

**REGULAR AGENDA
FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN,
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 46 MAIN STREET
FRANKLIN, NEW JERSEY AT 7:00 P.M. ON
JUNE 24, 2025**

- A. **Mayor Sowden** will call the meeting to order; Clerk will call the roll.
- B. **Mayor Sowden** will invite all present to salute the flag.
- C. **Mayor Sowden** will state that "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et sequentes. It has been properly advertised by posting in Borough Hall, and printed in the New Jersey Herald/Sunday New Jersey Herald on January 12, 2025, and posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."
- D. **PRESENTATIONS**
Recreation Committee – Presentation of the 2025 Royal Court of Franklin.
- E. **COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mayor Sowden** will allow each member of the Council, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, and Borough Attorney to present their respective committee report.

Mayor Sowden will offer the Mayor's Report.

- F. **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION: Mayor Sowden** will request a motion to open the meeting to the public, for any questions or comments concerning the good and welfare of the Borough. **All comments should be directed to the Mayor and kept to a 3-minute maximum per person.**

After giving all persons present an opportunity to address the Governing Body, **Mayor Sowden** will request a motion to close the meeting to the public and return to the regular order of business.

- G. **CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Sowden** will request that all persons present review the consent agenda. If any member of the Council or public wishes an item on the consent agenda to be discussed and considered separately, a motion to this effect shall so be made, at this time.

After all persons have had an opportunity to review the consent agenda and offer requests for changes, Mayor Sowden will request a motion to approve the consent agenda.

- H. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- I. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Approval of the Minutes** for the regular meeting minutes for June 9, 2025. (Absent: Mrs. Carnes)
2. **Resolution 2025-58** endorsing the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan adopted by the Borough of Franklin Planning Board on June 16, 2025.
3. **Resolution 2025-59** approving stipend in the amount of \$1,025 semi-monthly for tax collector shared service agreement.
4. **Resolution 2025-60** authorizing refund of municipal portion of handgun carry permit fee upon submission of receipt.

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5. Adoption of Ordinance 07-2025 – entitled “BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,378,584 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,161,200 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF”

Prior to final roll call Mayor Sowden will request a motion to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 07-2025.

6. Adoption of Ordinance 08-2025 entitled “CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE OF SERVER AND PRINTER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$16,500.00 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PURCHASE A NEW SERVER AND PRINTER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE COST THEREOF”

Prior to final roll call Mayor Sowden will request a motion to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 08-2025.

7. Introduction of Ordinance 09-2025 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 259-2, PARKING”.

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 15, 2025.

8. Public Employer Trust Agreement - to approve the Public Employer Trust Agreement between the Borough of Franklin and Brown and Brown, Benefit Advisors for Horizon Healthcare Dental for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, at no increase in premiums, addendum with coverage cost election attached.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IF REQUESTED

Mayor Sowden will request a motion to adopt a resolution to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss certain items excluded from the public.

THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ALLOWS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM A PORTION OF A MEETING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, THAT THE PUBLIC SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM DISCUSSION OF MATTERS ALLOWED BY NEW JERSEY LAW.

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES WILL BE PLACED ON FILE IN THE BOROUGH CLERK’S OFFICE, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AS PROVIDED FOR BY NEW JERSEY LAW.

Be further advised this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

- K. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS: **Mayor Sowden** will allow each member of the Governing Body to offer any miscellaneous comments which they may have at this time.

- L. ADJOURNMENT: **Mayor Sowden** will request a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
HELD AT THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
46 MAIN STREET, FRANKLIN, NJ
JUNE 9, 2025**

Mayor Sowden called the meeting to order and requested the Borough Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the Governing Body were present: Mr. Formica, Mrs. Heath, Mr. Limon, Mr. Skellenger, Mr. Snyder and Mayor Sowden.

Absent: Mrs. Carnes

Mayor Sowden led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mayor Sowden stated "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et sequentes. It has been properly advertised by posting in Borough Hall and printed in the New Jersey Herald/Sunday New Jersey Herald on January 12, 2025, and posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations for tonight's meeting.

Mayor Sowden requested a moment of silence for Mr. Jim Marino, who was a former councilman, who passed away on May 22, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Limon commented that he has nothing to report on personnel. We are looking to hire summer help. He attended the public works meeting with Concetto, Rachel and Neil.

Mr. Snyder had nothing to report.

Mrs. Heath commented that on June 18th through June 22nd is the Carnival, Wednesday through Friday 6pm-10pm, Saturday & Sunday 3pm – 10pm. June 20th is the Miss Franklin Pageant, June 28th is Franklinite from 3pm-9pm, September 27th is the Yankee game bus trip and November 15th is a trip to Windcreek Casino. Thanked the recreation department for all the great events.

Mr. Skellenger commented that he is waiting on a document from the tax assessor in regards to the real estate property auction.

Mr. Formica commented that public utilities met before the meeting and discussed the paving schedule for this year. We are also looking into this parking lot and the municipal parking lot. The engineer is going to take a better look at the report that French and Parrello did regarding the spot that was sinking to see how to address it. Depending on the depth will depend on if our DPW can do the work if it will need to be subbed out; if we need to sub it out, that will determine if it gets on the paving schedule for this year. Repair the drain at the pavilion across from the firehouse and also the drain by the pond.

Mayor Sowden commented that he noticed the lights at the pond seem to be leaning and was wondering if anything can be done with that.

Mr. Formica commented that we are looking into a couple grants to replace all the poles at the pond and adding lights to the softball field.

Mrs. Little had nothing to report.

Mr. Spidaletto commented that New Jersey is out of drought conditions.

Mr. Ursin had nothing to report.

Mayor Sowden had nothing to report.

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OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Formica made a motion to open the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to address the Governing Body. Seconded by Mr. Snyder. All were in favor.

Mr. Ursin commented that most of the people in the public are probably hear to comment on item number 6, which is the Zinc Mine redevelopment plan. Mr. Ursin wanted to let the public know that we will hold a public comment period for that ordinance only when we get to number 6.

There being no one present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. Snyder made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Heath. All were in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Sowden requested that all persons present review the consent agenda and offer any comments they may have at this time regarding the consent agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Hampton Township Resolution calling for the restoration of energy taxes to municipalities.
2. Borough of Hamburg Resolution calling for the restoration of energy taxes to municipalities.

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Road Department Report – May 26 – May 30
2. COH Report – May 2025
3. Permit List – May 2025
4. Permit Activity Report – May 2025

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. None filed.

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of June 9, 2025.

Mrs. Heath made a motion to approve the consent agenda of June 9, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Carnes Abstentions: Skellenger

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for tonight's portion of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for May 27, 2025. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Carnes Abstentions: None

Resolution 2025-53

Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-53 authorizing the Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation of conditions of Block 1010, Lot 11 and Block 1401, Lot 3 to determine if such area meets the criteria to be declared a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment. Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Carnes Abstentions: None

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Resolution 2025-54

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-54 establishing salaries for certain employees of Franklin Borough for the year 2025. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Carnes Abstentions: None

Resolution 2025-55

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-55 authorizing an agreement with the Township of Lafayette pursuant to the uniform shared services and consolidation act concerning the services of a certified tax collector. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Carnes Abstentions: None

Resolution 2025-56

Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-56 NJ Department of Community Affairs LEAP Implementation Grant resolution for FY2025. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Carnes Abstentions: None

Adoption of Ordinance 05-2025

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt Ordinance 05-2025 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING AN AMENDED "ZINC MINE" REDEVELOPMENT PLAN PREPARED BY J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES DATED MARCH 11, 2024 (AS REVISED MAY 31, 2024 AND APRIL 17, 2024). Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Prior to final roll call Mayor Sowden requested a motion to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 05-2025. Mrs. Heath made a motion to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 05-2025. Seconded by Mr. Formica. All were in favor.

Mr. Tom Prol stepped forward and provided a handout for the council. Mr. Prol is from Sills, Cummins and Gross and is here on behalf of the contract purchaser and property owner. Mr. Prol is asking for the council to not approve the ordinance. Mr. Prol read through the hand out that he provided which was a timeline that showed the history of the property.

Ms. Laurie Foley stepped forward. Ms. Foley commented that she appreciates all the information that was provided by Mr. Prol but the things that are not being addressed here are the things that hit us home here. Many of us have lived here all of our lives, much of our lives and raised our kids here. The average median income is about \$73,000 and the average median income in Sussex County is between \$85,000 and \$90,000; these are not people who are going to rent luxury apartments or shop in upscale shops. Ms. Foley commented that she has asked a number of times, what is the up side for the town of Franklin but she sees a lot of down sides, particularly in infrastructure which no one is addressing still. How many more classrooms at the school, how many more teachers, how do we keep the children safe when walking the streets with the number of cars, how many more police will need, what about the fire truck and our roads cannot handle that traffic. What do we do now?

Mr. Robert Ernst stepped forward. Mr. Ernst thanked the gentleman that spoke earlier who addressed a lot of the concerns. Mr. Ernst commented that whatever the number of units are to be built that is a lot of extra kids to be added to the school building, traffic, the environmental concerns and there is also the historical piece.

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There is historical property there that the historical society uses such as the change house. Where is all of that going to go? Main Street has always been a talking point about redevelopment for years but he appreciates how difficult it is to redevelop something but also try to preserve and protect the history of our mining community that we teach the kids about.

Mr. Phillip Crabb stepped forward. Mr. Crabb commented that when the decision was made to turn this into a redevelopment zone; take it out of the hands of the planning board and into the hands of the Council, has anybody in that time gone to Scott and try to find out what the incremental tax revenue would be from the framework that you have set up for that redevelopment zone. Do we have any idea of what is going to be coming to us. Has anybody talked and thought about that because we know one thing, even with the numbers that Mr. Prol mention, we are going to be adding pretty close up to 1,000 people. The town is only 5,000 large now, so you are going to add 20%. Which means there will be 20% more police calls. So, what is 20% of 18 policeman, what's the cost of that. Will the tax revenue keep up with the incremental contractual obligations for those additional personnel. The schools, unless this is age restricted, could see 20% more students. With the size of the buildings, I have heard talk and I do not think that it makes sense to buy a \$1.6 or \$1.7 million dollar fire truck that would probably have a 3 year build out on it for the purpose of just a small pod of buildings. Would be something that not only would there be challenges manning it but you are going to have a \$1.7 million dollar apparatus that will be used for other towns fires. Some of the old timers here would remember that really the only time that we needed a ladder truck here was for the 1970 Rockaway Sales fire and probably the theater fire; otherwise it has been mutual aid and do we want to spend 1.7 million dollars to help other towns put their fires out. The bigger question, that he thinks need to be raised with whoever the applicant is, is why the strategy, if we have limited buildout area here in Franklin why would we want to squander it with residential and of all places why would the applicant come to Franklin, have we ever thought about that. It would be far easier to go to Lafayette Township, Frankford Township or Sparta Township where there is lots of buildout area; here we've got a very small buildout postage stamp and not only that they want to put it in a place that just happens to have three mine shafts, that do not go down vertically but go out on a 53 degree angle. There is no subsidence there but there are three shafts, there is no sewer service allocated yet, its next to an active railroad; so why are they coming here to try to make a square peg fit in that particular lot when there are so many other places, they could go that it would seem to be a lot more feasible. In Mr. Crabb's opinion, he thinks that we are soft and the reason he thinks that they may be right is Mr. Prol mentioned its been fowl there since like 1954. What is in it for Franklin? Is this the best that we can do; its not in the Planning Board's hands because you have made it a redevelopment zone its in your hands. Is this the best that we can do and he would suggest that it is not and then if you think so, that we are just mailing it in because he does not think we have to take a knee to the first developer that comes in with a bouquet of roses and if we do he feels that we are just mailing it in.

Mr. Ursin commented that he thinks it is important for the rest of the public to understand the framework in which the council is making a decision tonight because a lot of the comments on peoples minds are going to be about whether there should be a development there, what type of development should be there and about the size of the development; all those things are legitimate. The public should understand that there is plan on the property right now and its as Mr. Prol pointed out earlier some of those elements including the density and the continuation of plans that have been on that property for a long time but the particular plan that is on this property right now is a redevelopment plan and the redevelopment plan was passed and there was not a lot of activity on it for some time. Some people took a closer look at it; there was some social media on it and as a result of that at a council meeting not so long ago there were a lot of people came and spoke their minds and made points and it was up to the council whether or not to react to that. The council did react to it because they asked the planner to go back and take a second look at the redevelopment to see whether some of it should be reduced. What's before the council tonight is not a yes or no on whether development will take place on that property; that plan already exists. The only thing that is before the council tonight is whether to adopt a plan that reduces some of the availability of the

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development there. Amending the plan at this point attempts to strike a balance between what the developer wants and wants to move forward and what the council heard from the public. Tonight, the only issue before the council is whether to continue with the existing plan that allows a little bit more height and density or to attempt to reduce the height and density with this amended plan. Now its important for the public to understand a couple more things; Mr. Prol made reference to an application that has been filed with the planning board and that is a matter for the planning board. If the application was filed under the old plan before this plan gets adopted the planning board can decide whether to proceed under the old plan or under this plan that is not for the council to decide and we are not going to comment on that. The council can only control what it can control and in response to the comments it received from the public it has put forward as a proposal this plan which reduces the height and density on that property.

Mr. Crabb commented that he would suggest that even from the redevelopment responsibility point. Somebody should have had an idea to go consult with the tax assessor to have some sort of idea of what this means financially back to the borough.

Ms. Dawne Rowe stepped forward. Ms. Rowe commented that there is a lot of frustration out there because the public feels totally shut out of all of these decisions. This is a project that would have an immense impact on their home. The decision to make this a redevelopment zone snuck by without a lot of attention and without a lot of fan fare and there are members on the council that thought it was the greatest thing since sliced bread. Something can meet the requirements, it can look good on paper and yet still be a horrendously bad idea. The area under consideration is not suited to this area. The infrastructure is awful. We have had big businesses come in here. This council and town does not have the will or the actual way to do anything to rectify that. We are now stuck with a water tower that the town is responsible for painting and maintaining.

Ms. Eve Zierold-Soares stepped forward. Ms. Soares commented that she is looking ahead to the future. Ms. Soares commented that she sees the trucks come over the viaduct every day. Ms. Soares' concerns are going forward, once we establish that there are 20% more people, traffic and students; who is going to be installing additional sidewalks. Who is going to install a stop light by the viaduct and another light out on Route 23. It's a lot of traffic that we are talking about.

There being no one else present who wished to address the governing body, Mrs. Heath made a motion to close the meeting to the public for Ordinance 05-2025, seconded by Mr. Snyder. All were in favor.

Mr. Ursin gave an overview of what the council is voting on.

Mr. Limon commented that he has to admit that the council did do its work and look for an amendment because they listened to the crowd the last time. But he wanted to let everyone know that he was a no vote from the start and he wants to be consistent and he will be voting no.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: Limon Absent: Carnes Abstentions: None

Introduction of Ordinance 07-2025

Mr. Limon made a motion to introduce Ordinance 07-2025 entitled "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,378,584 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,161,200 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF". Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Mayor Sowden announced that the public hearing will be held on June 24, 2025.

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Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Carnes Abstentions: None

Introduction of Ordinance 08-2025

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to introduce Ordinance 08-2025 entitled "CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE OF SERVER AND PRINTER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$16,500.00 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PURCHASE A NEW SERVER AND PRINTER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE COST THEREOF". Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Mayor Sowden announced that the public hearing will be held on June 24, 2025.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Carnes Abstentions: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

There were no miscellaneous comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03p.m., seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor.

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2025-58

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENDORSING THE 2025 HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PLANNING BOARD ON JUNE 16, 2025

WHEREAS, in 2024 the New Jersey Legislature amended the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq., through the adoption of P.L. 2024, c.2 (“FHA” or “FHA-2”); and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2024, c. 2 abolished the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH), created the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (“Program”) and establishes new procedures and deadlines for municipalities to come into compliance with the FHA and the *Mount Laurel* doctrine for each future ten-year affordable housing round beginning with the Fourth Round, which starts on July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2035; and

WHEREAS, in December 2024 the Administrative Office of the Courts issued Directive #14-24, which sets forth additional procedures all municipalities must follow to be in compliance with the FHA in order to maintain immunity from exclusionary zoning and builder’s remedy litigation through the Program process set forth in P.L. 2024, c.2; and

WHEREAS, amongst other things, Directive #14-24 and P.L. 2024, c. 2, require each municipality to adopt a binding resolution setting forth its Fourth-Round present and prospective need obligations and file a declaratory judgment action with the Program through the New Jersey e-courts system by no later than February 3, 2025, and thereafter each municipality must adopt a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and file same with the Program on or before June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with P.L. 2024, c. 2 and Directive #14-24, the Borough of Franklin timely adopted a resolution setting forth the Township’s modified Fourth Round affordable housing obligations on January 28, 2025 and on January 30, 2025 the Borough timely uploaded same to the Program and filed a declaratory judgment action with the Program, which is entitled In The Matter Of Franklin Borough, Docket No.: SSX-L- 000079-25 (Borough’s “2025 Action”); and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2025 Morris/Sussex County Mount Laurel Judge, the Honorable Janine M. Allen, J.S.C., issued an Order in the Borough’s 2025 Action fixing the Borough’s Fourth Round pre-credited/unadjusted Present Need Obligation at “25” and gross Prospective Need Obligation at “261” and which such Order directs the Borough to adopt its Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and upload same to the Program on or before June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Directive #14-24 and P.L. 2024, c.2, and the above-referenced Order issued by Judge Allen in the Borough’s 2025 Action, the

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Borough's Affordable Housing Planner has since prepared the Borough's 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, on timely prior notice to the public, on June 16, 2025, the Borough of Franklin Planning Board adopted the Borough's 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan following a public hearing thereon, all in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.1 of the Home Rule Act and the applicable provisions of the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., and the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin has since reviewed the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, and now desires to endorse the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, as previously adopted by the Planning Board of the Borough of Franklin on June 16, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Committee of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough does hereby endorse the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, as adopted by the Borough of Franklin Planning Board on June 16, 2025, a copy of the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and Franklin Borough Planning Board resolution are annexed hereto at Exhibits "A" and "B" respectively.
2. The Borough Attorney is hereby directed to file the Borough's 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, this resolution and all relevant supporting documentation and exhibits with the Program in the Borough's 2025 Action in accordance with the requirements of Directive #14-24 and P.L. 2024, c. 2.
3. Should any challenge to the Borough's 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan be filed, the Borough Attorney, Affordable Housing Planner and Municipal Planner are hereby directed to defend the Borough against such challenge(s) and take all necessary steps in furtherance of such defense.
4. The Borough Attorney, Affordable Housing Planner, Municipal Planner, and all other appropriate officials, employees and other professionals of the Borough are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution such that the Borough maintains its immunity from exclusionary zoning and builder's remedy.
5. A certified copy of this Resolution and the Borough's 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan shall remain on file in the Borough Clerk's Office for the purpose of public inspection, and the Borough Clerk is further directed to upload this Resolution and the

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Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to the Borough's website in accordance with the requirements of the FHA and Directive #14-24.

6. The Borough further reserves the right to amend the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, should such further amendments be required or necessary.
7. Notice of this action shall be published in the official newspapers for the Borough of Franklin in accordance with law
8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately

DATED: June 24, 2025

ATTEST:

John Sowden, Mayor

Colleen Little, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Colleen Little, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Franklin in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of said Borough on the 24th day of June, 2025, at a meeting, duly convened, of said Body.

Colleen Little, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
PATRICIA CARNES				
CONCETTO FORMICA				
RACHEL HEATH				
JOSEPH LIMON				
STEPHEN SKELLENGER				
GILBERT SNYDER				
MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

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Resolution #2025-59

RESOLUTION APPROVING STIPEND FOR TAX COLLECTOR SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin has entered into a Shared Services agreement with Lafayette Township for a Certified Tax Collector,

WHEREAS, Diana Falica will be performing the duties of Certified Tax Collector of Lafayette Township in addition to her respective regular position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey has authorized a stipend of \$1,025.00 semi-monthly for Diana Falica to perform the duties of Certified Tax Collector of Lafayette Township effective July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

CERTIFICATION: I, Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin at a regular meeting held on June 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Colleen L. Little, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
PATRICIA CARNES				
CONCETTO FORMICA				
RACHEL HEATH				
JOSEPH LIMON				
STEPHEN SKELLENGER				
GILBERT SNYDER				
MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2025-60

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF MUNICIPAL PORTION OF HANDGUN CARRY PERMIT FEE UPON SUBMISSION OF RECEIPT

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4, applicants for permits to carry a handgun are required to pay an application fee in the amount of \$200, of which \$150 is retained by the municipality and \$50 is forwarded to the Superintendent of State Police; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin recognizes that the statutory fee structure imposes financial burdens on applicants and wishes to ease that burden for residents by offering refunds of the Borough's retained portion of the application fee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that it is in the public interest to establish an administrative process for refunding the \$150 municipal share of the application fee upon appropriate documentation;

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

1. Refund Authorization: Any applicant who has paid the \$200 application fee for a handgun carry permit on or after June 24, 2025, and who submits a valid receipt showing payment may apply to the Borough's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for a refund of \$150, representing the portion of the fee retained by the Borough under N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4.
2. Procedure: Refund shall be issued upon the applicant's submission to the CFO of (a) proof of payment, and (b) confirmation that the application was processed through the Borough of Franklin.
3. Limitation: This refund policy applies only to the municipal portion of the fee and does not apply to any amounts remitted to the State of New Jersey or other agencies. Refunds shall be available only for payments after June 24, 2025.
4. Effective Date: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.
5. Administrative Oversight: The Borough CFO is hereby authorized to administer this refund program and to require any reasonable documentation necessary to confirm eligibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution shall be made available to the public and posted on the Borough website for informational purposes

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2025-60

CERTIFICATION: I, Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting held on June 24, 2025.

Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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CONCETTO FORMICA				
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MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 07-2025**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,378,584 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,161,200 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,378,584, which is inclusive of a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of \$148,284 (the "Grant") allocable to the Master, Green and Warren Street improvements, and \$69,100 as the amount of down payment for said improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). Said down payment is now available therefor by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Borough for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof and to meet the part of said \$1,378,584 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of the Grant and down payment in the amount of \$69,100, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,161,200 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding

\$1,161,200 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 purposes for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued, include, but are not limited to, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) <u>Road and Sidewalk Improvements</u> - Various Road And Sidewalk Improvements, Said Road Improvements To Include, But Not Limited To, Master Warren and Green Streets (That Being The Portion Of The Improvements To Which The Grant Is Allocable); Excavation, Milling, Paving, Reconstruction, Boxing Out, And Resurfacing Or Full Depth Pavement Replacement, And, As Applicable, The Repairing And/Or Installation, Of Associated Curbs, Curb Ramps (Including ADA Compliance); Reconstruction Or Replacement Of Sidewalks And Driveway Aprons; And, As Applicable, All Associated Drainage Work, Roadway Painting, Landscaping And Aesthetic Improvements; And	\$657,084 (including the Grant)	\$475,900	\$32,900	20 years
(ii) <u>Vehicles And Equipment</u> - Acquisition Of Various Vehicles And Equipment For Borough Departments Including, But Not Limited To, Vehicles For The Fire And Police Departments, An F350 With Plow And Kubota Track Loader For Department Of Public Works And A Mini Pumper For The Fire Department.	\$721,500	\$685,300	\$36,200	5 years
Totals	<u>\$1,378,584</u>	<u>\$1,161,200</u>	<u>\$69,100</u>	

(b) All such improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall include, but are not limited to, as applicable, all engineering and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$1,378,584, the excess amount thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor is the Grant and the down payment in the amount of \$69,100 allocated for said purposes.

SECTION 4. Except for the Grant, in the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Sussex and/or a private entity make a contribution or grant in aid to the Borough, for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Borough prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Sussex and/or a private entity. Except for the Grant, in the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Sussex and/or a private entity, shall be received by the Borough after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Borough as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. 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 unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. 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 purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon 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 the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Capital Budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will be on file in the office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

SECTION 7. 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 current expenses and are improvements which the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, 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 said improvements or purposes within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 11.14 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and 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 or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$1,161,200 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$275,715 for items of expense listed in and permitted under section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes hereinbefore described.

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 bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance. The bonds or notes shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue the bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 9 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

SECTION 10. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the

requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 11. The Borough covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Code, of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

SECTION 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption and approval by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING
DATED: June 9, 2025

COLLEEN L. LITTLE,
Clerk of the Borough of Franklin

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING
DATED: June 24, 2025

COLLEEN L. LITTLE,
Clerk of the Borough of Franklin

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

JOHN M. SOWDEN, IV,
Mayor of the Borough of Franklin

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES-FIRST READING					Move	2nd
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT		
PATRICIA CARNES				X		
CONCETTO FORMICA	X					
RACHEL HEATH	X					
JOSEPH LIMON	X				X	
STEPHEN SKELLENGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT	X					X
GILBERT SNYDER	X					
MAYOR SOWDEN, IV (Tie Only)						

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES-SECOND READING					Move	2nd
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT		
PATRICIA CARNES						
CONCETTO FORMICA						
RACHEL HEATH						
JOSEPH LIMON						
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GILBERT SNYDER						
MAYOR SOWDEN, IV (Tie Only)						

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NUMBER 08-2025**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE OF
SERVER AND PRINTER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BY
AND IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF
SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING
\$16,500.00 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
FUND TO PURCHASE A NEW SERVER AND PRINTER FOR THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE COST THEREOF**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"), needs to upgrade their server and printer to run their Police Department software upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the cost of a portion of said improvements or purposes is estimated to be \$16,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$16,500.00 from the capital improvement fund for the purchase of server and printer.

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS
FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The capital improvements or purposes described below are hereby authorized as the Purchase of Server and Printer for the Police Department be undertaken by the Borough. For the said improvements or purposes, there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$16,500.00 from the capital improvement fund.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption and approval by the Mayor as described in N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Franklin held on June 9, 2025, at

7:00 p.m. and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on June 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Borough Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 46 Main Street, Franklin, New Jersey 07416, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Colleen L. Little
Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING
DATED: June 9, 2025

Colleen L. Little,
Clerk of the Borough of Franklin

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING
DATED: June 24, 2025

Colleen L. Little,
Clerk of the Borough of Franklin

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 24th DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

JOHN M. SOWDEN, IV, Mayor

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NUMBER 08-2025**

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES-FIRST READING					Move	2nd
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT		
PATRICIA CARNES				X		
CONCETTO FORMICA	X					
RACHEL HEATH	X					
JOSEPH LIMON	X					
STEPHEN SKELLENGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT	X				X	
GILBERT SNYDER	X					X
MAYOR SOWDEN, IV (Tie Only)						

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MAYOR SOWDEN, IV (Tie Only)						

BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NO.09- 2025

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN,
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AMENDING SECTION 259-2, PARKING**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey that the Code of the Borough of Franklin is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION I.

Chapter 259-2, Parking is amended to update Section D, Parking prohibited at any time. The table in Section D is hereby amended as follows:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Buckwheat Road	West	From Parker Street to Washington Avenue, westerly side, for a distance of 1,000 feet
County Route 517 (Munsonhurst Road)	Both	Franklin Borough-Ogdensburg Borough border to State Route 23
Fowler Street (part of County Route 631)	Both	From North Church Road to Church Street (part of County Route 631)
Franklin Avenue (part of County Route 631)	South	From State Route 23 to Corkhill Road
High Street	Both	From Main Street to State Route 23
Mabie Street	South	Opposite the intersection of Mabie Street and Moscow Street for a distance of 25 feet in a westerly and easterly direction from the center line of the intersection of the two streets
Mabie Street	South	From State Route 23 for a distance of 60 feet in an easterly direction
Main Street	South	From Mill Street, in each direction on the side Mill Street intersects with Main Street, for a distance of 25 feet

Main Street	North	South From High Street to Rutherford Avenue
Maple Road	South	From Corkhill Road to Wildcat Road
Rutherford Avenue	West	From State Route 23 to Scott Road
School Plaza	West	From Washington Avenue, southerly direction, for a distance of 350 feet
Washington Avenue	North	From Buckwheat Road, easterly direction, for a distance of 400 feet
Washington Avenue	South	From Buckwheat Road to Route 23, southerly side, for a distance of 950 feet

SECTION II

Chapter 259-2, Parking is amended to update the parking time limited on Main Street. Section E, Subsection (1)(c) and Subsection (2)(c) are hereby repealed, and the Section shall read in its entirety:

E. Parking time limited on Main Street. No person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit between the hours listed on any day (except Sundays and public holidays) upon the portion of Main Street described:

(1) Southside:

- (a) Rutherford Avenue to Hudson Street: unlimited parking.
- (b) Church Street to Catlin Road: unlimited parking.

(2) Northside:

- (a) Church Street to Town Hall: no parking.
- (b) Front of Town Hall: official parking only (police, fire, EMS).
- (c) High Street to Junction Street: no parking.
- (d) Junction Street to Parker Street: two-hour parking between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., with unlimited parking on Sundays and holidays..
- (e) Parker Street to Rutherford Avenue: no parking.

(3) Borough Municipal Building parking lot: parking prohibited in spaces labeled employee parking; otherwise, unlimited parking provided that applicable fees are paid

SECTION III

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

SECTION IV

If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION V

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN

Colleen Little, CLERK

BY: John Sowden, MAYOR

DATED:

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Franklin held on June 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on July 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Borough Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 46 Main Street, Franklin, New Jersey 07416, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Colleen Little
Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Colleen Little, Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, do hereby certify that the Borough of Franklin Council duly adopted the foregoing Ordinance on the 24th day of June, 2025.

Colleen Little, Clerk
Borough of Franklin

John Sowden, Mayor

Introduced:

Adopted:

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