

**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
JULY 15, 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**
There are no presentations this evening.
- 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 24, 2025. (Absent: Mrs. Heath and Mr. Limon)
2. **Resolution 2025-61** authorizing cancellation of tax sale certificate #24-00002 for Block 601 Lot 35.
3. **Resolution 2025-62** rescinding resolution #2025-59 and approving stipend for tax collector shared service agreement.
4. **Resolution 2025-63** authorizing an increase in the bid threshold to \$53,000.00.

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5. Resolution 2025-64 approving submittal of a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Kovach, Mabie and South Street Improvement Project.
6. Resolution 2025-65 extending the grace period for payment of 3rd quarter 2025 taxes.
7. Resolution 2025-66 authorizing cancellation of tax sale certificate #21-00003 for Block 607 Lot 46.
8. Resolution 2025-67 authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract for professional services for security cameras at the police station.
9. Adoption 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”.

Prior to final roll call Mayor Sowden will request a motion to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 09-2025.

10. Introduction of Ordinance 10-2025 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 119-2, FEES”.

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 15, 2025.

11. Sewer Connection Application approval for the application submitted by Irving Fabrication, LLC for a 1.5 EDU commercial dwelling at 597 Route 23.
12. Literacy New Jersey Request to approve the Literacy New Jersey request to waive the fees and to use the Senior Center for their English Language Class every Tuesday, contingent upon receiving a certificate of insurance.

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 24, 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: Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Formica, Mr. Skellenger, Mr. Snyder and Mayor Sowden.

Absent: Mrs. Heath and Mr. Limon

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

Bobbi Formica of the Recreation Committee presented the 2025 Royal Court of Franklin: Prince of Franklin Colton Ross, Little Mister Franklin Ryan Patterson; Junior Mister Franklin Matthew Patterson, Princess of Franklin Isabella Tan, Little Miss Franklin Carly Correal, Junior Miss Franklin Kylie VanAllen and Miss Franklin Lily Parker.

Mr. Joseph LoPorto of the New Jersey Firearms Owners Syndicate voiced his support of resolution 2025-60.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Carnes commented that Franklinite is this Saturday (June 28th) from 3pm-9pm; there will be food trucks, bands and finishing up the evening with fireworks.

Mr. Snyder had nothing to report.

Mr. Skellenger commented that the real estate committee met and discussed properties that may be put up for auction.

Mr. Formica commented that on Tuesday June 17th he was asked to be a part of the eagle scout review board for Michael Christiansen and he is glad to say that Michael was awarded his eagle scout.

Mrs. Little had nothing to report.

Mr. Spidaletto commented that a good portion of the employees attended the harassment in the workplace training that was held on June 10th. We made application to Atlantic Health for two AED's (defibrillators) that we acquired today and asked to meet with the public safety committee to determine the best location for placement.

Mr. Ursin had nothing to report.

Mayor Sowden commented that a meeting was held last week on the rails to trails with the state, county, Mr. Snyder, myself, and Neil. We really got excited about the lines that are owned by the state and how we want to try to open them up. We are getting ready to have an actual walk the trail meeting to see what's involved there; the rails to trails people would be reviewing the safety issues. But we all agreed that it was generally a good idea to open up the trail where it goes from Maple Road down to the pond. They were asking for just a little help, Mayor Sowden was wondering if we could take our road mower down there one day after this meeting to open up the trail a little wider. We are talking about eventually developing a line that will go from Maple Road to Ogdensburg and then from Franklin north to Hamburg and possibly working with the SCMUA to allow us to use the old rail line over to Sussex Tech. The walk the trail meeting will be held on July 16th at 1pm. The

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consensus of the council was to allow the use of the road mower to open up the trail a little wider.

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. Skellenger. All were in favor.

Ms. Dawn Fantasia stepped forward. Ms. Fantasia spoke regarding the firearms permit fees and voiced her support for the resolution.

Mr. Josh Davante, Assistant Cub Master and Barbara DeRenzo of Troop 90 Boy Scouts. Mr. Davante commented that they are putting in a formal request to use the Franklin Pond football field the evening of August 23rd into the morning of August 24th for a movie night/camping night and would also like to use the concession stand for the use of electricity to power the blow up movie screen and to put together a small breakfast the morning after.

The consensus of the council was to allow Troop 90 to use the Franklin Pond football field the evening of August 23rd into the morning of August 24th for a movie/camping night.

Ms. Dawne Rowe stepped forward. Ms. Rowe congratulated everybody on the good work with the carnival. Ms. Rowe commented that she is a big believer in the constitution. She stated that she kind of likes the 1st amendment, she is fond of the 4th and the 14th amendment and while she also commends the council for refunding these fees; she wonders if the council or even the assemblywoman could get that passionate about defending everyone's right to the 1st amendment, to the due process to the 14th amendment based on what is going on everywhere.

Mr. Daniel Francisco stepped forward. Mr. Francisco, Mayor of Englishtown, voiced his support for resolution 2025-60.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. Skellenger made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Snyder. 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. Letter from the Township of Sparta in re: 2025 Township of Sparta Housing Element and Fair Share Plan
2. Township of Hardyston Joint Land Use Board Notice of Public Hearing on adoption of an amended master plan to add the "2025 Hardyston Township Housing Element and Fair Share Plan".

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Municipal Court Report – May 2025
2. Road Department Report – June 2 – June 6
3. County Board of Health Report – May 2025
4. Water/Sewer Report – May 12 – May 16
5. Water/Sewer Report – May 19 – May 23
6. Water/Sewer Report – May 26 – May 30
7. Water/Sewer Report – June 2 – June 6
8. Road Department Report – June 9 – June 13
9. Police Department Report – May 2025

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. None filed.

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Resolution 2025-57 – authorizing Borough Clerk to renew Liquor Licenses for the 2025-2026 Licensing Term

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2. Payment of bills for the meeting of June 24, 2025.

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve the consent agenda of June 24, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Heath, Limon Abstentions: None

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 June 9, 2025. (Absent: Mrs. Carnes) Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Heath, Limon Abstentions: Carnes

Resolution 2025-58

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-58 endorsing the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan adopted by the Borough of Franklin Planning Board on June 16, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Heath, Limon Abstentions: None

Resolution 2025-59

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-59 approving stipend in the amount of \$1,025 semi-monthly for tax collector shared service agreement. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Heath, Limon Abstentions: None

Resolution 2025-60

Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-60 authorizing refund of municipal portion of handgun carry permit fee upon submission of receipt. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Heath, Limon Abstentions: None

Adoption of Ordinance 07-2025

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt 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. Formica.

Prior to final roll call Mayor Sowden requested a motion to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 07-2025. Mr. Skellenger made a motion to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 07-2025, seconded by Mrs. Carnes. All were in favor.

There being no one present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. Skellenger made a motion to close the meeting to the public for Ordinance 07-2025, seconded by Mrs. Carnes. All were in favor.

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Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Heath, Limon Abstentions: None

Adoption of Ordinance 08-2025

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt 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. Formica.

Prior to final roll call Mayor Sowden requested a motion to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 08-2025. Mr. Skellenger made a motion to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 08-2025, seconded by Mr. Snyder. All were in favor.

There being no one present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. Skellenger made a motion to close the meeting to the public for Ordinance 08-2025, seconded by Mr. Snyder. All were in favor.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Heath, Limon Abstentions: None

Introduction of Ordinance 09-2025

Mr. Formica made a motion to introduce Ordinance 09-2025 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 259-2, PARKING". Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Mayor Sowden announced that the public hearing will be held on July 15, 2025.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Heath, Limon Abstentions: None

Public Employer Trust Agreement

Mr. Snyder made a motion 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. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Heath, Limon Abstentions: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Mr. Snyder commented that we still have a lot of things out on Route 23 that need to be looked at and one is the old Hess Station, what is going on there, its an eyesore. Some of the properties that are overgrown, do we have somebody that goes around and checks on them and documents what needs to be done. The Rowett Garage and the Main Street church are two properties that need to be addressed.

Mr. Skellenger commented that on a positive note, whoever owns the bank did a really good job with cleaning up that property.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m., seconded by Mr. Snyder. All were in favor.

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2025-61

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #24-00002

WHEREAS, on property 51-B Sterling Street also known as Block 601, Lot 35, tax lien was struck off to the Borough on December 17, 2024;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has received the funds necessary to redeem this certificate;

WHEREAS, the cancellation of certificate requires the original signatures of the Clerk and Mayor and be affixed with the Municipal Seal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin that the Mayor and Clerk endorse the back of the original certificate and the Municipal Seal be affixed to same.

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 July 15, 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 #2025-62

RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #2025-59 AND 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;

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025 the Borough adopted Resolution #2025-59 authorizing 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;

WHEREAS, Resolution #2025-59 contained an error, reflecting the stipend amount of \$1,025.00, where the amount should have been \$975.00; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey wish to rescind Resolution #2025-59 and adopt this Resolution #2025-62 to reflect the correct stipend amount for the Tax Collector's services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey hereby rescinds Resolution #2025-59 and authorizes a stipend of \$975.00 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 July 15, 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 #2025-63

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE BID THRESHOLD TO \$53,000.00

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2025, the Governor of the State of New Jersey has adjusted the bid threshold for awarding contracts under the Local Public Contracts Law. The change in the bid threshold allows municipalities with a Qualified Purchasing Agent to increase their bid threshold to \$53,000; and

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3a permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS Robert Dolan of RMD Associates was appointed as the Qualified Purchasing Agent by the adoption of a resolution and possesses the qualifications and designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of Local Government Services per N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin desires to take advantage of the increased bid threshold.

NOW, THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that we, the governing body of the Borough of Franklin in the County of Sussex, in the State of New Jersey, hereby establish its bid threshold to \$53,000.00.

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 July 15, 2025.

Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

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

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2025-64

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE KOVACH STREET, MABIE STREET & SOUTH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2026-Kovach, Mabie and South Street Improvements-00583 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Franklin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk and hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Franklin and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Adopted:

Attest:

BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX

Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

CERTIFICATION: I, Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin do hereby certify the forgoing resolution was duly adopted by the Borough Council at the Regular meeting held on July 15, 2025.

Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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GILBERT SNYDER				
MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2025-65

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN EXTENDING GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF 3RD QUARTER 2025 TAXES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-64 provides that third quarter tax bills were to be mail at least 47 days prior to the due date of August 1st, 2025;

WHEREAS, because of delays outside of the Borough's control, the bills could not be mailed prior to this deadline;

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3d provides that when third quarter tax bills cannot be mailed by June 14th, taxes shall not be subject to interest until at least 25 days after the tax bills are mailed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin that the grace period for payment of 3rd quarter 2025 taxes to be extended to August 29th, 2025. Any payments not made within this time shall be charged interest from the State set due date of August 1st, 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 July 15th, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Colleen L. Little, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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GILBERT SNYDER				
MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2025-66

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #21-00003

WHEREAS, on property 323 Rutherford Ave. also known as Block 607, Lot 46, tax lien was struck off to the Borough on December 14, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has received the funds necessary to redeem this certificate;

WHEREAS, the cancellation of certificate requires the original signatures of the Clerk and Mayor and be affixed with the Municipal Seal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin that the Mayor and Clerk endorse the back of the original certificate and the Municipal Seal be affixed to same.

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MAYOR SOWDEN (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 L. Little, CLERK

BY: John Sowden, MAYOR

DATED: July 15, 2025

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 L. Little
Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Colleen L. Little, Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, do hereby certify that the Borough of Franklin Council duly adopted the foregoing Ordinance on the 15th day of July, 2025.

Colleen L. Little, Clerk
Borough of Franklin

John Sowden, Mayor

Introduced: June 24, 2025

Adopted: July 15, 2025

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES-FIRST READING					Move	2nd
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT		
PATRICIA CARNES	X					
CONCETTO FORMICA	X				X	
RACHEL HEATH				X		
JOSEPH LIMON				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		
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**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NO. 10- 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN,
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AMENDING SECTION 119-2, FEES**

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 119-2, Fees is amended to update Section A, fees for duplicate tax bills, additional duplicate tax bills, and fees for checks returned for insufficient funds. The specific fees in Section A are hereby amended as follows:

Description	Fee
Duplicate tax bill	\$5
Each additional duplicate requested by mortgage companies in the same calendar year	\$25
Check returned for insufficient funds	\$20

SECTION II

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

SECTION III

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SECTION IV

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ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN

Colleen Little, CLERK
DATED:

BY: John Sowden, MAYOR

NOTICE

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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 _____ day of _____, 2025.

Colleen Little, Clerk
Borough of Franklin

John Sowden, Mayor

Introduced:

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