopment projects in accordance with the LRHL; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 261 of the Code of the Borough of South River establishes the governing body of the Borough of South River as the Borough of South River Redevelopment Entity (the "Redevelopment Entity"); and

WHEREAS, the property commonly referred to as "Wojie Way" and identified as Block 356, Lot 1.06 on the official tax maps of the Borough of South River (the "Wojie Way Redevelopment Area" or the "Property") has been designated as a Non-Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment pursuant to the LRHL; and

WHEREAS, the Wojie Way Redevelopment Area consists of Borough-owned, undeveloped vacant land; and

WHEREAS, a redevelopment plan has not yet been adopted for the Wojie Way Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to solicit proposals and statements of qualifications from interested redevelopers for a project that advances the Borough's objectives for a senior residence facility and a senior center facility, or a coordinated project that includes senior residences and a senior center/community center for seniors; and

WHEREAS, because no redevelopment plan has yet been adopted, the Request for Proposals shall invite conceptual proposals, qualifications, proposed development standards, and proposed public benefits to assist the Borough in identifying a prospective conditionally designated redeveloper and in preparing a future redevelopment plan in accordance with the LRHL; and

WHEREAS, any conditional designation shall not constitute final redeveloper designation, adoption of a redevelopment plan, approval of a redevelopment project, approval of a sale, lease, conveyance, redevelopment agreement, or other final transaction; and

WHEREAS, any redevelopment plan for the Wojie Way Redevelopment Area must be prepared, referred, reviewed, considered, and adopted, if at all, in accordance with the LRHL; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to authorize issuance of a Request for Proposals substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and on file with the Borough Clerk (the "RFP"), subject to such non-material revisions as may be approved by the Borough Attorney, Borough Planner, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, and other appropriate Borough officials and professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further desire to establish an advisory evaluation committee to review proposals, conduct interviews, request clarifications, and make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council, acting as the Redevelopment Entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
2. The Mayor and Council, acting as the Borough of South River Redevelopment Entity, hereby authorize the issuance of the RFP for the Wojie Way Redevelopment Area, Block 356, Lot 1.06, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and on file with the Borough Clerk.

3. The RFP shall be issued pursuant to the LRHL, Chapter 261 of the Borough Code, and all other applicable law. The RFP is a solicitation for redeveloper proposals and qualifications and shall not be construed as a public bid, lowest-price auction, final redeveloper designation, or approval of any redevelopment project.
4. The RFP shall state that no redevelopment plan has yet been adopted for the Wojie Way Redevelopment Area and that any conditional designation, redevelopment agreement, sale, lease, conveyance, development application, or final project approval shall be subject to the preparation, referral, review, and adoption of a redevelopment plan by ordinance in accordance with the LRHL, and to all other required approvals and agreements.
5. The RFP shall identify the Borough's development guidance that the Property be proposed for a senior residence facility and a senior center facility, or a coordinated project that includes senior residences and a senior center/community center for seniors, with appropriate neighborhood compatibility, buffering, parking, traffic, stormwater, accessibility, and public benefit considerations.
6. The Mayor, one member of the Borough Council to be designated by the governing body, the Borough Planner, the Borough Attorney, and the Borough CFO are hereby established as an advisory evaluation committee for the RFP (the "Advisory Evaluation Committee"). The Advisory Evaluation Committee may consult with the Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, Borough Engineer, and such other Borough officials, employees, and professionals as may be appropriate.
7. The Advisory Evaluation Committee is advisory only and shall have no authority to designate a redeveloper, approve a redevelopment plan, approve a sale, lease, or conveyance of Borough property, approve a redevelopment agreement, bind the Borough, or take final action on behalf of the Redevelopment Entity. Final action, if any, shall be taken only by the Mayor and Council, acting as the Redevelopment Entity, by resolution at a duly noticed public meeting.
8. The Advisory Evaluation Committee is authorized to review proposals, request clarifications, request supplemental information, conduct interviews with some or all respondents, select a short list, consult with Borough professionals, and make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council.
9. Each respondent shall submit the application fee required by Chapter 261 of the Borough Code, currently \$5,000.00, and any conditionally designated redeveloper shall be required to execute an Interim Cost and Conditional Designation Agreement and post escrow/project funds in accordance with Chapter 261 and the RFP.
10. The Borough Attorney, Borough Planner, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, Borough CFO, and other appropriate Borough officials and professionals are hereby authorized to make non-material changes to the RFP, prepare addenda, answer questions, establish deadlines, publish or post notices, receive proposals, and take all administrative actions necessary to effectuate this Resolution.
11. Proposals and related submissions shall be treated as government records subject to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act and other applicable law, subject to any lawful exemptions, redactions, or confidentiality determinations made by the Borough.
12. The Borough expressly reserves the right to reject any proposal, reject all proposals, waive technical defects, request additional information, modify the process, negotiate with one or more respondents, reissue the RFP, or take no action.
13. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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****Councilman Gurchensky abstained from voting on resolutions 2026-167 and 2026-168**

PUBLIC COMMENT- Good and Welfare of the Borough (5 min per speaker)

Mayor Guindi opened the floor for Public Comment.

Barry Brill, Monticello Way, speaks on the Colins Drive street closure

Teresa Hutchison, 38 Virginia Street, thanks everyone who helped with the Memorial Day parade. Mrs. Hutchison also thanks everyone that assisted with the Portuguese Flag Raising event. Mrs. Hutchison lets everyone know that South River Day will be on 10/17 from 12 pm to 5 pm

Thomas Dominiecki, 41 John Street, speaks on his concerns regarding e-bikes and Mayor Guindi makes a comment. Mr. Dominiecki speaks on the fire house tour he received.

Jim Hutchison, 38 Virginia Street, would like clarification on ordinance 2026-12. Interim Business Administrator Mark Tinitigan answers. Mr. Hutchison states the reason transportation is being suspended for the OOA is because he will be getting surgery. Mr. Hutchison speaks on the Memorial Day Parade

Being that no one else came forward for public comment, Mayor Guindi requested motion to close. Councilman Gurchensky motioned to close; seconded by Council President DeSantis. All in Favor.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS (For the Good and Welfare of the Borough)

Councilwoman DaSilva

- Speaks on the Portuguese Flag Raising event
- Speaks on e-bikes

Councilman Gurchensky

- Thank you to all public safety officers
- Speaks on the Memorial Day Parade

Councilman Dziemian

- Speaks on the Fishing Derby. The kids had a great time!
- Speaks on e-bikes
- Sunday, 6/14 is Flag Day
- The next Imperial Music Concert will be on 6/28
- Congratulations to Officer Roselli on his retirement

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Councilman Donato

- Thanks everyone who helped with the Memorial Day Parade
- Speaks on e-bikes

Council President DeSantis

- Congratulates Officer Roselli on his retirement
- Speaks on e-bikes

Mayor Guindi

- Speaks on the milling work on Main Street
- Speaks on the Mayors Patriotic Contest
- Speaks on the Memorial Day Parade and the Portuguese Flag Raising event
- The World Cup will be starting, please look up traffic patterns
- Congratulates Officer Roselli on his retirement
- Happy Fathers Day

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Mayor Guindi requested motion to adjourn. Councilman Gurchensky motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Dziemian. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Hager

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Borough Clerk