REGULAR AGENDA
FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN,
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 46 MAIN STREET
FRANKLIN, NEW JERSEY AT 7:00 P.M. ON
NOVEMBER 24, 2026

A. **Mayor Sowden** will call the meeting to order; Clerk will call the roll.

B. **Mayor Sowden** will invite all present to salute the flag.

C. **Mayor Sowden** will state that "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et sequentes. It has been properly advertised by posting in Borough Hall, and posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."

D. PRESENTATIONS
Van Cleef Engineering MS4 Tier A Permit Watershed Improvement Plan Public Information Session.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Mayor Sowden** will allow each member of the Council, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, and Borough Attorney to present their respective committee report.

Mayor Sowden will offer the Mayor's Report.

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

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

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

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

H. OLD BUSINESS:

I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the Minutes for the regular meeting and executive session minutes for November 10, 2026. (Absent: None)

2. Resolution 2026-108 authorizing the hiring of Joseph Luppino as Certified Finance Officer (CFO) on a permanent basis up to 29 hours per week at the rate of $70,000 per year effective December 1, 2026 as recommended by the Administrator and Personnel Committee.

3. Resolution 2026-109 to approve the Governor's Council on alcoholism and drug abuse fiscal grant cycle FY2028.

4. Resolution 2026-110 authorizing the execution of a shared services agreement between the Township of Vernon and the Borough of

Franklin for animal control services for the period January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2031.

5. Resolution 2026-111 authorizing refund due to overpayment on Block 1101 Lot 132 Qualifier C0313 due to disabled veteran exemption.

6. Adoption of Ordinance 12-2026 entitled "CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO FIRE ENGINE PUMPER #263, IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING $13,000.00 THEREFOR FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND."

   PRIOR TO FINAL ROLL CALL MAYOR SOWDEN WILL REQUEST A MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR ORDINANCE 12-2026.

7. Adoption of Ordinance 13-2026 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 259-2, PARKING."

   PRIOR TO FINAL ROLL CALL MAYOR SOWDEN WILL REQUEST A MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR ORDINANCE 13-2026.

8. Introduction of Ordinance 14-2026 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 12-2024, ORDINANCE NO. 05-2025 AND ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026."

   PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 15, 2026

9. Approval of Junior Membership Application to approve the application for junior membership of Aiden Herrera as member to the Franklin Fire Department as endorsed by Corey Houghtaling, Franklin Fire Department Chief.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IF REQUESTED

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

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

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

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

Be further advised this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
HELD AT THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
46 MAIN STREET, FRANKLIN, NJ
NOVEMBER 10, 2026

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

Absent: None

Mayor Sowden led the assembly in the flag salute.

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

PRESENTATIONS
Tammy Horsefield stepped forward. Ms. Horsefield gave a Rails to Trails update throughout Sussex County. The chamber is in the process of gathering information for a new trail map that includes all county and municipal trails and will need help with it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Mr. Limon had nothing to report.

Mrs. Carnes commented the laundromat on Main Street will be opening soon. There will be an EDC meeting in January.

Mr. Snyder had nothing to report.

Mrs. Heath commented the food truck festival was a success. November 14th is a vendor fair at the Franklin Fire House from 10am to 3pm. Christmas tree lighting December 5th at 5:00pm with Santa for pictures. Operation toy train stopping on Junction St. December 12th between 4:35pm and 4:50pm. May 30, 2027 Mets/Yankees game. After a careful audit the correct funds allocated to recreation Carnival trust account.

Mr. Skellenger commented there is a personnel meeting after council meeting.

Mr. Formica commented Christmas lights came in and picnic tables arrived and will be assembled. We have also had a lot of brown water being reported throughout town so he wanted to see if the water department could do a flush on that.

Mr. Spidaletto commented Safe Routes to School grant first stage is due November 13th; getting information together. The guide rails Resolution #2026-101 that was passed at the last meeting had clerical error with name of company doing work and will need a motion to change Resolution #2026-101 from Road Safety Systems to ML Ruberton.

Mr. Ursin commented that this is just a clerical correction; it's the same vendor through the Morris County Co-op.

Mrs. Heath made a motion to approve the name change on the Resolution 2026-101. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mrs. Little commented Rabies Clinic Saturday, November 7th, vaccinated a total of 83 pets.

Mr. Ursin commented that a closed session was held at 6:30pm to discuss attorney client advice on a contract matter.

Mayor Sowden commented wants to review the area where Santa is coming and try to clear it a little more and open it up so more cars can park in the area.

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

Joanne Tatka stepped forward. Ms. Tatka commented about another town passing an ordinance for a data center, the $13,000 repair on engine 263 and asked what happened to the truck.

Mr. Skellenger commented that it was a pump issue.

Ms. Tatka commented on the 15-ton trailer at road department and what will be hauled on it.

Ward Dunnican stepped forward. Mr. Dunnican commented on composition of street and happy the parking situation was looked at. Mr. Dunnican thanked the council for the 9/11 ceremony.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):
1. Township of Fredon resolution calling upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Department of Education to review the state school funding formula and the allocation of State aid to districts reporting substantial excess surplus.
2. Borough of Hamburg resolution authorizing execution of formal communication to the Sussex County Board of County Commissioners and the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority regarding proposed $100 million Upper Wallkill Facility Rehabilitation project.
3. Borough of Hamburg Ordinance amending chapter 215 – Zoning Ordinance – of the general code of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey to prohibit data centers within all zones in the Borough of Hamburg.
4. SCMUA proposed rate schedule fiscal year 2027

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):
1. Water/Sewer Division Report – October 2026
2. Permit Summary Report – October 2026
3. Permit List – October 2026
4. COH Report – October 2026
5. Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning & Planning Secretary Report – October 2026

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):
1. None filed.

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):
1. Payment of bills for the meeting of November 10, 2026.

Mrs. Heath made a motion to approve the consent agenda of November 10, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder
Nays: Formica Absent: None Abstentions: Carnes

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Formica made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for October 27, 2026. (Absent: Heath, Snyder) Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Limon, Skellenger
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Heath, Snyder

Resolution 2026-102

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-102 approving the Franklin Fire Department Coin Toss Fundraisers for the year 2027. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Skellenger, Snyder
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Limon

Resolution 2026-103

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-103 authorizing a refund to Elizabethtown Gas for a road opening permit application fee in the amount of $150.00. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-104

Mrs. Heath made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-104 authorizing the person-to-person transfer of liquor license 1906-33-008-010 issued to Stone Hill Recreation SPE LLC to CSR OpCo LLC for premises located at Route 23N, Franklin. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-105

Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-105 authorizing a disabled veteran exemption on block 1101 lot 132 qual C0313. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-106

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-106 to approve a budget transfer in the amount of $73,190.00. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-107

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-107 to support the submission of a grant application for the New Jersey Department of Transportation safe routes to school program. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Introduction of Ordinance 12-2026
Mrs. Carnes made a motion to introduce Ordinance 12-2026 entitled "CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO FIRE ENGINE PUMPER #263, IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING $13,000.00 THEREFOR FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND." Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Mayor Sowden announced that the public hearing will be held on November 24, 2026.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Skellenger, Snyder
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Limon

Introduction of Ordinance 13-2026
Mr. Limon made a motion to introduce Ordinance 13-2026 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 259-2, PARKING." Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Mayor Sowden announced that the public hearing will be held on November 24, 2026.

Mrs. Carnes commented about the weights and types of vehicles and how it impacts the parking.

Mr. Spidaletto commented that the purpose of this ordinance is to prevent long term parking for vehicles over a weight limit.

Mrs. Carnes commented that the way the ordinance reads it reads as if except for a delivery truck no one falling into this could be parked there at all.

Mr. Spidaletto commented that this ordinance was written only for long term parking; any deliveries or any like that were excluded.

Mr. Ursin commented that there is no exclusion currently for contractor vehicle; if that is the council's view point, we can certainly add that now.

Mr. Formica commented that this did not come to the ordinance committee.

Mr. Ursin commented someone can make a motion to amend the Ordinance to add that if a contractor is working on a residential home they are able to park on the street while actively performing work.

Mrs. Heath made a motion to amend Ordinance 13-2026 to add would not apply to 1. Commercial vehicles parked temporarily on a residential street while actively making deliveries or 2. Contractor vehicles actively performing work at a residence. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Upon roll call vote to amend:
Ayes: Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder
Nays: Carnes, Formica Absent: None Abstentions: None

Upon roll call vote to introduce as amended:
Ayes: Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder
Nays: Carnes, Formica None Absent: None Abstentions: None

DPW Salary Step Increase
Mr. Limon made a motion to approve a DPW salary step increase for Matthew Kuperus to Grade Step 10 $35.18 per hour as per the DPW contract, effective October 31, 2026 as recommended by Jesse Bogart, Road Division Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Water/Sewer Connection Application
Mrs. Heath made a motion to approve the water/sewer connection application submitted by Jana Adams for 2 EDU's for water and 2 EDU's for sewer residential dwelling at 174-176 Main Street contingent upon receipt of associated connection fees, all directives followed as per Utility Engineer, Michael Vreeland and his final review. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Mr. Ursin commented that a closed session was held at 6:30pm to discuss attorney client advice on a contract matter.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS
Mr. Skellenger commented on refunding Elizabethtown Gas the $150.00.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50p.m., seconded by Mrs. Heath.
All were in favor.

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John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

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Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex
Resolution #2026-108

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A
CERTIFIED FINANCE OFFICER (CFO)

WHEREAS, Franklin Borough is a municipal employer with part time and full time staff; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council and Mayor anticipate a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer as a result of a retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and Personnel Committee recommends hiring Joseph Luppino on a permanent basis up to 29 hours per week at the rate of $70,000 per year for the position of CFO effective December 1, 2026; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin that the Administrator is authorized to have Joseph Luppino fill the position as CFO at the rate of $70,000 per year, up to 29 hours per week, effective December 1, 2026.

CERTIFICATION: I, Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting of said Governing Body held on November 24, 2026.

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Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

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

NOT YET APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex
Resolution #2026-109

Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD)
Alliance to Prevent Substance Use Disorder

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Substance Use Disorder in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent substance use disorder in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey recognizes that substance use disorder is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent substance use disorder in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder through the County of Sussex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Wallkill Valley Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2028 in the amount of:
   GCSUD Grant $5752.00
   Cash Match $1438.00
   In-Kind $4314.00
2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: _____
John M. Sowden, IV, Mayor

CERTIFICATION: I, Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting held on November 24, 2026.

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Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

NOT YET APPROVED BY COUNCIL

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

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex
Resolution #2026-110

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEEMNT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN AND THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2027-DECEMBER 31, 2031

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin has requested that the Township of Vernon ("Township") provide animal control services whenever there is a need for an animal control officer in the Borough of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, the request has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate Borough officials; and

WHEREAS, the Township is willing to provided animal control services to the Borough of Franklin and this is deemed in the best interest of Borough of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, such agreements are authorized pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, a shared services agreement has been negotiated by and between both parties and that establishes the terms and conditions thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough Franklin as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute the attached shared services agreement between the Township of Vernon and the Borough of Franklin for animal control services.
2. A copy of said agreement will be attached to this resolution and held on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.
3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Vernon.

CERTIFICATION: I, Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting held on November 18, 2026.

NOT YET APPROVED BY COUNCIL

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Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

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

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex
Resolution #2026-111

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND DUE TO OVERPAYMENT ON BLOCK 1101 LOT 132 QUAL C0313 DUE TO DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, The Department of Veteran Affairs determined that Jon Morelock at 29 Constitution Way, Block 1101, Lot 132, Qual C0313 had a service connected disability that was totally disabling.

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has received a Claim for property tax exemption on dwelling house of Disabled Veteran, which was approved by the Tax Assessor.

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A.54: 4-3.30et seq, Jon Morelock is entitled to a tax exemption on the property located at 29 Constitution Way from September 8th, 2026, the date of application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: the cancellation of taxes from date of approval has created an overpayment in taxes paid by Corelogic/Cotality for the 4th quarter of 2026, therefore the Tax Collector is authorized to refund Corelogic/Cotality in the amount of $2,191.68.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION: I, Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting held on November 24, 2026.

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Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

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

DRAFT YET TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL

BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2026

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO FIRE ENGINE PUMPER #263, IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING $13,000.00 THEREFOR FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"), needed emergency repairs to fire engine pumper #263, and

WHEREAS, the cost of a portion of said improvements or purposes is $13,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of $13,000.00 from the general capital improvement fund for emergency repair purposes,

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

SECTION 1. The capital improvement described below is hereby authorized as the emergency repairs to fire engine pumper #263 be undertaken by the Borough. For the said improvements or purposes, there is hereby appropriated the amount of $13,000.00 from the general capital improvement fund for these emergency repairs.

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

NOT YET APPROVED BY COUNCIL

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Franklin held on November 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on November 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Borough Council may hear this

Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 46 Main Street, Franklin, New Jersey 07416, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Colleen L. Little
Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING
DATED: November 10, 2026

Colleen L. Little,
Clerk of the Borough of Franklin

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING
DATED:

Colleen L. Little,
Clerk of the Borough of Franklin

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

JOHN M. SOWDEN, IV, Mayor

NOT YET APPROVED BY COUNCIL

BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2026

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

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

NOT YET APPROVED BY COUNCIL

BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NO. 13 - 2026

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

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey that the Code of the Borough of Franklin, Chapter 259, Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Parking, is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION I.

Chapter 259-2, Parking, is hereby amended to establish Subsection (H), which shall read as follows:

No vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of ten (10) tons or more, including, but not limited to commercial trucks, buses of any kind, recreational vehicles, campers, boats, or trailers, may be parked on any street within a designated residential zoning district. This subsection shall not apply to (1) commercial vehicles parked temporarily on a residential street while actively making deliveries or (2) contractor vehicles while actively performing work at a residence.

SECTION II

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

SECTION III

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

SECTION IV

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

NOT YET APPROVED BY COUNCIL

ATTEST: **BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN**

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Colleen Little, CLERK BY: John Sowden, MAYOR

DATED:

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Franklin held on November 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on November 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Borough Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 46 Main Street, Franklin, New Jersey 07416, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

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Colleen Little
Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Colleen Little, Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, do hereby certify that the Borough of Franklin Council duly adopted the foregoing Ordinance on the 24th day of November, 2026.

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Colleen Little, Clerk
Borough of Franklin

John Sowden, Mayor

Introduced: November 10, 2026

Adopted:

NOT YET APPROVED BY COUNCIL

BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NO. 13 - 2026

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

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES-SECOND READING					Move	2nd
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT		
PATRICIA CARNES COUNCIL PRESIDENT						
CONCETTO FORMICA						
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BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NO. 14 - 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 12-2024, ORDINANCE NO. 05-2025, AND ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026

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

SECTION I.

Ordinance No. 12-2024 is hereby repealed in its entirety and shall be void and of no legal effect.

SECTION II

Ordinance No. 05-2025 is hereby repealed in its entirety and shall be void and of no legal effect.

SECTION III

Ordinance No. 05-2026 is hereby repealed in its entirety and shall be void and of no legal effect.

SECTION IV

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

SECTION V

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

SECTION VI

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

NOT YET APPROVED BY COUNCIL

ATTEST: **BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN**

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Colleen Little, CLERK BY: John Sowden, MAYOR

DATED:

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Franklin held on November 24, at 7:00 p.m. and ordered published in accordance with applicable law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on December 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Borough Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 46 Main Street, Franklin, New Jersey 07416, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

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Colleen Little
Municipal Clerk

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Colleen Little, Clerk
Borough of Franklin

John Sowden, Mayor

Introduced:

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