



Borough of Middlesex
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
~ Agenda ~

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Tuesday, March 11, 2025

7:00 PM

Municipal Building

- I. MAYOR'S STATEMENT:** Under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting was given by way of an annual meeting notice to the Star Ledger, Courier News and Home News, and posted at Borough Hall.
- II. SALUTE TO FLAG**
- III. ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Mayor Jack Mikolajczyk	☐	☐	☐	
Council President Michael Conahan	☐	☐	☐	
Councilman Jeremiah Carnes	☐	☐	☐	
Councilman Joseph DeScenza	☐	☐	☐	
Councilman Robert Dessino	☐	☐	☐	
Councilman Kevin Dotey	☐	☐	☐	
Councilman Kenneth Griggs	☐	☐	☐	
Administrator Michael La Place	☐	☐	☐	
Borough Attorney Christopher Corsini	☐	☐	☐	

- IV. PRESENTATIONS**
- V. APPOINTMENTS**
- VI. PROCLAMATIONS**
- VII. ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION**

- 1. **Ordinance 2146-25** ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

VIII. ORDINANCE(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

- 1. **Ordinance 2143-25** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 62, MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
- 2. **Ordinance 2144-25** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 420-7 AND 420-59 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CONTRACTOR STORAGE YARDS

3. **Ordinance 2145-25** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 (CULTURE AND ARTS COMMITTEE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO INCLUDE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

IX. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the February 25, 2025 Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council President Conahan
2. Councilman Carnes
3. Councilman DeScenza
4. Councilman Dessino
5. Councilman Dotey
6. Councilman Griggs

XII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

XIII. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

During the conduct of the meeting, unless a Public Hearing is held or the Regular Order of Business is waived, the audience does not participate. A Public Portion is held at the end of the meeting. Individuals commenting from the audience will be provided an opportunity to address the Council but will not be permitted to speak again until everyone has had an opportunity to speak. If a group is represented by an attorney, the attorney will be given an opportunity to speak on behalf of all of the members of the group. The Council, pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Council will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all individual complaints to the Mayor or appropriate Borough representative for resolution.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS: Matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been referred to members of the Borough Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council action. The Resolutions listed below were submitted to the Borough Council for review and will be adopted by one motion.

1. **Resolution 83-2025** Acceptance of Standing Reports
2. **Resolution 84-2025** Reimbursement of Dog License Fee in the Amount of \$10.00 to Christopher Filik Due to Insufficient Rabies Vaccination
3. **Resolution 85-2025** Approval to Close Legion Place for the Recreation Department to Hold a Bunny Hop on March 29, 2025 From 9am - 1pm
4. **Resolution 86-2025** Authorizing the Purchase of Safety Gear and Clothing for the Fire Department Under NJ State Contract #17-fleet-00810

5. **Resolution 87-2025** Approving the Purchase of a Large Frame Tent from American Tent in the amount of \$10,621.49
6. **Resolution 88-2025** Authorizing a Tax Title Lien Redemption for Block 300 Lot 5
7. **Resolution 89-2025** Approval to Advance Police Officer Daniel Gurell to Police Officer Class "H" at an Annual Salary of \$69,130 Effective February 24, 2025
8. **Resolution 90-2025** Hiring of Mayensi Recinos of Dunellen, NJ as the Administrative Assistant for the Clerk's Office at an Annual Salary of \$50,000.00, Effective March 31, 2025, Pending a Satisfactory Physical and Background Check
9. **Resolution 91-2025** Hiring Timothy Kiniery as the Part Time Electrical Sub-Code Official at a salary of \$18,200 for 7 hours per week for 2025

XV. NON-CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS: Matters listed within the Non-Consent Agenda will be individually addressed and acted upon accordingly. Council reserves the right to refer an item to Committee for further review and discussion. The Resolutions listed below were submitted to the Borough Council for review and will be adopted individually by motion.

1. **Resolution 92-2025** Pay All Claims

XVI. AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEM

1. Environmental Commission Recommended Ordinance Regarding Invasive Plants
2. Emergency Services Volunteer Fee Waiver

XVII. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR ON AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEMS

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XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Resolution 93-2025** Executive Session
Contract Negotiations - Rescue Squad

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

1. The next Regular Meeting will be March 25, 2025

ORDINANCE #2146-25**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2025 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$171,930.66 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2025 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Middlesex shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40 A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$601,757.31 and that the CY 2025 municipal budget for the Borough of Middlesex be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years: and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

I Hereby Certify that the above Ordinance was introduced by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on 03/11/2025.

INTRODUCED: 03/11/2025

DATE OF PUBLICATION:
OF INTRODUCTION March 14, 2025

ORDINANCE #2143-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 62, MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

WHEREAS, the by-laws of the Middlesex Borough Municipal Alliance are found in Chapter 62 of the Borough's municipal code; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex seeks, in consultation with the Municipal Alliance, to make amendments to this chapter to clarify certain provisions;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that Chapter 62 (Bylaws of the Municipal Alliance) of the Municipal Code of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey shall be amended as follows:

SECTION I.

Section 62 is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

62-1 Name.

The name of this organization shall be the "Middlesex Borough Municipal Alliance ~~Committee~~."

62-2 Authorization.

As authorized by the governing body of the Borough of Middlesex through a resolution, this group shall serve as the Alliance of the above said municipality in accord with P.L. 1989, c. 51.

62-3 Purpose ~~and function~~.

~~In accord with P.L. 1989, c. 51 (N.J.S.A. 26:2BB-8), the Middlesex Borough Municipal Alliance Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse's purpose is:~~ **In accord with the above authorization, the purpose of the Alliance is:**

A. ~~To organize and coordinate efforts involving school, law enforcement, business and community groups for the purpose of reducing alcoholism, drug abuse~~ **substance use** and crime.

B. ~~To develop comprehensive alcoholism and drug abuse~~ **substance use** education, outreach and support efforts for parents.

C. ~~To develop a comprehensive alcoholism and drug abuse~~ **substance use** community awareness program.

~~D. To develop a community watch program.~~

~~E. To develop and submit a plan for the expenditure of funds derived from the Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:35-15.~~

62-4 Membership.

Membership on the Municipal Alliance Committee shall be appointed by the ~~Municipal Alliance Chairperson~~ **Mayor and Council** and shall include but not necessarily be limited to representatives of the following groups:

~~A. Membership:~~

- ~~(1) Council member.~~
- ~~(2) Police officer.~~
- ~~(3) Municipal employee.~~
- ~~(4) Representative of local religious groups.~~
- ~~(5) Youth representative.~~
- ~~(6) At least two residents of the Borough of Middlesex.~~

~~B. Requirements.~~

- ~~(1) Members shall be legal residents within Middlesex Borough.~~
- ~~(2) A quorum of 8 is necessary to conduct an Alliance meeting. The majority of the quorum is required for a decision making vote.~~
- ~~(3) Any member employed by or on the governing board of an agency which has an interest or may potentially profit from a particular municipal plan shall advise the Alliance Committee of such interest and may refrain from voting on that individual municipal plan.~~

A. Mayor and/or Governing Body

B. Chief of police (or designee) and other law enforcement agencies

C. School district administrative staff and/or school board member

D. Youth representatives

E. Student Assistance Coordinator or other student support services staff member

F. Representative of Parent-Teacher Association or Home School Association

G. Parents and/or guardians

H. Representatives of local faith based organizations

I. Individuals who have been affected by substance use disorder, including have been affected by their own or family members use or addictions

J. Private citizens with interest in issues concerning alcohol, substance use, addiction, and juvenile delinquency

K. Representatives of local civic or volunteer groups

L. Representative from Youth Services Organizations

M. Representative of the Chamber of Commerce or local business

N. Older Adult Representatives

O. Health and Human Services agencies/professionals; especially health care professionals including pharmacists, physicians, or therapists

P. Representatives of public and private organizations involved in the prevention and treatment of substance use and/or the regional coalition

Q. Representatives of the local communications media or public relations

62-5 Functions.

The functions of the Municipal Alliance Committee shall be:

- A. To create a network of community leaders, private citizens, and representatives from public and private human service agencies who are dedicated to promoting and supporting alcohol and other drug and crime prevention and education programs.
- B. To conduct an assessment of community-wide needs pertaining to alcohol and other drug abuse issues.

- C. To identify existing efforts and services acting to reduce alcohol and other drug abuse.
- D. To assist in the development of programs at the municipal level that accomplish the purposes of the Alliance efforts.
- E. To assist the municipality in acquiring funds for Alliance programs.
- F. To cooperate with the Governor's Council on ~~Alcoholism and Drug Abuse~~ **Substance Use Disorder**, as well as the County **Municipal** Alliance Committee, to provide data, reports, or other information that may be needed to assist in the Alliance effort.

62-6 Meetings.

Meetings shall be held as the schedule is adopted at the last meeting of the calendar year, each year, which will include the time and place of the meeting. ~~A quorum shall consist of 1/3 (eight members) of its current membership. All meetings shall be open to the public and conducted in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.[1] All official actions shall be in the form of motions, duly seconded, and carried by a majority of the membership present, provided a quorum is present. Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed, unless herein modified, regarding all meetings.~~

62-7 Funding.

The Alliance shall develop a comprehensive plan to provide matching funds at least equivalent to the amount of monies received from ~~DEDR~~ **GCSUD Grant** funds. These matching funds shall be a minimum of 25% cash and **75%** in-kind ~~services~~. All decisions of the **MAGADA Municipal Alliance Program** involving the use and expenditure of funds require a vote of a simple majority of members of the Alliance.

62-8 Voting procedures and adoption.

All decisions require a quorum to be present, a quorum being defined herein as at least ~~1/3~~, **one third (1/3)**, eight members, of the appointment membership. Each appointed member of the Alliance shall have one vote.

62-9 Conflicts of interest.

~~A. A conflict of interest may exist if a MAC member can reasonably expect that his or her conduct will directly result in a financial benefit to himself or herself, his or her family members, his or her business associates, his or her employers, or to businesses that the member represents. In a situation where a conflict of interest may exist, the MAC member must recuse himself or herself. All Municipal Alliance Committees must have their members sign conflict of interest statements annually, to be made available for review by the county and/or GCADA.~~
GCSUD (see the County Alliance Coordinator for a sample conflict of interest statement).

~~B. "Recusal" means that the individual is not participating in deliberations or debates, making recommendations, giving advice, considering findings, voting or in any other way assuming responsibility for or participating in any aspect of the decision making regarding the matter where there are potential conflicts of interest.~~

~~C. Consultants or providers who are directly or indirectly involved in providing prevention services to the Municipal Alliance are subject to the recusal requirements.~~

62-10 Amendments; ~~mission statement~~.

~~A. All proposed amendments or proposed changes to the mission statement~~ **Bylaws** shall be

presented to the Alliance one month prior to the formal voting meeting. All decisions on amendments or changes to the ~~mission statement~~ **Bylaws** require a majority vote of the attending voting membership.

~~B.~~ The ~~mission statement~~ **Bylaws** were duly adopted with a majority vote and with the issuance of a Borough ~~resolution~~ **Ordinance**, dated March 13, 1990; ~~revised~~ and by Borough Resolution No. 50-13, dated January 22, 2013.

SECTION II.

All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION III.

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

SECTION IV.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law.

I Hereby Certify that the above Ordinance was introduced by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 25, 2025.

INTRODUCED: February 25, 2025

DATE OF PUBLICATION:
OF INTRODUCTION February 28, 2025

ORDINANCE #2144-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 420-7 AND 420-59 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CONTRACTOR STORAGE YARDS

WHEREAS, the existing Chapters 420-7 and 420-59 require amendment to function more effectively; and

WHEREAS, in consideration thereof, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex desires to amend Chapter 420-7 and 420-59 of the Municipal Code; and

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that Chapters 420-7 and 420-59 of the Municipal Code of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey titled "Registration, Landlord" is hereby amended pursuant to the provisions hereof:

Section I

Chapter 420-7 (Definitions) is amended to add the following definition:

CONTRACTOR STORAGE YARD

A secure, designated area used by contractors for the storage of tools, equipment, and materials required for construction or trade-related work. The yards should be organized in a way that all consumable materials are stored out of public view to maintain security and aesthetics. The site is not intended for the storage of heavy machinery or waste collected from job sites. The storage yard serves as a controlled environment for organizing and staging supplies before they are transported to job sites.

Section II

Chapter 420-59 (Conditional Uses) is amended to add the following:

- M. Contractor storage yards. Contractor storage yards shall be permitted in the IND and HI zones provided that:
 - (1) Only one contractor shall be permitted to occupy a yard at once.
 - (2) If a site abuts a residentially zoned property, the sites must be screened sufficiently as to block all contents of the yard from the residential use.
 - (3) The site and its operations must comply with all performance standards outlined within Chapter 420-60.
 - (4) No construction waste is permitted to be stored on the property unless it is in a dumpster that has been approved by the Joint Land Use Board.

- (5) Light vehicle maintenance is permitted only within the confines of a building designed for such use.
- (6) The yard may be used to store construction materials that are not hazardous or toxic, such as lumber, cement, pipes, or other non-perishable building materials. All stored materials must be neatly organized and shielded from public view.
- (7) Contractors may conduct light maintenance or minor repairs on tools or equipment that do not involve heavy machinery. This activity should be conducted in a manner that does not create any safety hazards or disturbance to the surrounding area such as inside an approved building design for such use.

Section III

All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section IV

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

Section V

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law but, in no event, less than 20 days after its final passage by the Borough Council and approval by the Mayor, where such approval is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b).

I Hereby Certify that the above Ordinance was introduced by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on 02-25-2025.

INTRODUCED: 02-25-2025

DATE OF PUBLICATION:
OF INTRODUCTION February 28, 2025

ORDINANCE #2145-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 (CULTURE AND ARTS COMMITTEE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX TO INCLUDE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex to amend Chapter 19 (Culture and Arts Committee) of the municipal code of the Borough of Middlesex to include the responsibilities currently apportioned to the Beautification Committee; and

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that Chapter 19 of the municipal code shall be amended as follows:

Section I:

Section 19-4 ("Organization") is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

- . The duties of the Committee shall consist of engaging and encouraging cultural historic and artistic engagement, events and all related activities. These duties may include, but shall not be limited to, the advancement of the following:
 - (1) Visual arts, including, but not limited to, sculpture, painting, drawing, architectural design, photography, motion pictures, and television.
 - (2) Literary arts, including, but not limited to, the writing of prose, poetry, drama and choreography.
 - (3) Performing arts, including, but not limited to, music, dance, poetry-reading, and theater.
 - (4) The collection and display of art objects.
 - (5) Other activities which the Committee defines as advancing the creativity or culture in the Borough of Middlesex.
 - (6) Other activities that enhance the beautification and overall visual appearance of our community through programing to encourage property upkeep and community involvement, through activities included but not limited to "Home of the Month" program, "Holiday Homes" program, "Summer Flower" program, the "Hometown Heroes Banner Program," and the coordination with the Borough Administrator for activities allowing the decoration of Borough property for holidays and other appropriate purposes.
- B. The Committee shall advise the Mayor and the Borough Council on ways and means for the encouragement of creative talent within the Borough of Middlesex, and for the

recognition of persons who have made outstanding contributions to the development, expansion, or preservation of culture and history in Middlesex, whether such person is or is not an artist.

- C. The Committee is encouraged to establish cooperative efforts to seek voluntary assistance from other sources of expertise consistent with its purpose, including an anticipated collaboration with the Middlesex Borough Department of Recreation.
- D. The Committee shall be authorized and encouraged to apply for and to accept grants and contributions under the auspices of and through the Borough of Middlesex from public and private sources to finance its initiatives. The Committee shall make no expenditure or commitment of Borough funds without the specific authorization of the Council, except that the Mayor, to the extent of staff availability, may authorize administrative staff support for grant applications and publicity. This includes but is not limited to matching funds for grants, donations, and the like.
- E. The Borough shall set up a dedication by rider account for the Committee to:
 - (1) Deposit monies obtained from donations, grants or from budget appropriations set annually by the Borough through the budgeting process, specifically for the Cultural and Arts Committee.
 - (2) Pay bills associated with events run by the Cultural and Arts Committee.
- F. All events and estimated expenditures must be approved by resolution of the governing body prior to the scheduling of any event.
- G. A financial report detailing year-to-date deposits and expenditures will be provided to the Committee Chairman prior to the first meeting of each month.
- H. The Committee shall comply with all requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and shall be required to record minutes of each meeting thereof, with said minutes to be transmitted to the Borough Council and the Department of Recreation within seven days of approval.

Section II:

The prior Borough Committee that was designated as the “Beautification Committee” is hereby incorporated into the Culture and Arts Committee under the terms hereof.

Section III

All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section IV

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

Section V

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law.

I Hereby Certify that the above Ordinance was introduced by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on 02/25/2025.

INTRODUCED: 02/25/2025

DATE OF PUBLICATION:
OF INTRODUCTION February 28, 2025

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #83-2025

ACCEPTANCE OF STANDING REPORTS

The Governing Body hereby accepts the following Reports itemized below:

- . Acceptance of the January, 2025 Court Report.
- . Acceptance of the February 2025 Fire Report.
- . Acceptance of the February 2025 Court Report.

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on March 11, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #84-2025

**REIMBURSEMENT OF DOG LICENSE FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10.00 TO
CHRISTOPHER FILIK DUE TO INSUFFICIENT RABIES VACCINATION**

The Governing Body hereby approves the reimbursement fee for Dog License in the amount of \$10.00 to Christopher Filik, 222 Fairview Ave, Middlesex, NJ due to insufficient rabies vaccination date.

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on March 11, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #85-2025

**APPROVAL TO CLOSE LEGION PLACE FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT
TO HOLD A BUNNY HOP ON MARCH 29, 2025 FROM 9AM - 1PM**

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department has requested to have a “Bunny Hop” on Legion Place on March 29, 2025 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, all the designated officials have given approval to close Legion Place for this Bunny Hop.

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

1. The Governing Body hereby grants approval to the Recreation Department to close Legion Place to conduct a “Bunny Hop” on March 29, 2025 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on March 11, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #86-2025

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SAFETY GEAR AND CLOTHING FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT UNDER NJ STATE CONTRACT #17-FLEET-00810

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to purchase Safety Gear and Clothing under the NJ State Contract #17-FLEET-00810 for the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Contracts Law, 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, Skylands Area Fire Equipment and Training, LLC is under the NJ State Contract #17-FLEET-000810 for equipment; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the purchase of Safety Gear and Clothing is \$109,228.24; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that the purchase of Safety Gear and Clothing under the NJ State Contract #17-FLEET-00810 be and is hereby approved.

The CFO hereby certifies that the funds in the amount not to exceed \$109,228.24 are available in the FY22 Assist to Firefighters Grant, Account Number G-02-25-526-000-101.

Caroline Benson, CFO

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on March 11, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #87-2025

APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A LARGE FRAME TENT FROM AMERICAN TENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,621.49

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Recreation Dept wishes to purchase a Large Frame Tent for various community activities; and

WHEREAS, two (2) quotes were received for the purchase of a 20x60 Large Frame Tent with Sides from the following vendors:

American Tent - \$10,621.49

OHenry Tents - \$11,429.14

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director and the Department of Public Works Supervisor recommend utilizing American Tent for this purchase in the amount of \$10,621.49; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that: based upon the recommendation of the Recreation Director and the Department of Public Works Supervisor, the governing body hereby approves utilizing American Tent for the purchase of the Large Frame Tent in the amount of \$10,621.49.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO hereby certifies that funds in an amount not to exceed \$10,621.49 are available from the 2021 Capital Budget, Account No. C-04-21-039-000-080.

Caroline Benson, CFO

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on March 11, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #88-2025

AUTHORIZING A TAX TITLE LIEN REDEMPTION FOR BLOCK 300 LOT 5

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-54, a lien has been redeemed by the owners or those persons having an interest, and the purchasers of said property are legally entitled to receive redemption funds in the following specific amounts, and;

WHEREAS, the interest and payments on the following Tax Title Lien Redemptions were calculated for March 11, 2025, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check to the lien holder in the following amount(s):

Date of Sale: 11/30/2022

Block/Lot: 300 / 5

Amount: \$1,689.94

Premium: \$2,100.00

Certificate: 21-00011

Payable To: Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank
P.O. Box 774
Fort Washington, PA 19034-0774

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on March 11, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #89-2025

**APPROVAL TO ADVANCE POLICE OFFICER DANIEL GURELL TO POLICE
OFFICER CLASS "H" AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$69,130 EFFECTIVE
FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

WHEREAS, Police Officer Daniel Gurell is eligible for advancement in grade pursuant to Article XV of the Police Department Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2025 Chief Geist recommended Police Officer Daniel Gurell be advanced in grade.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Police Officer Daniel Gurell be and is hereby advanced in grade to Patrolman Class "H" effective February 24, 2025 at an annual salary of \$69,130.

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on March 11, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #90-2025

HIRING OF MAYENSI RECINOS OF DUNELLEN, NJ AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$50,000.00, EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2025, PENDING A SATISFACTORY PHYSICAL AND BACKGROUND CHECK

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby approves the hiring of Mayensi Recinos of Dunellen, NJ, as the Administrative Assistant for the Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Recinos will be paid an annual salary of \$50,000.00, effective March 31, 2025, pending a satisfactory physical and background check; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex that:

1. The Governing Body hereby approves the hiring of Mayensi Recinos of Dunellen, NJ effective March 31, 2025, at an annual salary of \$50,000.00
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on March 11, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #91-2025

**HIRING TIMOTHY KINIERY AS THE PART TIME ELECTRICAL SUB-CODE
OFFICIAL AT A SALARY OF \$18,200 FOR 7 HOURS PER WEEK FOR 2025**

At the recommendation of the Construction Official, the Governing Body hereby approve the hiring of Timothy Kiniery as the part time Electrical Sub-Code Official at a salary of \$18,200 for 7 hours per week for the year 2025.

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on March 11, 2025.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #92-2025

PAY ALL CLAIMS

THE DISBURSING OFFICERS BE AND THEY ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PAY THE ATTACHED CLAIM LIST AS PRESENTED, IF FOUND CORRECT, AND APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. EXCLUDED VOUCHERS MAY BE PAID UPON BEING FOUND ACCEPTABLE.

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on March 11, 2025.

Range of Checking Accts: 01 CURRENT FUND to WIRES Range of Check Dates: 02/26/25 to 03/05/25
Report Type: All Checks Report Format: Condensed Check Type: Computer: Y Manual: Y Dir Deposit: Y

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Reconciled/Void	Ref Num
PO #	Description	Amount Paid		Contract
01 CURRENT FUND	CURRENT CHECKING			
56918	02/26/25 ABSOL005 Absolute Fire Protection Co			1345
	24-02429 Whelen Ion Duo TLI2J RED/BL	1,085.66		
	25-00170 Engine 21 Annual Maintenance	4,226.21		
		5,311.87		
56919	02/26/25 AIRGA005 Airgas USA, LLC			1345
	25-00266 Blanket Cylinder Rental	414.34		
56920	02/26/25 ALDAN005 Aldana, Judith			1345
	25-00304 Zumba - Hybrid - January 2025	315.00		
	25-00305 Mindful Fitness January 2025	105.00		
		420.00		
56921	02/26/25 ALLIE005 Allied Oil, LLC			1345
	25-00218 Blanket Order for Gasoline	8,381.14		
	25-00320 Blanket Order for Gasoline	2,178.00		
		10,559.14		
56922	02/26/25 ATLAN015 Atlantic Tactical of NJ, Inc			1345
	24-02550 Flex Cuffs	416.25		
56923	02/26/25 BEARI005 Bearing Depot & Supply, Inc			1345
	25-00293 Blanket PO for Truck Repair	249.54		
56924	02/26/25 BENUC005 Marco Benucci, LLC			1345
	25-00310 Public Defender	500.00		
56925	02/26/25 BRTTE005 BRT Technologies, LLC			1345
	25-00187 Municipality CAMA and Mod IV	345.00		
56926	02/26/25 BRUNO010 Bruno Associates, Inc			1345
	25-00270 January 2025 Grant Writer	2,500.00		
56927	02/26/25 CENTR040 Central Jersey Trailer & Hitch			1345
	25-00276 Blanket PO for Truck Repair	139.44		
56928	02/26/25 COSEN010 Cosentino Jr, Gregory			1345
	25-00350 NJ Salt Watch Reimbursement	40.00		
56929	02/26/25 COUNT035 County of Essex			1345
	25-00192 Turtle Back Zoo Tour	300.00		
56930	02/26/25 DBAUT005 D & B Auto Supply			1345
	25-00048 Car 917	248.70		
	25-00087 Blanket PO	55.87		
	25-00095 Air Filters	49.83		
		354.40		

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01	CURRENT FUND	CURRENT CHECKING	Continued	
56931	02/26/25 DIFRA005 DiFrancesco Bateman, PC		1345	
25-00319	December JLUB Legal Services	122.50		
56932	02/26/25 DOLIN005 Dolinski, James		1345	
25-00339	Reimbursement	175.00		
56933	02/26/25 ELANF005 Elan Financial Services		1345	
25-00269	Stack Cap & Activated Carbon	130.93		
56934	02/26/25 FOSTE005 Foster & Company, Inc		1345	
25-00292	Blanket PO for Shop Supplies	156.74		
56935	02/26/25 FOVEO005 Foveonics Document Solutions		1345	
25-00309	Annual Document Sync Fees	1,380.00		
56936	02/26/25 FRANK020 Franklin Animal Control		1345	
25-00324	Animal Control Nov 24-Jan 25	7,300.00		
56937	02/26/25 GBJAN005 G & B Janitorial Supply, Inc		1345	
25-00098	Blanket PO Building Supplies	205.98		
25-00284	Blanket PO Building Supplies	<u>212.07</u>		
		418.05		
56938	02/26/25 GRANI005 Granicus, LLC		1345	
24-01855	4th Qtr Agenda & Minutes 2024	436.56		
56939	02/26/25 GREEN015 Green, Joseph		1345	
25-00340	Eyeglass Reimbursement	100.00		
56940	02/26/25 HAZAR005 Hazardous Conditions Associate		1345	
24-02566	BB/RTK Refresher 2 Classes	250.00		
56941	02/26/25 HOMED005 Home Depot Credit Services		1345	
25-00224	Env. Commission Supplies	231.94		
56942	02/26/25 INSTI005 Institute for Professional		1345	
25-00199	OPRA Webinar	50.00		
56943	02/26/25 JEFFR005 JRC South, Inc		1345	
25-00190	HVAC at Garage	718.00		
25-00191	DPW Heater in Garage	<u>993.70</u>		
		1,711.70		
56944	02/26/25 JELAL010 Jelall, Julia		1345	
25-00347	Eyeglass Reimbursement	200.00		
56945	02/26/25 LANGU005 Language Services Associates		1345	
25-00076	Telephone Charges	186.90		
25-00238	Telephone Charges	<u>42.00</u>		
		228.90		

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01	CURRENT FUND	CURRENT CHECKING	Continued	
56946	02/26/25	LAPLA005 La Place, Michael		1345
25-00301		Parking Reimbursement	12.65	
56947	02/26/25	LAURA010 RWT, LLC		1345
25-00306		Ageless Grace - January 2025	200.00	
56948	02/26/25	LEGAL010 Legally Yours		1345
25-00235		Professional Interpreting	280.00	
56949	02/26/25	MARIA005 Mariano Press, LLC		1345
25-00186		Councilman Business Cards	265.00	
56950	02/26/25	MCCAU005 McCauley, Joseph D		1345
25-00341		Eyeglass Reimbursement	200.00	
56951	02/26/25	MEDSE005 MedServ Healthcare Solutions		1345
25-00177		Everlit Survival Bleeding Kit	560.00	
56952	02/26/25	MEIXN015 Meixner, Mackenzie		1345
25-00342		Basketball Equipment Prep	160.00	
56953	02/26/25	MIDDL105 Middlesex County Improvement		1345
25-00353		Jan 2025 Leaves/Recycle	23,668.28	
56954	02/26/25	MIDDL260 Middlesex Transfer Station		1345
25-00327		January Dumping Charges	1,819.47	
56955	02/26/25	MUNIC010 Municipal Assessors (MAAMC)		1345
25-00312		2025 State and County Dues	175.00	
56956	02/26/25	NATIO090 National Dust Control		1345
25-00246		Rec/Senior Floor Mat Service	65.36	
25-00247		Borough Hall Floor Mat Service	220.76	
25-00248		Public Works Floor Mat Service	33.25	
25-00249		Police HQ Floor Mat Service	169.57	
			<u>488.94</u>	
56957	02/26/25	NATIO095 National Fuel Oil, Inc		1345
25-00094		Blanket for Diesel Fuel	3,549.51	
25-00323		Blanket for Diesel Fuel	1,698.79	
			<u>5,248.30</u>	
56958	02/26/25	NJSTA005 NJ State League of		1345
25-00069		Budgeting for Officials Class	75.00	
56959	02/26/25	NOREG005 Noregon Systems, LLC		1345
25-00196		JPRO Diagnostics Software	1,699.00	
56960	02/26/25	PREDA005 Predator Tree Service, LLC		1345
25-00197		Tree Removal in Parks	11,450.00	

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01	CURRENT FUND	CURRENT CHECKING	Continued	
56961	02/26/25 PUBLI020 Public Service Electric & Gas			1345
	25-00326 Summary Acct #13 016 500 05	17,778.55		
	25-00328 Summary Acct #13 013 007 05	<u>16,363.17</u>		
		34,141.72		
56962	02/26/25 PWSE005 P&W Services, LLC			1345
	25-00245 Portable Restrooms (yearly)	604.00		
56963	02/26/25 RAMIR005 Ramirez, Desiree			1345
	25-00314 Supplies Timeless Treats Party	110.55		
56964	02/26/25 READY005 Ready ReFresh			1345
	25-00325 Acct #0431519800	965.42		
56965	02/26/25 RICHI005 Richies Tire Service			1345
	25-00239 Blanket PO Tires on Misc Truck	800.00		
	25-00240 Blanket PO Tires on Misc Truck	<u>441.00</u>		
		1,241.00		
56966	02/26/25 RUTGE025 Rutgers, The State University			1345
	25-00147 Intro to Pruning Techniques	430.00		
56967	02/26/25 SAVOS005 Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner,			1345
	25-00349 January Legal Bills	12,942.25		
56968	02/26/25 SIGNS005 Signs and Safety Devices, LLC			1345
	25-00281 Blanket PO for Road Supplies	100.32		
56969	02/26/25 SOMER115 Somerset County Treasurer			1345
	25-00318 Health Services February 2025	7,175.83		
56970	02/26/25 SPECT010 Spectrotel			1345
	25-00337 Acct #354567 - February 2025	2,059.37		
56971	02/26/25 STAPL010 Staples			1345
	25-00209 Bulletin board	64.44		
56972	02/26/25 TACTI005 Tactical Public Safety, LLC			1345
	25-00082 2025 Radio Maint Contract	20,631.84		
56973	02/26/25 TEAM0005 Team One Network, LLC			1345
	25-00193 Armorer Course	350.00		
56974	02/26/25 TK1S0005 TK1 Solutions			1345
	25-00271 Annual Maintenance Contract	88,128.00		
56975	02/26/25 VERIZ050 Verizon			1345
	25-00329 Acct #156-943-757-0001-31	289.00		
	25-00331 Acct #656-838-265-0001-41	<u>129.99</u>		
		418.99		

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PO #	Description	Amount Paid	Contract	
01	CURRENT FUND	CURRENT CHECKING	Continued	
56976	02/26/25	WBMA005 WB Mason Co, Inc		1345
25-00201	Card Stock Paper	17.29		
56977	02/26/25	WELD005 Weldon Asphalt		1345
25-00283	Blanket PO for Roads Supplies	707.91		
56978	02/27/25	PROCA015 Pro Cap 8 FBO Firsttrust Bank		1348
25-00360	Redemption of TTL #23-00002	1,556.81		
Checking Account Totals		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
	Checks:	61	0	252,389.68
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00
	Total:	61	0	252,389.68
03	OTHER TRUST	OTHER TRUST CHECKING		
935	02/26/25	ALDAN005 Aldana, Judith		1346
25-00304	Zumba - Hybrid - January 2025	315.00		
25-00305	Mindful Fitness January 2025	105.00		
		420.00		
936	02/26/25	AURIC005 Auricchio, Joleen		1346
25-00317	Reimbursement Coffee w/a Cop	190.80		
937	02/26/25	COLGA005 Colgate Paper Stock Company		1346
25-00242	Recycle Materials	35.70		
938	02/26/25	FARRE005 Farrell, David		1346
25-00307	Line Dancing	135.00		
939	02/26/25	MEIXN015 Meixner, Mackenzie		1346
25-00342	Basketball Equipment Prep	50.00		
940	02/26/25	MELCH015 Melchiorre, Dina		1346
25-00302	Basketball Site Manager	237.50		
941	02/26/25	MELCH020 Melchiorre III, Mark		1346
25-00303	Basketball Score/Clock Keeper	39.00		
942	02/26/25	MIDDL105 Middlesex County Improvement		1346
25-00352	32-Gallon Commingled	370.00		
943	02/26/25	PILEG010 Pileggi, Vincent		1346
25-00343	Basketball Site Manager	525.00		
944	02/26/25	WEARI005 Wear It Loud Tees		1346
24-02582	Basketball K-2nd Gr T-Shirts	712.00		
945	02/26/25	YOUMA005 Youmans, Elizabeth A		1346
25-00308	Chair Yoga - January 2025	200.00		

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PO #		Description	Amount Paid	Contract
03	OTHER TRUST	OTHER TRUST CHECKING	Continued	
946	02/27/25	PROCA015 Pro Cap 8 FBO Firsttrust Bank		1349
25-00360		Redemption of TTL #23-00002	100.00	
Checking Account Totals				
		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
		Checks: 12	0	3,015.00
		Direct Deposit: 0	0	0.00
		Total: 12	0	3,015.00
04	CAPITAL FUND	CAPITAL CHECKING ACCOUNT		
1478	02/26/25	PACON005 P&A Construction, Inc		1347
24-00607		2023 Road Construction Project	10,010.61	
1479	02/26/25	REMIN005 Remington & Vernick Engineers		1347
24-00044		Mountainview Park Playground	14,965.00	
24-02572		Mountainview Park Playground	3,254.50	
			18,219.50	
1480	02/26/25	SUBUR015 Suburban Consulting Engineers		1347
24-02015		Landscape Design & Engineering	4,459.01	
Checking Account Totals				
		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
		Checks: 3	0	32,689.12
		Direct Deposit: 0	0	0.00
		Total: 3	0	32,689.12
Report Totals				
		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
		Checks: 76	0	288,093.80
		Direct Deposit: 0	0	0.00
		Total: 76	0	288,093.80

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Totals by Year-Fund					
Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND	4-01	25,866.02	0.00	0.00	25,866.02
CURRENT FUND	5-01	225,663.66	0.00	0.00	225,663.66
	C-04	32,689.12	0.00	0.00	32,689.12
GRANT FUND	G-02	860.00	0.00	0.00	860.00
TRUST RESERVE	T-03	3,015.00	0.00	0.00	3,015.00
Total of All Funds:		288,093.80	0.00	0.00	288,093.80

INVASIVE PLANTS.

1.Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to control the planting, growing, maintaining and/or cultivating of invasive plant species, in the Middlesex Borough and to prevent the spread of invasive plants into other areas of the Borough.

2.Definitions.

As used in this section, the following term shall have the meaning indicated:

INVASIVE PLANTS

All non-native vine and vegetation that grow out of place and are competitive, persistent and pernicious. These plants may damage trees, vegetation or structures. Examples include, but are not limited to, bamboo (spreading or running type), burning bush, Japanese barberry, kudzu vine, multiflora rose Oriental Bittersweet, English/Boston Ivy, Japanese knotweed and Japanese honeysuckle. More recent emerging examples are Yellow iris, Siebold's viburnum, porcelain berry, wisteria and butterfly bush. Residents can find useful information at the Jersey-Friendly Yards website www.jerseyyards.org and use that as a resource for choosing the right plants for their yards.

3.Regulation of planting, growing or cultivating of invasive plants.

All persons must control the growth of invasive plants. No person, resident, citizen, property owner and/or tenant of the Middlesex Borough shall plant, cultivate, or cause to grow, any new invasive plants on any lot and/or parcel of ground anywhere within the geographic boundaries of the Middlesex Borough, except for where the root system of such bamboo plants is entirely contained within an above-ground-level planter, barrel, or other vessel of such design, material and locations or the invasive plant is confined using a rhizome barrier.

4.Exception.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any landowner or possessor of said land who, prior to the effective date of this section, had any invasive plant species on any property within the Middlesex Borough limits. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all existing plants should be contained by appropriate physical barriers to prevent the growth or spread of existing invasive species beyond the boundaries of the landowner's property.

5.Complaint notice, order for removal and compliance.

Whenever a complaint is received by the Middlesex Borough regarding the encroachment of any invasive plant or root, or whenever the Borough, on its own observations and inspections, determines that there is an encroachment of an invasive plant or root on the property of another landowner, or tenant in possession of the property, or both, a violation shall be given to the owner of the property from which the invasive species has spread, in writing, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to remove or abate the same within 30 days. The cost of all remedies, including the removal of plantings of invasive plants, shall be borne by the property owner.

6. Violations and penalties.

a.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be punishable by a fine consistent with the general penalty in § 1-5 and as determined by the Municipal Court. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of such violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

b.

Notwithstanding any other penalty or fine which may be imposed under this section, if an owner fails to comply with the removal or abatement of an invasive plant, the Borough may thereafter remove or otherwise abate the planting and thereafter recover the costs of such removal or abatement from the property owner by placing a lien against the property.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, New Jersey that:

Resolution #93-2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public including Contract Negotiation - Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Governing Body will reconvene.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex will go into closed session for the following reason listed below as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and the minutes will be kept, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the items no longer require confidentiality, the minutes can be made public.

I Hereby Certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex, at a meeting of said Borough Council on March 11, 2025.