

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 5, 2025
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 7**

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey was held on May 5, 2025, and was called to order by Mayor Guindi at 7:00 PM with the following Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor and Council Roll Call	Present	Absent	Excused Tardy
<i>Mayor Peter S. Guindi</i>	X		
<i>Councilwoman Donna Balazs</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Matthew DeSantis</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Hank Dziemian</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Nick Giannakopoulos</i>	X		
<i>Councilman James Gurchensky</i>	X		
<i>Council President Tony Ciulla</i>	X		

Also attending this meeting were Chief Financial Officer Joseph Zanga, Business Administrator Art Londensky, DPW Director Adriano Soares, Fire Chief William Smith, Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt, and Borough Engineer Justin Cornell

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 OF PUBLIC LAW OF 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING, 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE HOME NEWS TRIBUNE ON JANUARY 5, 2025, POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING BULLETIN BOARD, THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING AT 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION 2025-150
RESOLUTION TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY**

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in Town Hall and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requiring them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget shall be read by title only.

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

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on May 5, 2025
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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION

Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of the 2025 Municipal Budget only.

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

Resolution 2025-151

SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2025			
RESOLUTION			
Be it Resolved by the COUNCIL MEMBERS		of the BOROUGH	
of SOUTH RIVER , County of MIDDLESEX		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) \$	11,988,684.17	(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) \$	750,116.00	(Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax	
RECORDED VOTE (Insert last name)			
Ayes		Nays	Abstained
Balazs DeSantis Dziemian Giannakopoulos Gurchensky Ciulla			
Absent			
SUMMARY OF REVENUES			
1. General Revenues			
Surplus Anticipated		08-100	\$ 2,610,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated		13-099	\$ 6,936,910.83
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		15-499	\$ 380,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)		07-190	\$ 11,988,684.17
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	\$ 750,116.00
Total Revenues		13-299	\$ 22,665,711.00

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Within "CAPS"	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a & b) Operations Including Contingent	34-201	\$ 13,049,895.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	34-209	\$ 2,108,049.00
(g) Cash Deficit	45-885	\$ -
Excluded from "CAPS"	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	34-305	\$ 3,082,380.00
(c) Capital Improvements	44-999	\$ 1,250,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	45-999	\$ 2,225,387.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal	45-999	\$ -
(f) Judgments	37-480	\$ -
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.A. 40:45-17.1 & 17.3)	29-405	\$ -
(g) Cash Deficit	45-885	\$ -
(k) For Local District School Purposes	29-410	\$ -
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	50-999	\$ 950,000.00
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-13)	07-195	
Total Appropriations	34-499	\$ 22,865,711.00

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, 2025. 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 2025 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this 5th day of May, 2025, ahagen@southrivernj.org, Clerk
Signature

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AGENDA SESSION

- Discussion on Ordinances- Borough Attorney Wyatt and BA Londensky speak on the ordinances on the agenda.

ORDINANCE-- SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2025-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, CHAPTER 193 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" BY AMENDING SECTION 193-31.1, SCHEDULE IIA "HANDICAPPED PARKING" THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, that Chapter 193 of the Code of the Borough of South River entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" be amended by amending Section 193-31.1, Schedule IIA as follows:

SECTION 1. Schedule IIA. HANDICAPPED PARKING

Street	Side	Location
Kathryn Street	South	289 Feet West of Marie St, extending 22 feet Thereof

SECTION 2. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause of provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption, and publication according to law.

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Councilman Dziemian motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman DeSantis. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2025-10 by title only. Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2025-10 only.

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

Adopted 5-5-25

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

ORDINANCE 2025-11

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, SO AS
TO AMEND CHAPTER 155 ENTITLED "FEES"**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, and

State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 155 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Fees" is hereby amended

so as to amend Section 155.19.1 entitled "Section 22-62, Recreation program and park fees" as follows:.

§ 155.19.1 Section 22-62, Recreation program and park fees.

A. Baseball:

(1) Baseball League: \$75.

(2) T-Ball: \$50.

B. Basketball:

(1) Basketball League: \$75.

(2) Basketball Fundamentals: \$50.

C. Softball \$75.

D. Wrestling: \$100.

E. Street hockey and Street Hockey Fundamentals: \$75.

F. Aerobics, men's fitness, zumba and yoga: \$35.

G. Soccer & Soccer Fundamentals: \$75.

H. Tennis: \$75.00

I. Summer Recreation Early Dropoff Program

(1) One child: \$100.

(2) Two children: \$150.

(3) Three or more children: \$200.

J. Cheerleading Gymnastics:

(1) One Session: \$45.

(2) Mommy and Me Program: \$45.

(3) Teams:

a. Varsity Cheer: \$1,000.

b. ImpACT Cheer: \$500.

c. Under 6: \$250.

d. Pop Warner Cheer \$ 130.

e. Pop Warner Flag Football Cheer: \$75.

f. Crossover Comp Cheer to PW Cheer: \$25

K. Volleyball-Adult and Youth: \$60.

L. Football:

(1) Flag Football: \$75.

(2) Pop Warner Football: \$175.

(3) Pop Warner Flag Football: \$75.00

A sibling discount will be offered in the amount of \$25.00 for any family registering more than 1 child.

M. Agility Class- Adult and Youth: \$50.

N. Art: \$80.

O. Banquet Price:

(1) Adult: \$40.

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(2) Child: \$25.

P. Running and Track: \$45.

For Appendix A-P the following additional fees may apply.

(1) After registration closed: \$10.

(2) For nonresidents: \$10.

Q. Athletic field lighting fees:

1. When any sports team, league or organization seeks to reserve the use of a Borough athletic field at night(s), with the use of lighting, it shall be charged a lighting fee of \$25.00 per hour for the use of the electricity on lighted fields.
2. Fees shall be billed in one-half-hour increments per use, rounded up, based on the amount of the time reserved.
3. All fees will be collected up front, based on the amount of field time reserved, at the beginning of each season.
4. If there are any hours paid for and not used, due to rainouts or other cancellations, said fees shall be refunded in a reasonable time following the end of the sports season.
5. Borough Sponsored Recreation Leagues and Borough Schools shall be exempt from the lightening fee in Section Q(1). Borough Recognized Youth Sport Organizations will be exempt from the fee in Section Q(1) pursuant to the terms of the grant agreement.

R. Athletic field use fees:

1. When any sports team or league seeks to reserve the use of a Borough athletic field, it shall be charged a fee for the use as set forth below:

Grass Fields:

- \$25 per two-hour increment for resident teams or Non-Profit organizations;
- \$50 per two-hour increment for non-resident or For-Profit organizations.

Grekoski Park Baseball Field:

- \$150 per two-hour increment for resident teams or Non-Profit organizations;
 - \$200 per two-hour increment for non-resident or For-Profit organizations.
2. All fees will be collected up front, based on the amount of field time reserved, at the beginning of each season.
 3. If there are any dates paid for and not used, due to rainouts or other cancellations, said fees shall be refunded in a reasonable time following the end of the sports season.
 4. Borough Sponsored Recreation Leagues and Borough Schools shall be exempt from the lightening fee in Section R(1). Borough Recognized Youth Sport Organizations will be exempt from the fee in Section R(1) pursuant to the terms of the grant agreement.

S. All head coaches will receive a free registration for that particular sport. If the sport requires equipment/uniforms/choreography/music, the coach will be responsible for the difference.

T. Teams that violate agreement may have their field rental suspended or removed.

U. At the discretion of the Director of Parks and Rec, the Director shall have the ability to place Jr. Coaches on cheer teams to assist with the development of our younger participants. If a Jr. Coach is selected, he or she will receive a \$200 credit that will be applied to the participants account. If the participant is not registered for cheerleading, he or she may request in writing that the \$200 credit be applied to a family's member account.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

Councilman Dziemian motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Council President Ciulla. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2025-11 by title only. Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2025-11 only.

Being no public came forth, Council President Ciulla motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in Favor.

Adopted 5-5-25

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

ORDINANCE 2025 –12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, SO AS TO AMEND CHAPTER 193 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, and

State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 193 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend Article IV "Special Zones and Areas" so as to add § 193-17.3 entitled, "Municipal Parking designated," to read entirely as follows:

§ 193-17.3 Municipal Parking Designated.

A. With the exception of Borough of South River vehicles, and personal vehicles owned and/or operated by municipal personnel, it shall be unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this chapter:

1. To park any vehicle at or on any place in the parking area located at 53-55 Washington Street for any reason other than municipal business to be conducted at 48 Washington Street.
2. To obstruct, impede or interfere with, in any manner whatsoever, the free and orderly passage of traffic in the parking area of vehicles parked or reserved for the movement of traffic within or to or from the parking area.
3. For the purposes of this section the following definitions are applicable:
 - a. Parking Area: The parking lot located 53-55 Washington Street.
 - b. Park or Parking: The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon or in the designated parking area except for the temporarily standing for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers or in obedience to traffic regulations, signs or signals or any involuntary stopping of the vehicle by reason of causes beyond the control of the operator of the vehicle.

B. With the exception of Borough of South River vehicles, and personal vehicles owned and/or operated by municipal personnel, it shall be unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this chapter:

1. To park any vehicle at or on any place in the parking area located at 55 Reid Street for any reason other than municipal business to be conducted at 55 Reid Street.
2. To obstruct, impede or interfere with, in any manner whatsoever, the free and orderly passage of traffic in the parking area of vehicles parked or reserved for the movement of traffic within or to or from the parking area.
3. For the purposes of this section the following definitions are applicable:
 - c. Parking Area: The parking lot located 55 Reid Street.
 - d. Park or Parking: The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon or in the designated parking area except for the temporarily standing for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers or in obedience to traffic regulations, signs or signals or any involuntary stopping of the vehicle by reason of causes beyond the control of the operator of the vehicle.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

Councilman Dziemian motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Council President Ciulla. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2025-12 by title only. Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2025-12 only.

Jim Hutchison, 38 Virginia Street, Mr. Hutchison is in full support of this ordinance and hopes the Council passes it.

Being no public came forth, Council President Ciulla motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in Favor.

Adopted 5-5-25

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2025-13 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2025 –13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VARIOUS EMS EQUIPMENT NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS N.J.S.A. 40A:12-21.1 TO THE MILLTOWN RESCUE SQUAD.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is the owner of various EMS equipment attached hereto as Schedule A which is not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River desires to sell said property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-21.1 to the Milltown Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-21.1 provides for the authorization of said transfer of personal property by ordinance.

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

SECTION 1. That in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-21.1, the governing body does hereby authorize the sale of various EMS equipment attached hereto as Schedule A, to the Milltown Rescue Squad for a sum of \$1.00.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents to transfer title to said personal property by the Milltown Rescue Squad for the sum of \$1.00.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on May 5th, 2025, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 2nd day of June, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building located at 61 Main Street, South River, New Jersey, and/or virtually via Zoom meeting code 826 6082 9597: password: 000000 at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
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The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2025-14 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2025 –14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, SO AS TO AMEND CHAPTER 258 ENTITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, and

State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 258 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Property Maintenance" is hereby amended and supplemented so as to add Article X, entitled “Bamboo” as set forth below:

Article X-Bamboo

§258-43 Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to preserve and protect public and private property within the Borough of South River from the damaging spread of bamboo by prohibiting the planting, growing, maintaining or cultivation of bamboo within the Borough. The planting and uncontrolled growth of bamboo is known to threaten other vegetation and endanger existing ecosystems, and is disruptive to the general health and welfare of a community.

§258-44 Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this Section:

- A. BAMBOO- The plant species commonly known as bamboo and shall include both running (monopodial) bamboo and clumping (sympodial) bamboo.
- B. PERSON- Any natural person, firm, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other organization or

group.

§258-45 Planting, Growth and Cultivation of Bamboo Prohibited.

No person, whether an owner, tenant or other occupant, in possession or control of real property located within the Borough shall plant, grow, maintain or cultivate, or cause to plant, grow maintain or cultivate, bamboo upon any such property, unless:

- A. The root system of the bamboo plants is entirely contained within an above- ground planter, barrel or other container of such design, material and location so as to entirely prevent the spread or growth of the bamboo plants' root system beyond the container in which it is planted; and
- B. The bamboo plants contained as described herein shall be located, trimmed and maintained so that no part of any plant shall be closer than fifteen (15') feet from any property line or right-of-way.

§258-46 Exception.

This Section shall not apply to any person, whether an owner, tenant, or other occupant, in possession or control of real property, who, prior to the effective date of this Section, has planted or caused to grow bamboo on any property within the Borough, provided, that such existing bamboo plants shall not be permitted to grow, be maintained or cultivated so as to allow the bamboo to be closer than five (5') feet from any property line or right-of-way; and no new bamboo plants may be planted, grown, maintained or cultivated on any property within the Borough.

§258-47 Compliance.

Whenever a complaint is received by the Borough regarding the encroachment of any bamboo plant or root, or whenever the Borough Zoning Officer or Code Enforcement Officer determines that there is an encroachment of bamboo plants or roots onto the property of another or any public property, the Zoning Officer or Code Enforcement Officer shall forward a written notice of violation to the alleged offending property owner, tenant, occupant or other possessor (hereinafter, the "violator"), which notice shall be substantially as follows:

- A. The notice required to be given under this Section shall be mailed by the Zoning Officer, Code Enforcement Officer or other officer designated by the Borough to said owner or tenant by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to his or her last known address or, if unknown, in the case of an owner, to his or her address as the same appears on the tax records of the municipality, or in the case of a tenant, to the property address. Notice may be served by hand delivery, as long as service is witnessed.
- B. The notice of violation shall specify the exact nature of the violation.
- C. The notice shall state that the violation must be cured within thirty (30) days from the date of the received or returned mailing.
- D. The notice must state specifically what must be done by the violator to cure the violation.
- E. Every such notice shall, in addition to requiring compliance with this Section, warn the owner or tenant that failure to affect such removal within the time stated in said notice will result in such removal by the Borough, and the cost of such removal will be charged to the owner or tenant. In the event that service of

notice is made upon the owner or tenant, the cost of such removal shall forthwith become a lien upon the lands and shall be added to and become a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon the same, to bear interest at the same rate and to be collected in the same manner as taxes, as hereinafter provided.

§258-48 Costs To Become A Lien.

In all cases where the acts required by § 258-45 or § 258-47 are performed by the Borough under the provisions of this article, the municipal officer of the municipality in charge of the removal of said material shall certify the cost thereof to the governing body. Upon receipt of the certificate of cost, the governing body shall examine the same and, if found correct, shall cause the cost as shown thereon to be charged against the property from which said material was removed. The amount so charged shall become a lien upon such lands and shall be added to and become and form part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon said lands, the same to bear interest at the same rate as other taxes and shall be collected and enforced by the Tax Collector of the Borough in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14 and 40:48-2.27..

§258-49 Violations and Penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished as provided in Chapter 1, Article I, General Penalty. Each violation of any of the provisions of this article and each day that such violation continues shall be deemed and taken to be a separate and distinct offense.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

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Introduced 5-5-25

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2025-15 by title only.

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ORDINANCE 2025 –15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, SO AS TO AMEND CHAPTER 108, ENTITLED “ANIMALS”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, and

State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 108 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled “Animals” is hereby

amended so as to amend §108-27 entitled “Enforcement” to read entirely as follows:

§108-27 Enforcement.

The provisions of this article shall be enforced by the Board of Health, the Animal Control Officer and the South River Police Department.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on May 5th, 2025, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 2nd day of June, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building located at 61 Main Street, South River, New Jersey, and/or virtually via Zoom meeting code 826 6082 9597: password: 000000 at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.

Introduced 5-5-25

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2025-16 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2025–16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, SO AS TO AMEND CHAPTER 193 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, and

State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 193 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend § 193-39 entitled, "Schedule X, Loading Zones" so as to delete the following location:

NAME OF STREET	SIDE	HOURS	LOCATION
Maple Street	West	All	From a point 50 feet north from the stop sign at the intersection of Reid Street, to a point 37 feet north thereof.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

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Introduced 5-5-25

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

DEPARTMENTAL/PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Borough Engineer Justin Cornell

- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Aid Program and NJDOT FY 2024 Local Aid Program**
 - The borough received a \$681,405.00 grant Leonardine Ave. from the OBT to Grand Ave., Prentice Ave., from Willet Ave. to Sheldon Ave., & Beryl St. from Cleveland Ave. to Wilcox.
 - The NJDOT has awarded the Borough a grant in the amount of \$606,980.00 for the Improvements to Darrow Street from Virginia Street to Bright Street, Dailey Street from Ferris Street to John Street and John Street from Colfax Street to George Street.

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- The contractor has completed the sanitary sewer repairs. Leonardine Ave has been milled and paved. We are waiting for the Contractor to advise us of when the milling and paving will commence.
- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Transportation Projects Grant**
 - The Borough received a \$575,000 grant for the improvements to Albourne Street from Ferris Street to Seppi Avenue, Franklin Street from Wilson Avenue to Pulawski Avenue and Olchaskey Avenue from Kamm Avenue to Prentice Avenue. We submitted the plans and bid documents to the NJDOT for review.
- **NJDOT FY 2025 Local Aid Program**
 - The Borough received a \$506,913 grant for the following roads:
 - Prentice Avenue from Willett Avenue to Sheldon Avenue;
 - Tice Avenue from the Old Bridge Turnpike to David Street;
 - Cleveland Avenue from Virginia Street to Terminus.
 - We submitted a proposal for our professional services associated with same.
- **2023 Electrical Substation Maintenance**
 - The contractor has completed the testing and maintenance. We processed a second Progress Payment. They should be sending us the Final Report within a week.
- **NJDEP Stormwater Assistance Grant Application**
 - Our survey department has completed the work on the current phase of the project. We submitted a proposal addressing the 2025 requirements and a proposal for our services associated with same.
- **NJDOT Municipal Aid Applications**
 - We have attached the NJDOT Announcement regarding the 2026 Municipal Aid Grant Applications.

Chief Financial Officer Joseph Zanga

- Speaks on resolutions 2025-154, 2025-153, and 2025-161.

Fire Chief William Smith

- All apparatuses are in service.

Borough Clerk Alyssa Hager

- Friendly reminder, the Primary Election is coming up and will be on June 10th.

Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt

- No report

Business Administrator Londensky

- The substation is 100% operating.
- The DPW will be having their summer hours soon.
- DPW will be closed on Memorial Day.
- The meter project is 90% completed.
- The Borough has received a \$750,000 grant for an all-inclusive park at Volunteers.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman DeSantis

- The BOE will have their next meeting on 5/22 at 7 pm.
- Speaks on Recreation programs and sports.

Councilman Gurchensky

- OOA will close early on Friday 5/23 and will be closed on Memorial Day.
- Remember to sign up for OOA activities on the first of the month.
- Speaks on the NJ tax relief program.
- There will be a residential paper shred event on 6/28.

Council President Ciulla

- The EDC had their spring get together on 5/1.
- Thanks DPW for their work with the power outage.

Councilman Giannakopoulos

- There will be no yard waste pickup on 5/26.
- There will be a Shade Tree meeting on 5/15.

Councilman Dziemian

- Thanks the electric department for their hard work with the power outage.
- Speaks on a new feature for the website.

Councilwoman Balazs

- The Memorial Day parade will be on 5/26.
- Please look at the library website for their upcoming activities.

Mayor Guindi

- No report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guindi opened the floor for Public Comment.

Joe Donato, 30 Dailey Street, speaks on the battery storage project.

Jim Hutchison, 38 Virginia Street, thanks the Council again for their ordinance on 55 Reid Street and speaks on ordinance 2025-16. Mr. Hutchison makes comments regarding the electric and utility departments. Mr. Hutchison inquires about the Collins Way closure and Mayor Guindi answers.

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- Human Relations Commission – Shankar Rampersaud

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2025-152 TO 2025-167

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-152**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION**

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WHEREAS, the South River Police Department has caused certain abandoned motor vehicles to be moved from the streets of South River by various wrecker operators licensed throughout the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the South River Police Department has proceeded and obtained junk titles with respect to said vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the South River Police Department wishes to auction said vehicles by public auction via sealed bid:

<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>V.I.N.</u>	<u>MIN. BID</u>	<u>WRECKER</u>
2004 Toyota Cam	4T1CA30P54U024412	\$500.00	Logan's
2013 Nissan Sentra	3N1AB7APXDL621535	\$500.00	Logan's
2009 Acura TSX	JH4CU25699C004097	\$500.00	Logan's

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any interested party may inspect said vehicles by contacting the South River Police Traffic Safety Bureau at 61 Main Street until **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 22nd, 2025**, at which time all sealed bids shall be opened by the South River Police Department and will be auctioned to the highest bidder thereon with the following terms and conditions:

1. The Borough of South River reserves the right to withdraw any item or items
for sale without notice.
2. The equipment offered for sale is an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition with no
warranties, guarantees or representations of any kind as to their condition or quality and the sale will be on
an individual basis unless otherwise specified.
3. Sale will be made to the highest bidder who shall pay the full purchase price
in cash, certified check or money order at the time of the conclusion of the bidding process for the item.
4. The successful bidder shall be required to move the item within ten (10)
days upon notification of acceptance of his bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey authorize the Borough Clerk to advertise said notice.

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

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on May 5, 2025

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-153

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CME ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO MS4 ANNUAL SOTORMWATER REPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE MAP, AND WATERSHED INVENTORY REPORT

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that CME Associates is authorized to perform professional engineering services related to MS4 Annual Stormwater Report, Infrastructure map, and Watershed Inventory Report as outlined in the Borough Engineer's letter dated February 3, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$84,411.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in account 5-01-20-165-205.

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

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-154

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

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

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

SECTION 1.

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

Miscellaneous Revenues

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Public and Private Programs offset with appropriations:

Recycling Tonnage Grant	\$23,173.20
Recycling Enhancement Grant	\$ 5,780.25
State of NJ Department of Community Affairs:	
2025 Local Recreation Improvement Grant	\$ 89,000.00

SECTION 2.

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

Operation: Excluded from Cap
Public and Private Programs offset by revenues

Recycling Tonnage Grant	\$23,173.20
Recycling Enhancement Grant	\$ 5,780.25
State of NJ Department of Community Affairs:	
2025 Local Recreation Improvement Grant	\$ 89,000.00

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-155
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF THE SOUTH RIVER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor of the Borough of South River, with the advice and consent of the Council of South River, do hereby appoint the following as members of the South River Free Public Library Board of Trustees:

Nicole Hustik	5/5/2025 – 12/31/2026
Julie Meira, Mayors Alternate	5/5/2025 - 12/31/2027

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-156
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF CLASS I SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor of the Borough of South River, with the advice and consent of the Council of South River, do hereby appoint the following as Special Law Enforcement Officers Class I (SLEO I) for the term of May 6, 2025 to December 31, 2025:

Lizabeth Martinez-Marinez
Brianna N. Ochoa
Vaughn P. Williams

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-157
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC ONLINE AUCTION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council are desirous of selling said surplus property in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

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

(1) The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through Municibid pursuant to State Contract 19-GNSV-00696 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the

agreement entered into with Municibid is available online at municibid.com and also available from the Borough Clerk.

(2) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is www.municibid.com.

(3) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2019-15.

(4) A list of the surplus property to be sold is as follows: *As per Schedule "A" attached to this resolution.*

(5) The surplus property shall be sold in an "as is" condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.

(6) The Borough of South River reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(5)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Municibid
2. Joseph Zanga, Chief Financial Officer
3. Arthur Londensky, Borough Administrator

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

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on May 5, 2025

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-158

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYEES AS SUMMER HELP TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following to the part-time positions of summer help in the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$18.00/per hour;

Alfurquan Maing – Start Date 5/6/25
Tyler Styles – Start Date 5/6/25
Matthew Marchesi – Start Date 5/12/25
John Imbriano – Start Date 5/12/25

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-159

RESOLUTION OF LOCAL SUPPORT FOR SUITABILITY OF CANNABIS BUSINESS TO FOUR80 DISPENSARY, LLC

WHEREAS, operators of a proposed cannabis business are required to demonstrate local support for the suitability and appropriateness of its business location from a municipality pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-5.1(g) and/or pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 24:6I-7.2(4); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:30-5.1, the Borough of South River has adopted Ordinance No. 2021-08 creating Chapter 120 as amended, to license and regulate cannabis businesses and Ordinance No. 2021-07 amending Chapter 350 and Ordinance 2025-04 amending Chapter 350 to authorize certain marketplace classes of licensed cannabis businesses in designated zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, Four80 Dispensary, LLC, has sought such a resolution of support to apply for a State license to operate a licensed Cannabis Class 5 Retail facility at the address 77 Water Street, South River, NJ 08882; and

WHEREAS, the applicant's location is in an appropriate location as set forth in Ordinance 2025-04 for a Retail Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed and considered the request of Four80 Dispensary, LLC to conduct the cannabis business at the location described above; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that it has authorized the type of cannabis business license being sought by the License-Applicant to operate within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined the proposed location is suitable and appropriate for the proposed activity related to the operations of the proposed cannabis business to be conducted; and

WHEREAS, to the extent the Borough has imposed a limit on the number of licensed cannabis businesses within its jurisdiction, the issuance of a license to the License-Applicant by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission would not exceed that limit as of the date of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to authorize the issuance of the resolution of local support for Four80 Dispensary, LLC, for a Class 5 Retail facility at the location proposed herein.

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

1. That the governing body does hereby authorize the issuance of this resolution of local support for Four80 Dispensary, LLC, for the purposes described herein.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Municipal Clerk to the applicant, Four80 Dispensary, LLC, and the State of New Jersey.

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-160
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

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

Robyn Prasek, Alt 1

Term: 5/5/2025 – 12/31/2025

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

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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-161

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF POLICE DISPATCH FURNITURE THROUGH OMNIA PARTNERS NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is authorized, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2, to make purchases and contract for services with a national recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit within the State of New Jersey, or within any other state, when available; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has the need to purchase dispatch furniture for the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the Chief of Police that it would be advantageous to the Borough to secure this purchase from Watson Furniture Group (Watson Consoles) through contract #07-129 awarded by OMNIA Partners National Cooperative Purchasing Program ("OMNIA"); and

WHEREAS, it is the governing body's desire to purchase dispatch furniture for the Police Department from OMNIA's authorized vendor in the amount of \$54,509.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has advised that funds are available for this purchase in accounts C-06-22-009-101 and C-06-23-020-102; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to purchase dispatch furniture through OMNIA Contract #07-129 in the amount of \$54,509.00 as set forth in proposal dated April 9, 2025, from Watson Consoles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said resolution is now of record and on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and available for public inspection.

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-162
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN UTILITY REFUNDS

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

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

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

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CHECK</u>
65-999-003-081 CD	PAOLA ALZATE 15 HALSEY PLACE SPOTSWOOD, NJ 08884	\$154.50
65-999-007-318 CD	MARGARET CHESEK 40 THROCKMORTON AVE RED BANK, NJ 07701	\$61.90
65-999-006-013 CD	JESSE, NEUZA & ANA CLARA DACOSTA 74 JACKSON ST APT B SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$136.86
65-999-000-920 CD	CESAR DOMINGUEZ 22 WILCOX AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$76.14
65-999-862-775 CD	JUSTINE DRILL PO BOX 896 OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857	\$153.76
65-999-008-652 CD	CHRISTIAN ELETO 6 ANDERSON ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$143.82
65-999-009-020 CD	VICTORIAN MARIDALIA HERRERA 15 HOPE DR 2 ND FLR SAYREVILLE, NJ 08872	\$135.93
65-999-006-099 CD	ASEL KALMURZAEVA BAKYT UMETOV 7238 NEW HARMONY WAY INMAN, SC 29349	\$100.94
65-999-008-745 CD	VALENTINE LAPCHINE	\$200.00
65-999-008-745 ELEC CURRENT	20 WOJIE WAY APT 310 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$35.11

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65-999-008-810	CD	JESSICA POVEROMO 2220 GREENWICH ST PHILADELPHIA, PA 19146	\$ 95.70
65-999-009-346	CD	YULIANA SENYK 3214 WELLS DR PARLIN, NJ 08859	\$141.87
65-999-006-652	CD	SUSAN SPENCER 4 CIVIC CENTER DR APT 2 EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816	\$25.33
65-999-003-918	ELEC CURRENT	REGINA STRENGER 943 VILLAGE DR W APT A NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ 08902	\$20.77
65-999-007-326	CD	MICHAEL TEATOR 593 JOSLEN BLVD HUDSON, NY 12534	\$146.10
65-999-912-066	CD	ROBERT ZYGMUND 340 WHITEHEAD AVE APT 114 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$131.61

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

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on May 5, 2025.

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-163

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, Resolution 2025-145 was adopted on April 7, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, the governing body wishes to amend the Office of Emergency Management appointments that were adopted in Resolution 2025-145.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Office of Emergency Management for a term beginning January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2027:

1. Joseph Szebenyi, *Office of Emergency Management Coordinator*
2. Mark Tinitigan, *Deputy Office of Emergency Management Coordinator*
3. Peter Swecanski, *Deputy Office of Emergency Management Coordinator*
4. Thomas Droppa, *Assistant*
5. Adam Dehanes, *Assistant*

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

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-164
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the April 7th, 2025, Regular and Executive Session Minutes are approved.

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

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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-165
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS LIST

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey that all bills, claims and statements against the Borough, in the total amount of \$3,160,574.65 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$3,055,271.44 listing attached, have been duly itemized, audited, approved and signed by the proper officers of the Borough, be and the same are hereby ordered paid.

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

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-166

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor of the Borough of South River, with the advice and consent of the Council of South River, do hereby appoint the following member to the Economic Development Commission:

Robert Brown

Term: 5/5/2025 – 12/31/2028

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

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-167

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SOCKLER REALTY SERVICES GROUP, INC FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists a need for appraisal services related to Borough Tax Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has solicited a proposal for such services; and

WHEREAS, Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc. has submitted an advantageous proposal in accordance with the Borough request; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to award a contract to Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc. for appraisal services related to Borough tax appeals in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, authorizes the award of contracts for "Professional Services" and requires that the resolution and contract be made available for public inspection.

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

1. That the governing body does hereby award a contract for appraisal services related to Borough tax appeals to Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to, respectively, a contract with Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc. in a form acceptable to the Borough Attorney.
3. That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts law because it is for services to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. That a notice of this action shall be printed in the official newspaper as required by law.
5. That a Certificate of Availability of Funds is attached hereto and incorporated herein. The following are the line item appropriations or ordinances which constitute the availability of funds for this contract: 5-01-20-150-205.
6. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Chief Finance Officer, Borough Tax Assessor, and Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			

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Council President Ciulla		X	X			
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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on May 5, 2025.

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

****Councilman Gurchensky abstained from voting on resolution 2025-159.**

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

Councilman DeSantis

- Speaks on electric utility issues.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Thank you for all the prayers for sisters passing.

Councilman Gurchensky

- Thank you to all public safety officers.
- Happy Mother's Day.
- Happy Memorial Day.

Councilman Dziemian

- Speaks on the passing of a lifelong resident of South River.
- The next free concert is on 6/1 at 2 pm.
- Happy Mother's Day.

Councilman Giannakopoulos

- Happy Mother's Day.
- The Memorial Day parade will be on 5/26.

Council President Ciulla

- Condolences to Donna for the passing of her sister.
- Happy Mother's Day.
- Happy Memorial Day.
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Mayor Guindi

- Speaks on the grants South River has received for parks.
- Thank you to DPW, Fire, Police, and OEM for their assistance with the power outage.
- Makes a comment regarding Frost on the Pumpkin.
- Happy Memorial Day.
- Happy Mother's Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2025-168 **WHEREAS**, Section 8 of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 permits the exclusion of the general public from a meeting of the Governing Body under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River are of the opinion such circumstances presently exist.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex of the State of New Jersey, that the public be excluded upon the hereinafter specific subject matter and that such subject matter to be so discussed is as follows:

- Property Acquisition
- Contract Negotiations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such record of the above discussion will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required. The Borough Council of the Borough of South River may or may not take formal action at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Adjourn to Executive Session at 7:46 pm

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

Reconvene to Public Session at 8:20 pm

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

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Mayor Guindi requested motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Balazs motioned to adjourn; seconded by Council President Ciulla. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Hager

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Borough Clerk