

**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**  
**APRIL 14, 2026**

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- 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 11, 2026, 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 March 24, 2026. (Absent: None)
2. **Resolution 2026-44** authorizing the award of non-fair and open contracts for professional services for engineering services.
3. **Resolution 2026-45** authorizing fireworks display in the Borough of Franklin on June 27, 2026 at the Franklin Pond Recreation Area.
4. **Resolution 2026-46** regarding the temporary closure of Franklin Avenue, County Road 631.
5. **Resolution 2026-47** introduction of 2026CY Budget

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6. Introduction of Ordinance 06-2026 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 194-1, FEES”.
7. Introduction of Ordinance 07-2026 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPEALING SECTIONS 176-15 THROUGH 176-39”.
8. American Legion Post 132 Request to waive the Municipal Pull Tab Instant Raffle License Fee in the amount of \$750.00 for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027.
9. Approval of NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application to approve the application for membership of William Marotta-LaRegina as Firematic member to the Franklin Fire Department as endorsed by Corey Houghtaling, Franklin Fire Department Chief.
10. Peddlers Permit Application to approve the peddler permit submitted by Curtis Pandorf – Hot Dog Truck located at 76 Route 23, Franklin.

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  
MARCH 24, 2026**

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, Mrs. Heath, Mr. Limon, Mr. Skellenger, Mr. Snyder and Mayor Sowden.

Absent: None

Mayor Sowden led the assembly in the flag salute.

At this time Mayor Sowden requested a moment of silence in memory of Stephen Sluka who passed away earlier this month.

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 11, 2026, and posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Jim Affinito, Vice Chairperson of Recreation, stepped forward. Mr. Affinito addressed the Governing Body in regards to a plaque for 9/11 Memorial and a placement of the plaque at the Senior Center.

Mayor Sowden commented that as far as the stone goes, you might be able to reach out to our local quarry and see about possibly getting a piece of Franklin Marble.

Mr. Affinito commented that they are looking to do fireworks on the second night of the carnival. Hoping to do fireworks on May 16<sup>th</sup> to draw people in; a proposal was sent in for this event. Mr. Affinito asked if there was anyway, we could find \$13,200 for the fireworks display May 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Affinito commented that softball has reached out regarding the dugouts, is there any word on the dugouts.

Mr. Formica commented that we are waiting for the contractors.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Heath commented that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the Franklin Pond, Ages 0-12. April 18<sup>th</sup> is the Spring Fling where the Senior of Year will be announced. May 13 – May 16 is the Carnival.

Mr. Skellenger had nothing to report.

Mr. Formica had nothing to report.

Mr. Limon had nothing to report.

Mrs. Carnes had nothing to report.

Mr. Snyder commented that the finance committee met last Thursday and discussed capital expenditures.

Mayor Sowden asked if the committee looked into any of the open space division of the budget as far as putting funds there.

Mayor Sowden commented that one thing he has started to do is reach out to the State and set up a meeting for the rail to trails to program for this coming Thursday or Friday but the State cannot make it but he did start talking to the County about open space and grants for rail to trails. The County recommended that if a couple of towns go in with us, we have a better chance of getting some kind of a grant. We are trying to work on getting in touch with Sparta and Hardyston to see how that could work because then we would all kind of be tied together. Mayor Sowden

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commented that he was thinking about Hamburg as well. In those grants there is clause in there where you would have to put in 10%; now that 10% doesn't mean that it has to be in cash, it could be in materials or labor.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Mrs. Heath 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.

There being no one present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. Formica made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Skellenger. 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. Township of Hardyston Ordinance amending Chapter 185 entitled 'Zoning' of the code of the Township of Hardyston to delete the existing section 185-90.1 entitled very-low-, low- and moderate-income housing and to replace it in its entirety with a new section 185.90.1 entitled "Affordable Housing" and to make other amendments.
2. Township of Hardyston Ordinance amending Chapter 185, Zoning ordinance of the Township of Hardyston, to establish a new "AH-1 Affordable Housing overlay-district" for the property identified as Block 67 Lot 2.08 and Block 67.29 Lot 1 in the Township.
3. Township of Hardyston Ordinance amending Chapter 185 Zoning ordinance of the Township of Hardyston, to establish a new AH-2 Affordable housing overlay-district for the property identified as Block 67 Lot 16.03 and Block 67.05 Lot 1 in the Township.
4. Township of Hardyston Ordinance Adopting certain amendments to the redevelopment plan identified as the Route 94 redevelopment plan for Block 16 Lot 18.01 and Block 14 Lot 24.01.
5. Township of Sparta Ordinance amending Chapter 18 entitled comprehensive land management code to prohibit detention, correction or other carceral facilities within all zones throughout the Township of Sparta.
6. Township of Sparta Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 Comprehensive Land Management code, including section 18-8.4, "Residential Development Fees for Low- and Moderate-income housing and section 18-8.5 "Incentive zoning and mandatory set-asides" and replacing them in their entirety, and repeals appendix A-18.4, "Residential development fees for low- and moderate-income housing" of the Appendix A "Fee Schedule" and replace in its entirety.

**REPORTS** (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. County Board of Health – February 2026
2. Municipal Court Report – February 2026

**APPLICATIONS** (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. None filed.

**RESOLUTIONS** (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of March 24, 2026.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of March 24, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of the Minutes**

Mrs. Heath made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for March 10, 2026. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Resolution 2026-43**

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-43 authorizing advertisement and solicitation of bids for test well drilling and pumping test services. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**McDaniel Brothers Shows Agreement**

Mrs. Heath made a motion to approve the agreement with McDaniel Brothers Shows for the amusement rides and related services at the Franklin Carnival on May 13, 2026 thru May 16, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Approval of NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application**

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to approve the application for membership of John Friend as Firematic member to the Franklin Fire Department as endorsed by Corey Houghtaling, Franklin Fire Department Chief. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Limon

**Discussion on Newly Adopted NJ Law Involving Rent Control**

Mr. Ursin explained that for years this council has maintained a rent control ordinance for the mobile home park and as a result of the State adopting rent control laws at the State level; it looks like local control is now going to be preempted and the rent control is going to be controlled by the State (DCA) rather than locally. Mr. Ursin's review of it indicates that we should probably vacate our ordinances regarding rent control and leave it to the State because they are preempting you by regulating it.

Mr. Snyder asked why it was done this way.

Mr. Ursin commented that he did not study all the legislative history but he thinks it is essentially because it has been applied very inconsistently throughout the State. Mr. Ursin commented that this legislation will take the Borough of Franklin out of the equation all together.

Mr. Snyder asked if this would cause a burden to anyone living in the trailer park.

Mr. Ursin commented that it depends on what the State allows and he is not sure if it is going to be more restrictive or less restrictive. If it was less restrictive and the landlord was able to raise rent 5% instead of 2%; sure, it would be a small burden on people who live there.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 24, 2026**

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

Mr. Ursin commented that the Council is aware that every town went through the Affordable Housing regulations and then the lawsuits with the court to confirm affordable housing and so previously he had updated the council as to what our plan was. Mr. Ursin commented that the Borough's plan got approved by the court today and the affordable house case is dismissed. So, it essentially adopted the settlement that you made between the Borough of Franklin and Fair Share Housing and dismissed the objection of the Zinctown Development.

Mr. Spidaletto commented that all the congressional grants went in last week.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.m., seconded by Mr. Formica. All were in favor.

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John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

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Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

# Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

## Resolution #2026-44

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for engagement of professional services for the Borough of Franklin as a non-fair and open contract for Engineering Services for the Test Well Drilling and Pumping Services for 2026

**WHEREAS**, the purchasing agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

**WHEREAS**, the following firm has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide the professional services described below for the stated price, as indicated in said proposal:

- SME-UHL, 278 N. Union St. Suite 135, Lambertville, NJ 08530

**WHEREAS**, the contract term is for 12 months from the date of the appointment or for the length of the project as allowable under N.J.S.A 40A:11-15 (9) and

**WHEREAS**, the above individuals and firms have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the following individuals have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Franklin in the previous year, and that the contract will prohibit the following individuals and firms from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the governing body of the Borough of Franklin authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the individual and firm as described herein, not to exceed \$24,584.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Determination of Value for the following individuals and firms be placed on file with this resolution, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the firm is awarded a contract for providing the professional services for the Borough of Franklin, as indicated:

**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 April, 14, 2026.

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Colleen L. Little, Municipal 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 #2026-45

**AUTHORIZING FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN THE  
BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN  
ON JUNE 27, 2026  
AT THE FRANKLIN POND RECREATION AREA**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 21:3-3 requires that a Municipal Governing Body authorize the display of fireworks within its boundaries as a precondition to such display in accordance with the above statute; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the Borough of Franklin’s desire to conduct such a display scheduled for June 27, 2026, at the shore of the Franklin Pond Recreation Area; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, that the display of such fireworks is hereby authorized upon satisfaction of all statutory requirements with regard to same by the approved contractor.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified original of this Resolution be forwarded to the Sussex County Fire Marshal/Coordinator.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Borough of Franklin in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Colleen L. Little, Municipal 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 #2026-46

### RESOLUTION REGARDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FRANKLIN AVENUE, COUNTY ROAD 631

**WHEREAS**, a fireworks display is planned for June 27, 2026;

**WHEREAS**, it has been recommended that Franklin Avenue, County Rd 631 be temporarily closed during the fireworks displays;

**WHEREAS**, this road closure needs the approval of the County of Sussex;

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Sussex County Administrator for appropriate action.

**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 April 14, 2026.

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Colleen L. Little, Municipal 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 #2026-47

### RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY INTRODUCE 2026CY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the Local Municipal budget of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, New Jersey for the calendar year 2026 be approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, and the Clerk is hereby instructed to advertise in the New Jersey Herald and that a final public hearing before passage will be held on May 12, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, 46 Main Street, Franklin and that said budget shall authorize total general appropriations of \$9,832,941.07 and anticipated revenues of \$3,932,989.07 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes for municipal purposes of \$5,899,952.00. The Water/Sewer 2026 Budget consists of appropriations of \$3,326,903.00 and anticipated revenues of \$3,326,903.00.

**CERTIFICATION:** I, Colleen L. Little, Borough 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 of said Governing Body held on April 14, 2026.

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Colleen L. Little, Municipal 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  
ORDINANCE NO. 06 - 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN,  
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AMENDING SECTION 194-1, 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, Chapter 194, Parking Lots, Municipal, Article I, Main Street and Parker Street Intersection, is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION I.**

Chapter 194-1, Overnight Parking by Permit Only, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§194-1 Commercial Vehicle Overnight Parking by Permit Only.

In order to park in the lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., a commercial vehicle must have a parking permit issued by the Borough of Franklin. Annual permits may be obtained from the Franklin Borough Clerk's office and shall expire on June 30 every year. Failure to possess and exhibit a permit between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. will result in the issuance of a parking ticket or in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense at the Borough's discretion. No vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of more than 30,000 pounds shall park in the lot.

**SECTION II**

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

**SECTION III**

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 IV**

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

ATTEST:

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

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John M. Sowden, IV, 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 April 14, 2026, 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 April 28, 2026, 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 \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk  
Borough of Franklin

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John M. Sowden, IV, Mayor

Introduced:

Adopted:

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN  
ORDINANCE NO. 06 - 2026**

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

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

NOT YET APPROVED BY COUNCIL

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN  
ORDINANCE NO. 07 - 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN,  
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
REPEALING SECTIONS 176-15 THROUGH 176-39**

**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, Chapter 176, Licensing of Mobile Home Parks, Article II, Mobile Home Park Rent Stabilization, is hereby repealed as follows:

**SECTION I.**

§176-15 through §176-39 of the Code of the Borough of Franklin are hereby repealed in their entirety and shall be void and of no legal effect.

**SECTION II**

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

**SECTION III**

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 IV**

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

ATTEST:

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

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BY: John M. Sowden, IV, Mayor

DATED:

**NOTICE**

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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 \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk  
Borough of Franklin

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John M. Sowden, IV, Mayor

Introduced:

Adopted:

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN  
ORDINANCE NO. 07 - 2026**

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

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

NOT YET APPROVED BY COUNCIL