MINUTES

Mayor and Council Regular Meeting June 26, 2025 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER -

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge was held in person at the River Edge Public Library located at 685 Elm Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661 and virtually via Zoom on June 26, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas Papaleo.

SILENT PRAYER - FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Papaleo asked for a moment of silence for the nation's armed forces as the world continues to be a dangerous place and expressed gratitude for their safe return from their recent mission. Councilman Glass then led those present in a salute to the flag.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE -

Mayor Papaleo read the Statement of Compliance into the record as follows:

Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meeting Act: This meeting complies with the Open Public Meeting Act by notification on January 6, 2025 of the location, date, time and access information to the Town News and the Record and by posting of same on the municipal bulletin board and Borough Website and filing a notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President Montisano-Koen, Councilwoman Kinsella, Councilwoman

Malellari, Councilman Benson, Councilman Glass, and Mayor Papaleo.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Dhariwal

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Lissette Aportela

Borough Attorney John Shahdanian, Esq.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

On a motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, seconded by Councilman Benson, with Council President Montisano-Koen and Councilwoman Malellari abstaining and all members present voting in favor, that the Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting and Closed Session of May 22, 2025 are hereby approved.

#25-202 Approve the Appointment of a Volunteer Firefighter

Motion by Council President Montisano Koen, second by Councilwoman Kinsella, to approve Resolution #25-202.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Montisano-Koen: aye
Councilwoman Kinsella: aye
Councilwoman Malellari: aye
Councilwoman Dhariwal: absent

Mayor Papaleo commented that the Borough is lucky to have such an active Fire Department. He then administered the Oath of Office to Justin Agnoli who was joined by his family. Mayor Papaleo thanked Firefighter Agnoli and his family for their commitment.

Firefighter Agnoli thanked his family, the volunteers who were in attendance for their guidance, and Fire Chief Schlossberg for the opportunity to join the department.

Chief Schlossberg thanked the Mayor and Council. He commented on how proud he is both of Firefighter Agnoli and the department for all the time they put in to protect the community, noting that they have responded to 11 calls in the last 7 days. He stated that he wouldn't be as successful as he is without these volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA -

On motion by Councilwoman Mallelari, seconded by Council President Montisano-Koen, and all present voting in favor, to open for public comments on any item on the agenda.

No one came forward.

On a motion by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Benson, and all present voting in favor, to close public comments on any item on the agenda.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Mayor Papaleo advised that the following reports are on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and available for review:

Historic Commission - May 27, 2025 Land Use Board - May 28, 2025

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Councilwoman Kinsella asked for an explanation of Resolution #25-193.

Borough Administrator Aportela advised that, under the Local Public Contracts Law, equipment and vehicles that are purchased through public funds must be auctioned once they no longer have a useful life. She advised that they utilize a company called GovDeals to auction the items and then explained the process.

With respect to Resolution #25-197, Council President Montisano-Koen requested Borough Administrator Aportela to explain the Clean Communities Grant. As the contractor for the Borough Hall exterior will be authorized to begin work prior to 8 a.m. via Resolution #25-198, she questioned whether residents in the area will be made aware of the possibility of noise before this time.

Borough Administrator Aportela explained that the Clean Communities Grant is to be used for recycling purposes. She advised that these funds go into a specific budget line to show that they are being utilized solely for recycling-related purposes. She confirmed that the impacted residents will be notified should there be the need for construction to commence prior to 8 a.m.

- a. #25-190 Support Replacement of Grand Avenue Pedestrian Bridge
- b. #25-191 Approve the Appointment of a Junior Firefighter
- c. #25-192 Authorize Execution of a Shared Services Agreement Between the

		Borough of River Edge and the River Edge Board of Education to Provide 2 Class III Officers
d.	#25-193	Authorize Auction of Surplus Property No Longer Needed for Public Use on an Online Auction Website
e.	#25-194	Approve the Hire of a Police Dispatcher
f.	#25-195	Approve Refunds – Shade Tree Bond
g.	#25-196	Authorize Tax Collector to Transfer 2025 Preliminary Tax Payments on a Sub-Divided Property
h.	#25-197	Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJS 40A:4-87
i.	#25-198	Grant Exception to Noise Ordinance to LaSalle Landscaping & Construction for Borough Hall Entrance and Police Station Parking Lot Improvements Project
j.	#25-199	Appoint Alternate Municipal Prosecutor
k.	#25-200	Endorse the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan
1.	#25-201	Authorize Renewal of ABC Liquor Licenses for 2025-2026
m.	#25-202	Approve the Appointment of a Volunteer Firefighter Approved earlier in the meeting

Motion by Councilwoman Malellari, second by Councilman Benson, that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Montisano-Koen:	aye	Councilman Benson:	aye
Councilwoman Kinsella:	aye	Councilman Glass:	aye
Councilwoman Malellari:	aye	Councilwoman Dhariwal:	absent

#25-203 Payment of Bills

Councilwoman Kinsella read resolution #25-203 into the record:

At a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, held on June 26, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge approve the following expenditures.

CURRENT FUND	\$ 374,385.22
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 69,192.91
GRANT FUND	\$ 1,877.87
TRUST OTHER	\$ 10,514.65
DEVELOPER'S ESCROW	\$ 1,810.00
RECREATION TRUST	\$ 9,108.93

Motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, second by Councilman Glass, that Resolution #25-203 be approved.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Montisano-Koen: aye Councilman Benson: aye Councilwoman Kinsella: aye Councilman Glass: aye Councilwoman Malellari: aye Councilwoman Dhariwal: absent

NEW BUSINESS –

Councilman Glass noted the recent number of fire calls to which the department has responded effectively, efficiently, and safely all during the extreme heat.

Councilwoman Kinsella reported that the 4th of July Parade will be next Friday starting at 11 a.m. at Cherry Hill Park followed by Family Fun Day from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Memorial Park. She advised that the Fire Department is donating money for the rides, allowing them be free for all who attend.

OLD BUSINESS -

Construction Updates

Bogert Road Section 7 & Section 8

Borough Administrator Aportela advised that the construction costs for both Bogert Road Section 7 & Section 8 are being funded through a grant from the NJ Department of Transportation (NJ DOT). She noted that section 7 is approximately 95% complete and section 8 is underway with substantial completion of major items anticipated to take place prior to July 4, 2025.

Bogert Road Section 9

Borough Administrator Aportela reported that the Borough was awarded a grant for Bogert Road Section 9 through the NJ DOT which encompasses the replacement of curbs, sidewalks and aprons from Concord Drive to Adams Avenue. Approval of the bid specifications by the NJ DOT is needed prior to going out to bid for the project.

Borough Hall Entrance & Police Parking Lot Improvements Project

This project was awarded to LaSalle Landscape & Construction. The execution of the contract and receipt of the bonds are in process. A preconstruction meeting was held last week with a follow-up onsite meeting. Construction is anticipated to commence on July 8th and work will be done in phases with the entrance to Borough Hall taking place first. Once this phase is completed, a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) can be issued which will allow the building to be opened to the public. This milestone is anticipated to take place mid-August depending on weather. The Police Department entrance will be done next followed by the parking lot.

Mayor Papaleo added that there may be a partial closure of Tenney Avenue which is being coordinated with the Fire Chief.

FY19, FY20 & FY24 KBG Field Improvements Project/2025 Local Road Resurfacing Program/2025

Drainage Improvements at Mohawk Drive & Lozier Terrace/2025 Fire Company #2 & Sidewalk

Improvement Project

Borough Administrator Aportela advised that the above projects are currently out to bid with the bid opening scheduled to take place on July 8th.

2025 Riverside Cooperative

This project was awarded at the last meeting to pave Manning Ave, June Court, North Drive and Ackerson. A preconstruction meeting is currently being scheduled. Borough Administrator Aportela noted that these streets tie in with PSE&G Phase 2A. The trenching of Manning Avenue has been completed and the hook-ups to the homes are in process. Paving is anticipated to commence in August or September depending on the weather. PSE&G Phase 2A will then continue with Fifth Avenue, Monroe Court, and all side streets between Manning to Continental Avenue. She advised that once that is complete, DPW Superintendent Milito will work on having Fifth Avenue micro-sealed until Bogert Road is complete and a NJ DOT grant can be sought for this road.

2025 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Application/2026 Municipal Aid Application

Borough Administrator Aportela reported that grant applications for Bogert Road Section 10 and Continental Avenue have been submitted.

Borough Hall Dais

The old dais has been removed and the new dais is currently being built. The sound system is being updated. All work is anticipated to be complete by the time the TCO is issued for Borough Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Motion Council President Montisano-Koen, second by Councilwoman Kinsella, and all members present voting in favor, to open public comments.

No one came forward.

Motion by Councilwoman Kinsella, second by Councilman Benson, and all members present voting in favor, to close public comment.

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

There were no Council Comments

ADJOURNMENT -

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Council President Montisano-Koen, second by Councilwoman Malellari, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Support Replacement of Grand Avenue Pedestrian Bridge

WHEREAS, the Grand Avenue Pedestrian Bridge over Route 4 currently does not meet the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT) standards or comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, the NJ DOT has proposed to replace the structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridge; and

WHEREAS, the NJ DOT met with Borough and County Officials on February 13, 2025 and conducted a Virtual Public Information Center from April 30, 2025 through May 14, 2025 to solicit public comments and questions; and

WHEREAS, this project is in the concept development phase, with preliminary engineering to follow; and

WHREAS, a final design is anticipated to take place from Spring 2028 to Spring 2030 and construction to commence during the Summer 2030 through Fall 2031; and

WHEREAS, the NJ DOT requested that the Borough of River Edge pass a resolution in support of this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that the Borough is in support of the replacement of the Grand Avenue Pedestrian Bridge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the NJ DOT.

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	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			X			
Kinsella			X			
Malellari	X		X			
Benson		X	X			
Glass			X			
Dhariwal						Х
Mayor Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 1 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this 26th day of June, 2025.

Approve the Appointment of a Junior Firefighter

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge that Emma Yeandle be and she is hereby appointed as a Junior Firefighter in the River Edge Volunteer Fire Department effective June 26, 2025.

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	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			Х			
Kinsella			Х			
Malellari	X		Х			
Benson		Х	Х			
Glass			X			
Dhariwal						Х
Mayor Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of $\underline{1}$ page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this $\underline{26th}$ day of June, $\underline{2025}$.

<u>Authorize Execution of a Shared Services Agreement Between the Borough of River Edge and the River Edge Board of Education to Provide 2 Class III Officers</u>

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., municipalities and local boards of education may enter into agreements for shared services with other municipalities and local boards of education to provide or receive any service that the local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the agreement must comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:65-7 and specify the services to be performed under the agreement, procedures for payment, and assignment and allocation of responsibility for meeting standards between and among the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge and the River Edge Board of Education desire to join together to provide two Class III, Special Law Enforcement Officers for the 2025 Summer Academy and 2025/2026 School Year pursuant to the attached Shared Service Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge desires to enter into an Agreement with the River Edge Board of Education for the purpose of setting forth the terms and conditions regarding the assignment of the Class III, Special Law Enforcement Officers for the 2025 Summer Academy and 2025/2026 School Year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, as follows:

- 1. The Mayor is authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to the attached Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of River Edge and the River Edge Board of Education to provide two Class III, Special Law Enforcement Officers.
- 2. A copy of said Agreement will be kept on file within the Borough Clerk's Office.
- 3. All terms and conditions are in accordance with the attached Shared Services Agreement.
- 4. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Department of Community Affairs/Division of Local Government Services (DLGS), the River Edge Board of Education, Borough Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Chief of Police.

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	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			X			
Kinsella			Х			
Malellari	X		Х			
Benson		Х	Х			
Glass			Х			
Dhariwal						Х
Mayor Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 2 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this 24th day of June, 2024.

<u>Authorize Auction of Surplus Property No Longer Needed for Public Use</u> on an Online Auction Website

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has determined that the personal property described on Schedule A attached hereto and incorporated herein is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge intends to utilize the online auction services of GovDeals located at govdeals.com; and

WHEREAS, the sales are being conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and the guidance set forth in the Division of Local Government Services' Local Finance Notice 2019-15; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge is a member (ID# 10112) of Sourcewell (formerly known as National Joint Powers Alliance NJPA) as permitted by PL 2001, c. 139; and

WHEREAS, GovDeals holds a contract for Auction Services #111424-GDI, effective January 22, 2025 through January 27, 2029; and

WHEREAS, a notice of intent to award a contract under a national cooperative purchasing agreement was published in the Record on February 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, GovDeals has submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification on March 21, 2025, which certifies that the company has not made any contributions to any political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge in the previous one year that would render the company ineligible to be awarded this contract, and that the proposed contract prohibits GovDeals from making any such reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, GovDeals has submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure Form on March 21, 2025, required pursuant to NJSA 19:44A-20.26; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Borough is hereby authorized to sell the surplus personal property as indicated on Schedule A on an online auction website entitled govdeals.com; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the surplus property as identified shall be sold in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Borough of River Edge reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

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	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			Х			
Kinsella			X			
Malellari	X		Х			
Benson		Х	Х			
Glass			Х			
Dhariwal						Х
Mayor Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of $\underline{2}$ page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this $\underline{26^{th}}$ day of June, $\underline{2025}$.

EXHIBIT A

Police Department Vehicles:

2010 Chevrolet Impala, Blue VIN# 2G1WB5EN8A1129818 Mileage: 93,461

2011 Ford Crown Victoria, Black & White VIN# 2FABP7BV1BX159349
Mileage: 99,503

Approve the Hire of a Police Dispatcher

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge that Lucas Lopez is hereby hired as Police Dispatcher for the Police Department at an hourly rate of \$24.96 with a six (6) month probationary period, effective June 23, 2025.

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	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			Х			
Kinsella			X			
Malellari	X		X			
Benson		Х	Х			
Glass			Х			
Dhariwal						Х
Mayor Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 1 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this 26th day of June, 2025.

Approve Refunds - Shade Tree Bond

WHEREAS, a construction bond has been posted for shade trees adjacent to the listed property below; and

WHEREAS, DPW Superintendent Jason Milito performed an inspection at this site and has recommended that said bond be returned to the applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, that the refund listed below is hereby approved; and

BOND POSTING DATE	PROPERTY ADDRESS	APPLICANT	AMOUNT
11/22/2021	230 Dorchester Road	Rosemarie and Michael Short	\$3,137.23

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Department, Department of Public Works and Building Department.

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	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			Х		1	
Kinsella			Х			
Malellari	Х		Х			
Benson		Х	Х			
Glass			Х			
Dhariwal						Х
Mayor Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of <u>1</u> page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this <u>26th day of June</u>, 2025.

Authorize Tax Collector to Transfer 2025 Preliminary Tax Payments on a Sub-Divided Property

WHEREAS, property known as 312 Webb Avenue, Block: 302 Lot: 12 was sub-divided into two lots known as Block: 302 Lot: 12.01 located at 761 Sixth Avenue and Block: 302 Lot: 12.02 located at 765 Sixth Avenue in the 2025 Tax Duplicate; and

WHEREAS, tax payments for the 1st and 2nd Quarters of 2025 were made on the original Block: 302 Lot: 12 by Quality Home Developers LLC owner of Block: 302

Lot: 12.01 and Block: 302 Lot: 12.02; and

WHEREAS, the transfer was done on June 3, 2025 to reflect the credit before printing the 3^{ra} Quarter 2025 Estimated Tax Bills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to transfer the following amounts from the original lot to the new sub-division and to adjust her records accordingly.

Transfer from (Block/Lot)	Transfer to (Block/Lot)	Amount
302/12 302/12	302/12.01 302/12.02	3,931.30 3,931.30
	Total:	7,862.60

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	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			Х			
Kinsella			Х			
Malellari	Х		X			
Benson		X	X			
Glass			Х			
Dhariwal						Х
Mayor Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of <u>1</u> page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this <u>26th day of June</u>, <u>2025</u>.

FORM OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.IS 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$26,638.41, which is now available from "Clean Communities Grant" in the amount of \$26,638.41.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$26,638.41 is hereby appropriated under the caption "Clean Communities Grant"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$26,638.41

June 26, 2025

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			Х			
Kinsella			Х	1		
Malellari	Х		X			
Benson		Х	X			
Glass			Х			
Dhariwal						Х
Mayor Papaleo						

I, Anne Dodd, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen in the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen in the State of New Jersey on the 26th of June, 2025.

Grant Exception to Noise Ordinance to LaSalle Landscaping & Construction for Borough Hall Entrance and Police Station Parking Lot Improvements Project

WHEREAS, Section 296 of the Borough Code prohibits loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise including the carrying on of excavation, demolition, construction, repair or alteration work other than between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, LaSalle Landscaping & Construction was awarded the contract for the Borough Hall Entrance and Police Station Parking Lot Improvements Project on June 12, 2025, via resolution #25-173 and has requested an exemption from the Borough's noise ordinance, Section 296 of the Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, it's in the best interest of the Borough to grant the exception from the Borough's noise ordinance, Section 296 of the Borough Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge LaSalle Landscaping & Construction is hereby granted an exception to the noise ordinance, Section 296, and be permitted to commence work at 7:00 a.m. on weekdays, and if necessary on Saturdays, for the Borough Hall Entrance and Police Station Parking Lot Improvements Project.

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	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			Х			
Kinsella			Х			
Malellari	Х		Х			
Benson		Х	Х			
Glass			Х			
Dhariwal						Х
Mayor Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 1 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this 26th day of June, 2025.

Appoint Alternate Municipal Prosecutor

WHEREAS, there may be cases for the remainder of 2025 that require an alternate municipal prosecutor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of River Edge hereby appoint Marc A. Calello, Esq. as alternate municipal prosecutor at the hourly rate of \$85.00 per hour.

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	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			Х			
Kinsella			Х			
Malellari	X		Х			
Benson		Х	Х			
Glass			Х			
Dhariwal						Х
Mayor Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 1 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this 26th day of June, 2025.

Endorse the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, (hereinafter, "River Edge") has a demonstrated history of voluntary compliance with its constitutional affordable housing obligations; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, an Amendment to the 1985 Fair Housing Act (hereinafter "Amended FHA" or "Act"); and

WHEREAS, among other things, the Act abolished the Council on Affordable Housing (hereinafter, "COAH"), and replaced it with seven retired, on recall judges designated as the Program and authorized the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, (hereinafter, respectively, "Director" and "AOC") to create a framework to process applications for affordable housing compliance certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act and to Directive #14-24 issued by the Director on December 13, 2024, a municipality desiring to participate in the Program was obligated to take the following actions by January 31, 2025: (1) adopt a "binding resolution" determining its present and prospective need affordable housing obligations and (2) to file an action in the form of a declaratory judgment complaint in the County in which the municipality is located within 48 hours after the municipality's adoption of a binding resolution; and

WHEREAS, River Edge adopted a binding resolution on its present and prospective need affordable housing obligations and filed the required declaratory judgment action in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Act also requires that a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (hereinafter, "HEFSP") be prepared and adopted by the River Edge Land Use Board (hereinafter, "Land Use Board"), and endorsed by the River Edge Governing Body (hereinafter, "Governing Body"), by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Board adopted the HEFSP entitled "Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, Borough of River Edge, Bergen County, New Jersey" prepared by Burgis Associates, Inc., dated June 12, 2025 ("2025 HEFSP"), as an amendment to River Edge's Master Plan on June 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to endorse 2025 HEFSP adopted by the Land Use Board on June 25, 2025.

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

- 1. The Governing Body does hereby endorse the 2025 HEFSP adopted by the Land Use Board on June 25, 2025.
- 2. The Governing Body does hereby authorize the filing of this Resolution endorsing the 2025 HEFSP adopted by the Land Use Board on eCourts for review by the Program.
- 3. The Mayor and Clerk, together with other appropriate officers and employees of River Edge, are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			X			
Kinsella			X			
Malellari	X		X			
Benson		Х	X			
Glass			Х			
Dhariwal						Х
Mayor Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 2 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this 26th day of June, 2025.

Authorize Renewal of ABC Liquor Licenses for 2025-2026

Whereas, all Plenary Retail Consumption, Retail Distribution, Limited Distribution and Club Licenses will expire on June 30, 2025; and,

Whereas, the following applicants have complied with the provisions of the Act of the Legislature entitled, "An Act Concerning Alcoholic Beverages", being Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1933, its supplements and amendments, and with the Rules and Regulations issued or to be promulgated by the State Commissioner of Alcoholic Beverage Control applicable.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue licenses to expire June 30, 2026, to the following:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES - \$2,500.00

LICENSE# 0252-33-001-010

LICENSEE

Sonny T, LLC

t/a Prime 259

LICENSED PREMISES

259 Johnson Avenue

River Edge, NJ 07661

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	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen			Х			
Kinsella			X			
Malellari	X		Х			
Benson		Х	Х			
Glass			Х			
Dhariwal						Х
Mayor Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of <u>1</u> page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this <u>26th day of June</u>, <u>2025</u>.