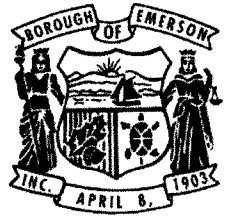




# BOROUGH OF EMERSON BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



## Resolution No: 135-26

**TITLE:**

**WAIVER OF READING IN FULL OF THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Motion-by: A. Rice

Second-by: N. Argenzia

COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Argenzia	X				Rice	X			
Ciolino			X		Sayers	X			
Ellis	X				Timmerman	X			
<b>MAYOR (Tie-Break Vote):</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>									


**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-8 permits that the Budget, advertised as mandated, may be read by its title providing that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget shall:

- a) be passed in a public place where public notices are customarily posted, and
- b) is made available to each person requesting the same during said week and during the public hearing, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Emerson has complied with the aforesaid requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson that reading in full of the 2026 Municipal Budget be dispensed with.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson on May 5, 2026.

  
 Triessa DeSimone, R.M.C., Borough Clerk

**SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2026**

**RESOLUTION**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**BOROUGH**

Be it Resolved by the EMERSON County of Bergen that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$ 12,419,438.00 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) \$ - (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
- (c) \$ - (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.
- (d) \$ - (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
- (e) \$ - (Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
- (f) \$ 611,680.00 (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax

**RECORDED VOTE**  
(Insert last name)

Ayes	Nays	Abstained	Absent
Argenzia Ellis Rice Timmerman (motion) Sayers (second)			Ciollino


**SUMMARY OF REVENUES**

1. General Revenues				
Surplus Anticipated		08-100	\$	1,390,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated		13-099	\$	2,213,167.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		15-499	\$	270,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)		07-190	\$	12,419,438.00
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:				
Item 6, Sheet 42	07-195	\$		
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$		
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY			\$	-
4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:				
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$		
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX		07-192	\$	611,680.00
Total Revenues		13-299	\$	16,904,285.00

## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:		XXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
<u>Within "CAPS"</u>		XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a & b) Operations Including Contingent		34-201	\$ 10,750,866.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal		34-209	\$ 1,605,715.00
(g) Cash Deficit		46-885	\$ -
<u>Excluded from "CAPS"</u>		XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		34-305	\$ 2,316,275.00
(c) Capital Improvements		44-999	\$ 358,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service		45-999	\$ 1,205,429.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal		46-999	\$ 23,000.00
(f) Judgments		37-480	\$ -
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.A. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)		29-405	\$ -
(g) Cash Deficit		46-885	\$ -
(k) For Local District School Purposes		29-410	\$ -
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		50-899	\$ 645,000.00
07-195		07-195	\$ -
<b>6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-13)</b>		34-499	<b>\$ 16,904,285.00</b>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>			

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 5th day of May, 2026. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2026 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this 6th day of May, 2026,  , Clerk



# BOROUGH OF EMERSON BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



## Resolution No: 137-26

**TITLE:**

**AMMEND ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES TO BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL COMMITTEE PY 2025 - 2026 COVERING PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026**

Motion-by: N. Argenzia

Second-by: M. Timmerman

COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Argenzia	X				Rice	X			
Ciolino			X		Sayers	X			
Ellis	X				Timmerman	X			
<b>MAYOR (Tie-Break Vote):</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>									


**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Emerson has entered into a three-year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. and Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

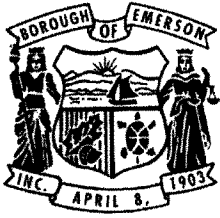
**WHEREAS**, said Agreement requires that the Borough Council appoint a representative and an alternate, and that the Mayor appoint a representative and an alternate for the PY 2025-2026 term starting July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council hereby appoints Mayor Danielle DiPaola as its representative and Councilman Timmerman as its alternate and that Mayor Danielle DiPaola hereby appoints Borough Administrator Michael Carelli as her representative and CFO, Lauren Roehrer as the alternate to serve on the Community Development Regional Committee for PY 2025-2026; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an original, certified copy of this Resolution be emailed to Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development at [resposito@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:resposito@co.bergen.nj.us) as soon as possible but no later than Tuesday, July 1, 2026.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson on May 5, 2026.

  
Triessa DeSimone, R.M.C., Borough Clerk



# BOROUGH OF EMERSON BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



## Resolution No: 138-26

**TITLE:**

**APPROVE 2026 - 2027 LAUNDRY LICENSE - J. FANCY CLEANERS**

Motion-by: N. Argenzia

Second-by: M. Timmerman

COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Argenzia	X				Rice	X			
Ciolino			X		Sayers	X			
Ellis	X				Timmerman	X			
<b>MAYOR (Tie-Break Vote):</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>									

**WHEREAS**, an application has been received from J Fancy Cleaners for a renewal license to continue to operate a Dry Cleaning and Laundry establishment; and


**WHEREAS**, the Fire regulations have been complied with and appropriate approvals, where necessary, have been received along with the required fee in accordance with Chapter 176 of the Borough Code; and

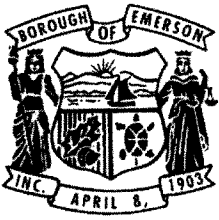
**WHEREAS**, J. Fancy Cleaners has agreed to comply with all the provisions of Chapter 176 of the Borough Code, especially as it related to on-duty attendants.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the following Laundry License be and is hereby renewed for a one-year period, May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027, and same shall be issued to the following to begin and become effective May 1, 2026:

NAME	ADDRESS	LICENSE NUMBER	FEE COLLECTED
J Fancy Cleaners	381 Kinderkamack Rd	001-26	\$30

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson on May 5, 2026.

  
 Triessa DeSimone, R.M.C., Borough Clerk



# BOROUGH OF EMERSON BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



Resolution No: 139-26

**TITLE:**

**AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION  
FOR THE EMERSON RECREATION COMMISSION'S  
JUNE 13, 2026 SUMMER KICKOFF & FIREWORKS EVENT AT BANKOVIC FIELD**

Motion-by: N. Argenzia

Second-by: M. Timmerman

COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Argenzia	X				Rice	X			
Ciolino			X		Sayers	X			
Ellis	X				Timmerman	X			
<b>MAYOR (Tie-Break Vote):</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>									

**WHEREAS**, the Emerson Recreation Commission has filed an application for a Social Affair Permit with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for Saturday, June 13, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Benkovic Field during which time alcoholic beverages will be served (Raindate: June 16, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Benkovic Field; and


**WHEREAS**, the Emerson Recreation Commission has submitted the required proof and documents to satisfy the application process and statute pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33: 74-1; and

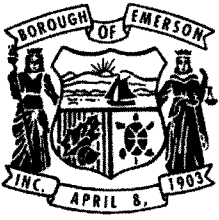
**WHEREAS**, the Emerson Police Chief has certified that he has found no evidence to reject the applicant and has agreed that all special conditions of any local ordinance or resolution shall apply.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson do hereby grant this special permit to the Emerson Recreation Commission for Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Benkovic Field during which time alcoholic beverages will be served (Raindate: Sunday, June 14, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Benkovic Field; and

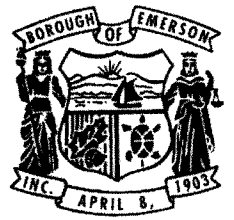
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Emerson Recreation Commission, the Emerson Police Department, and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson on May 5, 2026.

  
Triessa DeSimone, R.M.C., Borough Clerk



# BOROUGH OF EMERSON BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



**Resolution No: 140-26**

**TITLE:**

**AWARD CONTRACT WITH THE VALLEY HOSPITAL FOR EMS SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF EMERSON**

Motion-by: N. Argenzia

Second-by: M. Timmerman

COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Argenzia	X				Rice	X			
Ciolino			X		Sayers	X			
Ellis	X				Timmerman	X			
<b>MAYOR (Tie-Break Vote): Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></b>									

**WHEREAS**, The Valley Hospital (the "Hospital") is a licensed provider of Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Services by the New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services Office of Emergency Medical Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hospital supports municipal BLS agencies by way of providing primary, dedicated back-up or mutual aid BLS assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to enter into an Agreement with the Hospital, for the period beginning April 21, 2026 through April 20, 2027, wherein the Hospital shall provide a staffed and dedicated BLS ambulance 24/7, based on the unavailability of the Emerson Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC) to provide primary BLS response in the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no cost to the Borough under the terms of the agreement affixed hereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Emerson, in the County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the EMS Agreement between the Borough of Emerson and The Valley Hospital, to be effective for the period of April 21, 2026 through April 20, 2027;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Emerson Volunteer Ambulance Corps, The Valley Hospital, Borough Administrator, and the Chief Financial Officer.

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I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson on May 5, 2026.



Triessa DeSimone, R.M.C., Borough Clerk



# BOROUGH OF EMERSON BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



Resolution No: 141-26

**TITLE:**

**AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR THE WEST END PHASE I DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
PROJECT IN THE BOROUGH OF EMERSON**

Motion-by: N. Argenzia

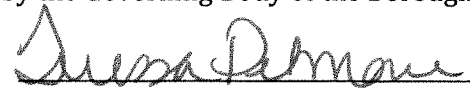
Second-by: M. Timmerman

COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Argenzia	X				Rice	X			
Ciolino			X		Sayers	X			
Ellis	X				Timmerman	X			
<b>MAYOR (Tie-Break Vote):</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>									

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Emerson, in the Bergen County, and State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Borough Engineer to prepare and finalize plans and bid specifications for the West End Phase I Drainage Improvements Project in the Borough of Emerson; and

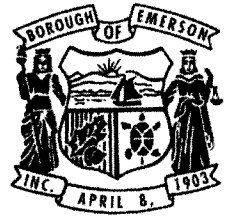
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise and receive bids, once final plans and bid specifications have been approved by the Borough Attorney and Borough Administrator, for said project.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson on May 5, 2026.

  
Triessa DeSimone, R.M.C., Borough Clerk



# BOROUGH OF EMERSON BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



Resolution No: 142-26

**TITLE:**

**AUTHORIZE ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMERSON AFFORDABLE HOUSING II, INC. AND  
BOROUGH OF EMERSON**


Motion-by: N. Argenzia

Second-by: M. Timmerman

COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Argenzia	X				Rice	X			
Ciolino			X		Sayers	X			
Ellis	X				Timmerman	X			
<b>MAYOR (Tie-Break Vote):</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>									

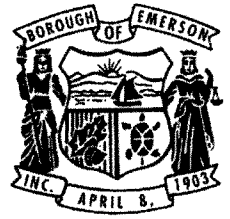
**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Emerson, in the Bergen County, and State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Borough Tax Assessor to execute the assessment agreement affixed hereto between the Borough of Emerson and Emerson Affordable Housing II, Inc.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson on May 5, 2026.

  
Triessa DeSimone, R.M.C., Borough Clerk



# BOROUGH OF EMERSON BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



## Resolution No: 143-26

**TITLE:**

**AWARD CONTRACT TO P.I.A. SECURITY PROGRAMS, A DIVISION OF WORLD INSURANCE ASSOCIATES, LLC. FOR PROFESSIONAL HEALTH BENEFIT CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF EMERSON**

Motion-by: N. Argenzia

Second-by: M. Timmerman

COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Argenzia	X				Rice	X			
Ciolino			X		Sayers	X			
Ellis	X				Timmerman	X			
<b>MAYOR (Tie-Break Vote):</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>									

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for Risk Manager for Health Benefits services for the Borough of Emerson for a period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, P.I.A. Security Programs, 429 Hackensack Street, P.O. Box 818, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072, has submitted a proposal dated April 29, 2026 for the services required at a cost not to exceed \$6,400.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #6-01-23-220-092 in the amount of \$6,400.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the award of the contract is for a professional service for which no public bidding is required;

**WHEREAS**, P.I.A. Security Programs has submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure Form as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, no later than 10 days prior to entering into the contract, disclosing all reportable political contributions (more than \$300 per election cycle) made over the 12 months prior to submission to the committees of the government entities listed on the Form provided by the Borough; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Emerson in the County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, hereby award the contract to P.I.A. Security Programs, 429 Hackensack Street, P.O. Box 818, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072, for Risk Manager for Health Benefit services for the Borough of Emerson in an amount not to exceed \$6,400.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute the contact on behalf of the Borough.

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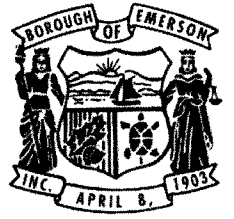
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Triessa DeSimone, R.M.C., Borough Clerk



# BOROUGH OF EMERSON BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



## Resolution No: 144-26

**TITLE:**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RESTORATION OF ENERGY TAX RECEIPTS AND INCREASED MUNICIPAL AID TO PROVIDE FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**

Motion-by: N. Argenzia

Second-by: M. Timmerman

COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Argenzia	X				Rice	X			
Ciolino			X		Sayers	X			
Ellis	X				Timmerman	X			
<b>MAYOR (Tie-Break Vote):</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>									

**WHEREAS**, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

**WHEREAS**, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties and other entities, the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, under various administrations through the years, the State budget has diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

**WHEREAS**, while the State may need to have the right to override the statutory dedication of these revenues to local governments, in order to deal with emergencies and crises that may occur; current State policymakers should not exercise that right automatically; and

**WHEREAS**, while that right should be the exception, it has become the rule; and

**WHEREAS**, by keeping flat funding of the appropriation for CMPTRA year-over-year, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

**WHEREAS**, in SFY 2023, the State did provide some much-needed relief in the allocation of \$75 million of new funds identified as the Municipal Relief Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, in SFY 2024, the State allocated \$150 million in Municipal Relief Funds, however, in SFY 2025 and, as proposed in SFY2026, no allocation will exist; and

**WHEREAS**, in the proposed SFY budget is \$60.7 billion, but Energy Tax Receipt funding is remaining flat at \$1.45 billion, a level that has remained largely unchanged despite inflation and rising operational costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the cumulative impact of years of flat funding and underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use of these resources that were always intended to fund local programs and services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Emerson, in the County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, calls for the immediate restoration of funding of Energy Taxes consistent with the State's original commitments; increase formula based municipal aid to reflect inflation and rising service costs; and reestablish a fair and reliable fiscal partnership between the State and local governments; and

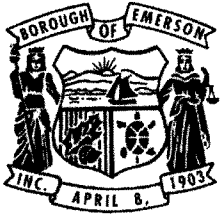
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Senator Holly Schepisi, Assemblyman Robert Auth, Assemblyman John Azzariti, the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs Jacquelyn Suárez, the State Treasurer Aaron Binder, the Lieutenant Governor Dale Caldwell, the Governor of the State of New Jersey Mikie Sherrill, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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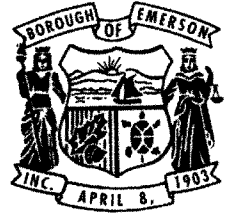
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Triessa DeSimone, R.M.C., Borough Clerk



# BOROUGH OF EMERSON BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



## Resolution No: 145-26

**TITLE:**

**RESOLUTION URGING STATE LEADERS TO IMPLEMENT FAIR AND EQUITABLE REFORMS TO MITIGATE THE UNSUSTAINABLE INCREASES IN HEALTH BENEFIT PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES**

Motion-by: N. Argenzia

Second-by: M. Timmerman

COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Argenzia	X				Rice	X			
Ciolino			X		Sayers	X			
Ellis	X				Timmerman	X			
<b>MAYOR (Tie-Break Vote):</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>									

**WHEREAS**, the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP), governed by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq., offers medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage to qualified State and participating local government public employees, retirees, and eligible dependents; and

**WHEREAS**, all SHBP plans are self-funded, meaning that the money paid out for benefits comes directly from an SHBP fund supplied by the State, participating local employers, and member premiums; and

**WHEREAS**, the rate increase for the 2026 Local Government Employer Group is 36.25% and does not include fully funding the loan to the SHBP Local Government Group under c. 86 or funding to bring the Claims Stabilization Reserve to the required two-month balance; and

**WHEREAS**, since the end of 2020 nearly 200 local government employers have exited the SHBP, representing a nearly 30% decline, largely leaving only local governments with the highest risk in the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequently, during budget testimony State Treasurer Binder noted regarding the SHBP costs, while Treasury does not have the final numbers, "based on the plan actuary's midyear reports and SHBP Local Government fund levels, it is possible that rate increases could be as high as the rate increases, we experienced last year;" and

**WHEREAS**, such proposed exorbitant rate increases will fall upon the local property taxpayer along with the local public employees at a time where there is record inflation; and

**WHEREAS**, despite innovative cost containment measures taken by municipalities to make available affordable and quality healthcare for valued employees and their families, public sector health benefit plans are far too costly; and


**WHEREAS**, time is of the essence for State leaders to enact long-term structural reforms that should include eliminating costly plan designs; modifying co-pays for specialists and urgent care, restricting the use of out-of-network healthcare coverage and GLP-1 drugs; implementing a Reference Based Pricing system; streamlining the use of Health Savings Accounts and Flexible Spending Accounts; and, enhancing medical transparency and the collection of data; and

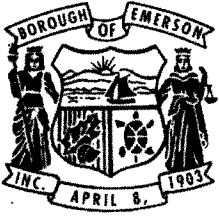
**WHEREAS**, failure to make these long-term structural reforms will leave local officials no choice but to impose hiring freezes, eliminate budgeted vacancies, and increase taxes on residents already burdened with the highest property tax bills in the nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Emerson, in the County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, urge state leaders to implement fair and equitable reforms to mitigate the unsustainable increases in health benefit premiums for public sector employees.

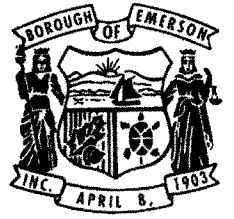
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Sherrill, State Treasurer Binder, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Holly Schepisi, Assemblyman Robert Auth, Assemblyman John Azzariti, and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson on May 5, 2026.

  
Triessa DeSimone, R.M.C., Borough Clerk



# BOROUGH OF EMERSON BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



## Resolution No: 146-26

**TITLE:**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING S-1836**

Motion-by: N. Argenzia

Second-by: M. Timmerman

COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Argenzia	X				Rice	X			
Ciolino			X		Sayers	X			
Ellis	X				Timmerman	X			
<b>MAYOR (Tie-Break Vote):</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>									

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are required to establish a Municipal Master Plan with a combination of mandatory and optional elements including Goals and Objectives, Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Community Facilities, Downtown Economic Development, Historic Preservation, and Sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are also required to reexamine the Municipal Master Plan every 10 years to ensure that the master plan meets the community needs and is relevant as communities, evolve, grow, and change; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities complete this effort at great cost and community input to ensure their community has a roadmap for growth; and

**WHEREAS**, a municipality is best suited to plan for and understand their community's needs, the existing infrastructure to address the municipality's public safety, health, traffic, and character and the ability to expand such infrastructure for desired growth; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many mechanisms for exceptions and variances to the local planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities have been diligently working to comply with the changes outlined in the passage of A-4/S-50 in 2024 that made substantial changes to the 4th Round of Affordable Housing obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, affordable housing construction has generally comprised between 10 – 20 % of a total development, but municipalities will end up constructing far more units during this current round of affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, recent legislative proposals that preempt the planning process by permitting the conversion of underutilized properties into mixed used developments, reducing the number of parking spaces required for new developments near transit, making Accessory Dwelling Units permissible, and most recently, legislation that enhances the ability of religious and nonprofit organizations to convert certain property to inclusionary developments with affordable housing undermine the careful planning process outlined in the Municipal Land Use Law; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal, S-1836 is particularly egregious because the required percentage of affordable housing units is only 20% with the remaining 80% at market rate as more than 400 municipalities have adopted plans to fulfill their 4th Round Affordable Housing obligations far in advance of previous rounds; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation bypasses local planning for increased density and height, regardless of a municipality's ability to ensure safety; and

**WHEREAS**, a worthy project could, and should participate in the local planning and zoning process to engage with the public; and


**WHEREAS**, S-1836 permits the bypassing of the local planning process which is an egregious assault on municipal autonomy and local decision making;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Emerson, in the County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, hereby urges the legislature to defeat S-1836 and similar legislation that denies local autonomy in land use planning and ignores the well thought out master plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Senator Holly Schepisi, Assemblyman Robert Auth, Assemblyman John Azzariti, Governor Mikie Sherrill, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson on May 5, 2026.

  
Triessa DeSimone, R.M.C., Borough Clerk



# BOROUGH OF EMERSON BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



Resolution No: 147-26

**TITLE:**

**AUTHORIZE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR FY 2022 OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR TENNIS COURT REHABILITATION PROJECT IN THE BOROUGH OF EMERSON**

Motion-by: N. Argenzia

Second-by: M. Timmerman

COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Argenzia	X				Rice	X			
Ciolino			X		Sayers	X			
Ellis	X				Timmerman	X			
<b>MAYOR (Tie-Break Vote):</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>									

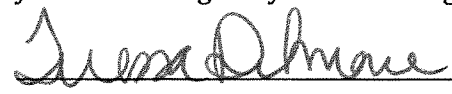
**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Emerson, in the County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, wish to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the FY 2022 Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the purpose of using \$85,001.00 for the rehabilitation of the Tennis Courts;

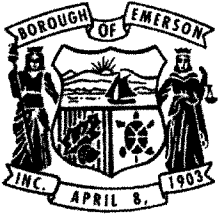
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Borough; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Council hereby authorizes Lauren Roehrer, Chief Financial Officer, to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

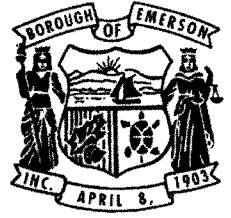
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution will be sent to the County of Bergen with a copy to the Chief Financial Officer and Borough Administrator.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson on May 5, 2026.

  
Triessa DeSimone, R.M.C., Borough Clerk



# BOROUGH OF EMERSON BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



## Resolution No: 148-26

**TITLE:**

**APPROVE 2025-2026 LIMOUSINE LICENSE - METROPRO LIMO**

Motion-by: N. Argenzia

Second-by: M. Timmerman


COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Argenzia	X				Rice	X			
Ciolino			X		Sayers	X			
Ellis	X				Timmerman	X			
<b>MAYOR (Tie-Break Vote):</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>									

**WHEREAS**, Metropro Limousine LLC, has applied for a limousine license in accordance with Article II, Limousines, of Chapter 260 of the Code of the Borough of Emerson for the term July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson that it hereby approves the renewal of a Limousine License to Metropro Limousine LLC, 70 Linwood Ave, Emerson, NJ 07630, owner and operated by Joe Careccio, for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, subject to all mandatory requirements, including inspections by the Emerson DPW Mechanic and the Emerson Police Department and a satisfactory background check being received and approved by the Emerson Police Department; and

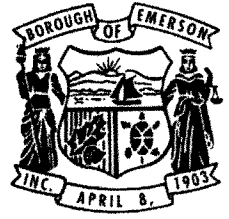
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Emerson Police Department.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson on May 5, 2026.

  
Triessa DeSimone, R.M.C., Borough Clerk



# BOROUGH OF EMERSON BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



## Resolution No: 149-26

**TITLE:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION AND EXCLUDE PUBLIC**

Motion-by: N. Argenzia

Second-by: O. Ellis

COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	COUNCIL	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Argenzia	<u>X</u>				Rice	<u>X</u>			
Ciolino			<u>X</u>		Sayers	<u>X</u>			
Ellis	<u>X</u>				Timmerman	<u>X</u>			
<b>MAYOR (Tie-Break Vote):</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>									

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain enumerated circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

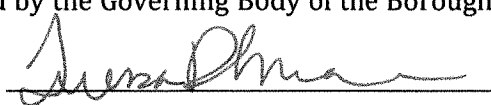
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the public shall be excluded from the meeting and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

Item Title or Description	Statutory Exemption
Personnel	<u>N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (8)</u>
Contract Negotiations	<u>N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (4)</u>
Litigation/Redevelopment Update/ Attorney-Client Privilege	<u>N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7)</u>

2. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public within a reasonable time, the substance of which will be released after the Mayor and Council or the specific authorized public body has reviewed and specifically accepted the data.

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 Triessa DeSimone, R.M.C., Borough Clerk