

CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY
NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2025 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 3RD FLOOR - CITY HALL - 233 JFK BOULEVARD

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER
ROLL CALL
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT
REPORTS–MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION
REPORTS - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ORDINANCES- Introduction & First Reading

1726- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1217 (1999) ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE" "ESTABLISHING AND FIXING WAGES, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OVERTIME PAYMENTS OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY" AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1165, 1176 (1996), 1208 (1998), 1217 (1999), 1240 (2000), 1263 (2000), 1284 (2001), 1297 (2002), 1307 (2002), 1336 (2003), 1363 (2004) 1385, (2005), 1406 (2006), 1436 (2007), 1458 (2008), 1481 (2010), 1512 (2011) 1594 (2016) AND 1600 (2017), 1644 (2019), 1645 (2019), 1657 (2020), 1681 (2022), 1704 (2023), 1217 (2024) AS AMENDED

1727 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, CHAPTER 7-16.1 ENTITLED "BUS STOPS ESTABLISHED" DESIGNATING BUS STOPS WITHIN THE CITY

ORDINANCES- Second reading & Public Hearing

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CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolution on Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 200 Approval of Vouchers
- 201 Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations
- 202 Authorizing the Cancellation of a Tax Lien for a Property with a Total Levy of Less Than \$100.00
- 203 A Resolution Opposing the Inclusion of New Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing off the Coast of New Jersey in the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program

PENDING BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
CITIZEN COMMENT
ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY
NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 1726 (2025)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1217 (1999) ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE" "ESTABLISHING AND FIXING WAGES, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OVERTIME PAYMENTS OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY" AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1165, 1176 (1996), 1208 (1998), 1217 (1999), 1240 (2000), 1263 (2000), 1284 (2001), 1297 (2002), 1307 (2002), 1336 (2003), 1363 (2004) 1385, (2005), 1406 (2006), 1436 (2007), 1458 (2008), 1481 (2010), 1512 (2011) 1594 (2016) AND 1600 (2017), 1644 (2019), 1645 (2019), 1657 (2020), 1681 (2022), 1704 (2023), 1217 (2024) AS AMENDED

BE ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY that the classifications and salary ranges set forth in Section 1 or Ordinance No. 1217 (1999), as amended be and, the same hereby are supplemented as follows:

| <u>SCHEDULE</u> | <u>Minimum</u> | <u>Maximum</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Beach Supervisor (Beach Tag) | 10,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Business Administrator | 96,726.00 | 240,000.00 |
| CFO (Director of the Department of Finance) | 77,175.00 | 175,000.00 |
| Chief Emergency Medical Technician | 50,000.00 | 75,000.00 |
| Confidential Assistant | 40,000.00 | 80,000.00 |
| Confidential Secretary | 40,000.00 | 105,000.00 |
| Council Member | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Deputy Municipal Clerk (certified) | 44,000.00 | 85,000.00 |
| Deputy Municipal Clerk (non-certified) | 40,000.00 | 70,000.00 |
| Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator | 5,000.00 | 16,000.00 |
| Director Community Development | 77,175.00 | 175,000.00 |
| Director Community Services | 77,175.00 | 150,000.00 |
| Director Public Works/Licensed Water & Sewer Operator | 87,465.00 | 175,000.00 |
| Fire Chief | 70,000.00 | 110,000.00 |
| Judge of the Municipal Court | 14,000.00 | 70,000.00 |
| Mayor | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Municipal Clerk | 77,175.00 | 150,000.00 |
| Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator | 6,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Part time Positions (hourly) | 15.00 | 75.00 |
| Police Chief | 96,726.00 | 230,000.00 |
| Seasonal Positions (hourly) | 14.00 | 60.00 |
| Secretary Board/Commission | 1,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Subcode Official | 10,000.00 | 60,000.00 |
| Supervising Lifeguard (Chief) | 10,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| System Analyst | 50,000.00 | 90,000.00 |
| Tax Assessor | 44,000.00 | 120,000.00 |

SECTION 1. This ordinance shall take effect following final passage and publication according to law, and approval by the appropriate agency or agencies of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

SECTION II. Repealer. Any Ordinance or provision thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency

SECTION III. The aforesaid schedule shall be filed with the Clerk of the City of Sea Isle City and the New Jersey Civil Service Commission coincident with the passage of this ordinance.

CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY

Mary L. Tighe, Council President

Leonard C. Desiderio, Mayor

I, HEREBY, CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey on first reading at the Regular Meeting of said Council held on the 12th day of November, 2025 and will be taken up for second reading, public hearing and final passage at the Regular Meeting of said Council held on the 9th day of December, 2025 in City Hall, 3rd Floor Council Chambers, 233 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Sea Isle City, New Jersey at 10:00 am.

Shannon D. Romano, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY
NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 1727 (2025)

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY,
CHAPTER 7-16.1 ENTITLED “BUS STOPS ESTABLISHED”
DESIGNATING BUS STOPS WITHIN THE CITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Sea Isle City shall designate described locations as bus stops in order to establish regulatory compliance and necessary parking and traffic regulations to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the City deems it prudent to remove designated bus stops that are not in use due to buses being unable to traverse the City and to provide additional on street parking until such time as buses are able to traverse the City; and

WHEREAS, the City pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8(e) hereby designates bus stops and is permitted to adopt said ordinance pursuant to New Jersey law 39:4-8 b (1); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Sea Isle City, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION I. Chapter 7 Section 16.1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, entitled “Bus Stops Established” is hereby amended to delete the following section in its entirety and replace same as follows:

**DELETED SECTION:
7-16.1 Bus Stops Established.**

The following locations are hereby designated and established as bus stops. No vehicle other than an omnibus, picking up or discharging passengers, shall be permitted to occupy said locations at any time:

| Name of Street | Side | Location |
|-----------------------|-------|---|
| Landis Avenue | East | Beginning at the southerly curbline of 87 th Street and extending to a point 105 feet south therefrom. |
| North Bound | | |
| Landis Avenue | East | Beginning at the northerly curbline of 63 rd Street and extending to a point 100 feet north therefrom. |
| North Bound | | |
| John F. Kennedy Blvd. | North | Beginning at the easterly curbline of Cini Avenue and extending to a point 105 feet east therefrom. |
| North Bound | | |
| John F. Kennedy Blvd. | South | Beginning at the westerly curbline of Landis Avenue and extending to a point 105 feet west therefrom. |
| South Bound | | |
| Landis Avenue | West | Beginning at the southerly curbline of 62 nd Street and extending to a point 100 feet south therefrom. |
| South Bound | | |

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| Landis Avenue South Bound | West | Beginning at the northerly curbline of 86 th Street and extending to a point 105 feet north therefrom. |
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REPLACEMENT SECTION:

7-16.1 Bus Stops Established.

The following locations are hereby designated and established as bus stops. No vehicle other than an omnibus, picking up or discharging passengers, shall be permitted to occupy said locations at any time:

| Name of Street | Side | Location |
|--|------------------|---|
| Landis Avenue North Bound | East | Beginning at the southerly curbline of 87th Street and extending to a point 105 feet south therefrom. |
| Landis Avenue North Bound | East | Beginning at the northerly curbline of 63rd Street and extending to a point 100 feet north therefrom. |
| John F. Kennedy Blvd. North Bound | North | Beginning at the easterly curbline of Cimi Avenue and extending to a point 105 feet east therefrom. |
| John F. Kennedy Blvd. South Bound | South | Beginning at the westerly curbline of Landis Avenue and extending to a point 105 feet west therefrom. |
| Landis Avenue South Bound | West | Beginning at the southerly curbline of 62nd Street and extending to a point 100 feet south therefrom. |
| Landis Avenue South Bound | West | Beginning at the northerly curbline of 86th Street and extending to a point 105 feet north therefrom. |

SECTION II. Severability. If for any reason any section of this Ordinance shall be declared illegal by any Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining section of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, notwithstanding.

SECTION III. Repealer. Any Ordinance or provision thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION IV. Publication. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the adoption and publication in accordance with the law.

Mary Tighe, Council President

Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing ordinance was duly passed by the City Council of the City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey on first reading at the regular meeting of said Council held on the 14th day of October, 2025 and was taken up for second reading, public hearing and final passage at the regular meeting of said Council held on the 12th day of November, 2025, in City Hall, 3rd Floor Council Chambers, 233 JFK Blvd., Sea Isle City, New Jersey at 10:00 a.m.

Shannon D. Romano, Municipal Clerk

CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY
NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 1725 (2025)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 26 ENTITLED “ZONING” TO ADD AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO ADDRESS AREAS IDENTIFIED IN THE MASTER PLAN AS NEEDING REVISION

WHEREAS, the City of Sea Isle City has reviewed the zoning amendments promulgated in accordance with the Master Plan and since the most recent Master Plan Reexamination Report adopted by the City of Sea Isle City’s Planning Board on August 14, 2017, to create a new zoning map; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sea Isle City has discovered anomalies in zoning amendments through review of the proposed new zoning map; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sea Isle City recommends the changes contained herein so that the proposed new zoning map accurately depicts the zoning amendments since the most recent Master Plan Reexamination Report adopted on August 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the Blocks and Lots herein were not intended by the City of Sea Isle City to be included in the C3 Overlay Inclusionary Zone; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sea Isle City, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION I. Under the authority to amend the zoning map from time to time under Chapter 26 Section 13 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, entitled “The Zoning Map” the zoning map is hereby amended and the City of Sea Isle City hereby re-zones portions of the following districts as follows:

| Change | General Location | Block & Lot |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| C3 Overlay Inclusionary Zone to C1 | Northeast corner of 42 nd Street and Park Road | Block 41.04, Lot 3.02 |
| C3 Overlay Inclusionary Zone to R2 | Northeast corner of 44th Street and Park Road | Block 43.04, Lots 1 and 2 |
| C3 Overlay Inclusionary Zone to R2 | 88th Street along the bay | Block 88.03, Lot 13.01 |

The Zoning Map of the City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey is hereby amended to conform to the above changes.

SECTION II. Severability. If for any reason any section of this Ordinance shall be declared illegal by any Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining section of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, notwithstanding.

SECTION III. Repealer. Any Ordinance or provision thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION IV. Publication. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the adoption and publication in accordance with the law.

Mary L. Tighe, Council President

Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio

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Shannon D. Romano, Municipal Clerk

CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY
NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 200 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 provides for the approval of claims in manner provides by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Sea Isle City duly enacted Ordinances which provide a method for approval of claims, recordation thereof, and the payment of such claims by the City of Sea Isle City; and:

WHEREAS, The City Council have reviewed and considered invoices as follows:

PREVIOUS PAID BILLS:

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| SEA ISLE CITY PAYROLL | 401,656.79 |
| PLAYTECH INTERACTIVE | 16,200.44 |
| DRUG AND ALCOHOL CLEARING | 125.00 |

| <u>VENDOR</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| ACTION SUPPLY | 668.82 |
| ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC | 1,597.62 |
| ADVANTAGE RENTAL & SALES | 152.38 |
| ANIMAL CONTROL OF SJ | 950.00 |
| ALLEGRA PRINTING | 655.00 |
| ACT ENGINEERS | 1,022.00 |
| AMAZON | 8,987.18 |
| AXION | 5,681.31 |
| ACCURATE LANGUAGE SERVICES | 1,110.00 |
| AUTOZONE | 1,201.31 |
| BURKE MOTOR GROUP | 1,300.51 |
| BILLOWS | 1,075.79 |
| BROWN, RUTH | 300.00 |
| BADGER METER | 1,354.88 |
| HORIZON BCBS | 1,124.23 |
| BOYLE, DONALD | 300.00 |
| BLOODGOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT | 195.00 |
| BLAZE EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT | 502.50 |
| BLANEY, DONAHUE & WEINBERG | 2,000.00 |
| BRADLEY MATTHEW | 761.05 |
| CINTAS | 389.42 |
| COMCAST | 823.12 |
| CMC MUA | 956,663.25 |
| COMPUTER ACCESS | 393.30 |

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| CONSTANT CONTACT | 1,470.00 |
| COLONIAL SUPPLY | 193.11 |
| CORE AND MAIN | 5,447.72 |
| CONTEMPORARY TECHNOLOGIES | 7,640.00 |
| COMCAST | 1,055.00 |
| DELL COMPUTER | 5,436.38 |
| DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES | 12,500.00 |
| EASTERN EQUIPMENT | 141.98 |
| EVERON | 844.83 |
| GARDNER HARDWARE | 370.97 |
| GENSERVE | 1,124.66 |
| GARREFFI, ANTHONY | 2,171.05 |
| GRDINICH, ANTOINETT | 325.00 |
| GANSKY, LOUIS | 300.00 |
| GUESTQUEST | 1,394.00 |
| HUNTER JERSEY PETERBILT | 131.93 |
| HOME DEPOT | 736.85 |
| HOWELL RESCUE SYSTEMS | 35,323.75 |
| HAMILTON FIRE & SAFETY | 854.00 |
| HI LINE | 368.70 |
| KELLY, DOROTHY | 300.00 |
| KYOCERA | 37.56 |
| KROPINSKI, JACQUELINE | 300.00 |
| LAWSON | 460.85 |
| LILLISTON HONDA | 60.00 |
| LET'S PARTY | 685.00 |
| MGL FORMS | 585.00 |
| MCCLORY COLLIN | 42.00 |
| NJ MOTOR VEHICLE COMISSION | 150.00 |
| MEYERS, DOLORES | 300.00 |
| EQUITABLE LIFE | 533.80 |
| MOSCA DESIGN | 242,657.73 |
| MCCROSSIN & STANTON | 7,778.50 |
| NATIONAL TIME SYSTEMS | 359.50 |
| NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES | 70.00 |
| NJ ASSOC OF CHIEFS | 2,400.00 |
| NAPA AUTO | 663.20 |
| NOVASAK | 730.00 |
| NICHOLS, NANCY | 300.00 |
| NICHOLS, MICHAEL | 300.00 |
| NESENSOHN, ALAN | 300.00 |
| NJ WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT | 250.00 |
| OCEAN CITY SENTINAL | 79.00 |
| ODONELL, ANNE | 300.00 |
| PEDRONI | 1,920.69 |
| PLANT SERVICE | 260.00 |
| PRECISION ANALYTICAL | 60.00 |
| PRATT, DAWN | 325.00 |
| RIGGINS | 5,219.08 |
| ROWAN UNIVERSITY | 150.00 |
| SOUTHERN NJ CHAPTER NIGP | 110.00 |
| SEA ISLE CITY TRUST | 1,150.00 |
| SEA ISLE CITY BOE | 196,479.83 |
| SEA ISLE CITY W&S OPERATING | 11,538.29 |

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| SPARK ELECTRIC | 2,010.00 |
| SEVEN MILE | 402.84 |
| SEASHORE ASPHALT | 1,071.36 |
| SERVICE TIRE TRUCK | 1,062.15 |
| SIEB, RICHARD | 325.00 |
| TREASURER STATE OF NJ | 7.00 |
| THOMSON REUTERS INC | 804.00 |
| BROYHILL MANUFACTLURING | 1,026.17 |
| UPS | 66.49 |
| VCI | 1,245.78 |
| VAL U AUTO | 2,037.41 |
| VISION BENEFITS OF AMERICA | 915.17 |
| W.B MASON | 1,306.23 |
| WELLS FARGO | 2,140.13 |
| WILSON, KATHLEEN | 300.00 |
| WRIGHT, HOWARD | 325.00 |
| WHINNEY, CHARLES | 300.00 |
| WILLIAMSON, SUSAN | 300.00 |
| BELL, MICHAEL | 369.53 |
| DIBBABO, ANTHONY | 410.35 |

1,978,300.47

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sea Isle City, NJ as follows:

1. All of those invoices as set forth above (with the exception of those items containing a line drawn through them and relisted to paragraph 2 below) are hereby approved. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized (as per section 6 of Ordinance 716) to indicate said approval on each invoice and to record same in the official minutes.
2. All of the following invoices are disapproved by this Council:

VENDOR AMOUNT:

The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to appropriately record the disapproval of the invoices noted in this paragraph in the official minutes.

3. All of those invoices listed in the recital as set forth above containing the initials of not more than one council Person immediately to the left of each line shall be deemed approved (as per paragraph number one above) by a majority vote of the remaining Council members. Those invoices listed in the recital as set forth above containing a line drawn through the vendor's name and amount and relisted in paragraph 2 shall be deemed a rejection of said invoices and shall not be paid.

Recorded Vote:

Mary Tighe , Council President

| Council | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Moved | Second |
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| Edwardi | | | | | | |
| Jargowsky | | | | | | |
| Ciseck | | | | | | |
| Kehner | | | | | | |
| Tighe | | | | | | |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of Sea Isle City, New Jersey, at the regular meeting held on WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2025.

Shannon D. Romano, Municipal Clerk

CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY
NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 202 (2025)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF A TAX LIEN FOR A PROPERTY WITH A
TOTAL LEVY OF LESS THAN \$100.00

WHEREAS, a tax levy was placed on the property located at 319 36th Street, known as Block 35.05, Lot 15, for the calendar year 2024/2025; and

WHEREAS, the total tax levy on the property is less than One Hundred Dollars \$100.00; and

WHEREAS, it is not fiscally prudent for the municipality to proceed with a tax sale for such a small amount, as the administrative costs of conducting the sale would exceed the amount of the lien; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sea Isle City Council has the authority to stay properties from a tax sale where the total levy is under \$100.00, as per the guidelines of the New Jersey League of Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the municipality to cancel this tax lien and remove the property from any scheduled tax sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Sea Isle City Council, the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the tax lien on the property at Block 35.05, Lot 15, for the levy of less than \$100.00, be hereby canceled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Tax Collector is authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to cancel the tax sale certificate and remove the property from the tax sale list; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mary Tighe, Council President

Recorded Vote:

| Council | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Moved | Second |
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| Edwardi | | | | | | |
| Ciseck | | | | | | |
| Jargowsky | | | | | | |
| Tighe | | | | | | |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey, at the regular meeting held on Tuesday Nov. 12th, 2025.

Shannon D. Romano, Municipal Clerk

CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY

RESOLUTION 203 (2025)

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF NEW OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING OFF THE COAST OF NEW JERSEY IN THE 11th NATIONAL OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the economy of the City of Sea Isle City, Cape May County, depends heavily on a healthy coastal and marine environment, supporting industries such as tourism, recreation, commercial and recreational fishing, and related small businesses; and

WHEREAS, clean water, thriving ecosystems, and an attractive coastal environment are vital to maintaining property values, sustaining local businesses, and ensuring the quality of life for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, offshore oil and gas exploration, development, and drilling carry inherent risks, including oil spills, leaks, habitat destruction, and pollution, which could cause significant, long-term harm to our coastal economy, natural resources, and way of life; and

WHEREAS, even the perception of environmental risk associated with offshore drilling can negatively impact tourism, investment, and business development in coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is developing the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program and has requested public input on whether to include new offshore leasing areas; and

WHEREAS, Expanding drilling into the Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Area, closer to Florida's West Coast, is a dangerous departure from current policy because the Gulf Stream could conceivably bring an oil spill around the Florida Keys and up the US East Coast.

WHEREAS, the protection of our coastal environment and economy is a priority for the City of Sea Isle City, Cape May County, and the long-term well-being of our community outweighs the short-term benefits that expanded offshore drilling might offer to the oil and gas industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sea Isle City, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The City of Sea Isle City, County of Cape May, formally opposes the inclusion of any exploration like seismic blasting and new offshore oil and gas leasing off the coast of New Jersey in the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program.
2. The City of Sea Isle City, County of Cape May, urges the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to prioritize the protection of coastal economies, communities, and ecosystems by excluding exploration and new offshore oil and gas leases from the final leasing program.
3. The City of Sea Isle City, County of Cape May, calls on our federal representatives in Congress to oppose efforts to expand offshore drilling and to support policies that protect our oceans, coasts, and the industries and communities that depend on them.

4. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Doug Burgum Secretary of the Interior, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Senator Michael L. Testa, Jr., Assemblyman Antwan L. McClellan, Assemblyman Erik K. Simonsen, Cape May County League of Municipalities, Cape May County Administrator Kevin Lare and all 16 Municipal Clerk's of Cape May County .

 Mary L. Tighe, Council President

Recorded Vote:

| Council | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Moved | Second |
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| Tighe | | | | | | |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey, at the regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 12, 2025.

 Shannon D. Romano, Municipal Clerk