

**TOWNSHIP FRANKLIN
IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY**

0-10-25

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,928,500) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,782,075) IN BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring), **DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Appropriation for Projects-Down Payment

The improvements described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance are hereby respectfully authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the Township of Franklin, in the County of Gloucester, New Jersey (the "**Township**"). For said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for said improvements or purposes, said sums being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefore and amounting in the aggregate to TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,928,500), including the aggregate sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$146,425) which is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Township as the down payments for said improvements or purposes as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11. It is hereby determined and stated that the amount of the down payment is not less than five percent (5%) of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance and that the amount appropriated as a down payment has been made available prior to final adoption of this Bond Ordinance by provisions in prior or current budgets of the Township for capital improvements and down payments, including also monies received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey or the County of Gloucester, or agencies thereof, as grants in aid of financing said improvements or purposes.

Section 2. Authorization of Bonds

For the financing of said improvements or purposes and to meet the TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,928,500) appropriation, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the maximum principal amount of TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,782,075) pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey (the "**Local Bond Law**") and any other law applicable thereto. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, negotiable note(s) of the Township in the maximum principal amount of TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,782,075) are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. Description of Projects

The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued, the appropriations made for and the estimated costs of such purposes (including all work or materials necessary therefore or incidental thereto), and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for such purposes are as follows:

| IMPROVEMENT OR PURPOSE | APPROPRIATION AND ESTIMATED COST | AMOUNT OF BONDS OR NOTES |
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| a) Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment for the Department of Public Works, including One (1) 580 SN Loader Backhoe/Clamshell Attachment, One (1) 4x4 Mason Dump Truck Plow/Spreader, Two (2) Ford F-450 Plow/Spreader Trucks, Two (2) Ford F-250 Plow/Spreader Trucks, One (1) Pac Mac LV25 Leaf Vacuum, and Two (2) Peterbilt Model 520 Trash Trucks. | \$1,696,600 | \$1,611,770 |
| b) Construction of Improvements to the Department of Public Works Complex, including a 2-Bay Mechanic Garage and Electrical Work, Flooring, HVAC System, and Asphalt Yard, including the costs of surveying, construction planning, engineering, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents and construction inspection and administration. | \$567,400 | \$539,030 |
| c) Purchase of Two (2) Administrative Vehicles, Four (4) Patrol Vehicles, Evidence Software System, Firearms, and Twenty-Five (25) Vehicle Computers/Docking Stations for Township Police Department. | \$471,200 | \$447,640 |
| d) Township Building Improvements including the addition of a Keyless Fob System, including the costs of surveying, construction planning, engineering, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents and construction inspection and administration. | \$33,300 | \$31,635 |
| e) Purchase of One (1) 24-Passenger Bus for Senior Lunch Program. | <u>\$160,000</u> | <u>\$152,000</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$2,928,500</u> | <u>\$2,782,075</u> |

The excess of the appropriation made for such improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefore, as stated above, not including the amount of any grant, is the amount of the said down payments for said purposes.

Section 4. Authorization of Notes

In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount equal to the said principal of bonds not exceeding TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,782,075) are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. All such note(s) shall mature at such time as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer or such other Financial Officer designated by Resolution for these purposes (both being hereinafter referred to in this Section as Chief Financial Officer); provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its issue date. Such note(s) shall bear interest at a rate or rates and shall be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with any note(s) issued pursuant to this Ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon such note(s) shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell the note(s) from time to time at public or private sale in such amounts as the Chief Financial Officer may determine and not less than par, and to deliver the same from time to time to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof as payment thereof. Such Chief Financial Officer is authorized and directed to report in writing to the Mayor and the Committee of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the note(s) pursuant to this Ordinance is made. Such report shall include the amount, the description, the interest rate, the maturity schedule of the note(s) sold, price obtained and the name of the purchaser. All note(s) issued

hereunder may be renewed from time to time for periods not exceeding one (1) year for the time period specified in and in accordance with the provisions and limitations of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is further directed to determine all matters in connection with said note or notes and not determined by this Ordinance. The Chief Financial Officer's signature upon said note(s) shall be conclusive evidence of such determination.

Section 5. Capital Budget

The capital budget of the Township of Franklin is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the capital budget and capital program is on the file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 6. Additional Matters

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared and recited and stated:

(a) The said purposes described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance are not current expenses and are properties or improvements which the Township may lawfully require or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specifically assessed on property specifically benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said purposes authorized herein as determined in accordance with the Local Bond Law is **11.31 years**.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by of TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,782,075), and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within the debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) Amounts not exceeding TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) in the aggregate for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, architectural, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses, a reasonable proportion of the compensation and expenses of employees of the Township in connection with the acquisition of such improvement and property as authorized herein, and other items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 40A:2-20 of the Local Bond Law have been included as part of the costs of said improvement and are included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

Section 7. Ratification of Prior Actions

Any action taken by any officials of the Township in connection with the improvements described in Section 3 hereof are hereby ratified and confirmed notwithstanding that such actions may have been taken prior to the effective date of this bond ordinance and shall be deemed to have been taken pursuant to this bond ordinance.

Section 8. Application of Grants

Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. Full Faith and Credit

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to punctual payment of the principal and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all of the taxable property within the Township for

the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 10. Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures

The Township reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures towards the cost of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein has been or is reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the Township, or any member of the same “control group” as the Township, within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-1(f), pursuant to their budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This Section is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Township’s official intent to reimburse any expenditures towards the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.103-18, and no action (or inaction) will be an artifice or device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements.

Section 11. Effective Date

This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

JOHN BRUNO, MAYOR

FIRST READING: JULY 29, 2025
PUBLICATION: AUGUST 31, 2025
FINAL READING: AUGUST 12, 2025
PUBLICATION WITH STATEMENT: AUGUST 14, 2025

Introduced July 29, 2025

| Name | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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Adopted August 12, 2025

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