

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MARCH 25, 2025  
6:00P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield was called to order on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:23PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, New Jersey.

**2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:**

Whereas, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey requires at the commencement of every meeting a Statement of Compliance be read by the presiding officer.

Now, Therefore Be Advised, that the meeting requirements for this meeting have been met by publishing an annual meeting notice in The Record and Herald News and by posting such notice in the office of the City Clerk as well as in a public place within the Municipal Building, and by notifying interested citizens. Said notice was posted on January 2, 2025 and published on January 7, 2025.

**3. ROLL CALL:**

On Roll Call present members were: Councilmembers Rigoglioso & Delaney, Deputy Mayor Kane, Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond, and Mayor Garnto. Also present were City Manager/City Clerk Delaney and City Attorney Richard Malagiere.

**4. FLAG SALUTE & PRAYER**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond and seconded by Councilman Delaney to approve the March 11, 2025 Work Session meeting minutes. The motions carried, with Councilman Rigoglioso abstaining.

**6. RESOLUTIONS:**

R-166-25 Approving Liquor License Transfer Person to Person #0221-33-008-010

**7. ORDINANCES:**

**FIRST READING**

R-167-25

Introduce Ord. #3064

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL LEGISLATION,  
CHAPTER 5 - BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND  
COMMISSIONS OF THE REVISED GENERAL  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

R-168-25

Introduce Ord. #3065

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD  
AMENDING THE CITY CODE PART I  
(ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION), CHAPTER 5  
(BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMISSIONS) TO ADOPT  
A NEW ARTICLE VII (RESIDENTS ADVISORY BOARD)**

**SECOND READING**

- R-169-25 Introduce Ord. #3061  
**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL GENERAL LEGISLATION,  
CHAPTER 151 - FOOD HANDLING ESTABLISHMENTS -  
ARTICLE III – EMERGENCY OUTDOOR CAFÉS – OF  
THE REVISED CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**
- R-170-25 Introduce Ord. #3062  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL LEGISLATION,  
CHAPTER 151 - FOOD HANDLING ESTABLISHMENTS -  
ARTICLE 1 - OUTDOOR CAFÉS - GENERAL  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**
- R-171-25 Introduce Ord. #3063  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL LEGISLATION,  
CHAPTER 226 (PARKING), ARTICLE II (PARKING FOR  
HANDICAPPED PERSONS) OF THE REVISED CODE OF  
THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

**8. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- R-172-25 Approval of Bills List  
R-173-25 Authorizing Payment to John Garcia Construction Co., Inc., for an  
Emergency Sanitary Sewer Connection at 13 Lizette Street  
R-174-25 Approving Refund of Food Truck Application Fee  
R-175-25 Confirming Endorsement of Community Development Project – New  
Concepts for Living  
R-176-25 Approval of Fee Waiver for City-Wide Garage Sale Participants  
R-177-25 Amending Terms for Event Planning and Recreation Advisory Committee  
R-178-25 Approving 2025 Vehicle Repair and Auto Body Repair Facility Licenses  
R-179-25 Resolution to Approve the Consent Agenda

**9. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**10. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Mayor and Council reminded the new owner that the business is in a residential area and asked that he be mindful of his neighbors. They inquired about whether or not he plans to have entertainment and wished him luck.

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-166-25**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO**

**APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER PERSON TO PERSON  
#0221-33-008-010**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed for a Person to Person Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-008-010, from MD Group LLC, t/a Donia Mediterranean Restaurant, 149 Van Winkle Avenue, (Dejan Micakowski, 67 Franklin Avenue Garfield, New Jersey 07026, – who owns 50% of the shares of the Corporation and Jannette Nadler, 67 Franklin Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, who owns 50% of the shares of the Corporation), to 82 Oak Bar & Bistro LLC, (Michael Afonso, 201 Arlington Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07011 – who will own 100% of the shares of the Corporation) located at 149 Van Winkle Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026; and

**WHEREAS**, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department has conducted a background investigation and the applicant and premises are suitable for licensing; and

**WHEREAS**, a “Tax Clearance - Transfer Certificate” has been issued and has been received as required pursuant to regulations promulgated by the State of New Jersey Division of Taxation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, does hereby approve, effective March 25, 2025, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-008-010 to 82 Oak Bar & Bistro LLC, (Michael Afonso, 201 Arlington Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07011 – who will own 100% of the shares of the Corporation) for licensed premises to be located at 149 Van Winkle Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, and does hereby direct the City Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: “This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to 82 Oak Bar & Bistro LLC, 149 Van Winkle Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026, effective March 26, 2025”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this license is transferred on the condition that no Go-Go, live entertainment or discotheque be used in connection with this license; (A fee of \$200.00 was collected for the State of New Jersey in connection with the person to person and license transfer, and a fee of \$155.50 was collected for the City of Garfield in connection with the person to person license transfer).

APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2025

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Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 25th day of March 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

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Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-167-25**

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3064  
FIRST READING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 5 - BOARDS,  
COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES  
OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

be passed and adopted on first reading; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a final hearing on said ordinance will be heard at a meeting held on, April 8, 2025 at 6:00PM or as soon thereafter as same can be heard, at which time any persons interested in said ordinance can be heard; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to advertise in a legal newspaper a notice of introduction and final hearing as required by law.

APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2025

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Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 25th day of March 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

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Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO.: 3064**

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 5 - BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Garfield (the “City”) maintains in Part 1, Administrative Regulations, Chapter 5 entitled “BOARDS, COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS” of the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of City residents at this time to amend the City Code, Chapter 5 entitled “BOARDS, COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS”, Article V entitled “EVENT PLANNING AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE” (the “Committee”) to allow the membership on the Committee, which currently permits up to 25 members, to permit up to 40 members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City has further determined that it is further desirable to amend Chapter 5 entitled “BOARDS, COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS”, Article V entitled “EVENT PLANNING AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE” to allow that 2 of the 40 members of the Committee may be members of the City Council whose terms shall be concurrent with their terms as members of the City Council;

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield, that Part 1, Administrative Regulations Chapter 5 entitled “BOARDS, COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS”, Article V entitled “EVENT PLANNING AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE” is hereby amended to include as follows:

**Section 1.** The following sections or subsections and current text of those sections or subsections of City Ordinance General Legislation, Chapter 5 entitled “BOARDS, COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS”, Article V entitled “EVENT PLANNING AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE” is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 5-28 entitled “Membership”.**

The Event Planning and Recreation Advisory Committee shall consist of up to 40 members, with a diverse range of business interests, two of whom may be members of the City Council. All the members, except for the two members of the City Council who must be residents of Garfield, may or may not be residents of the City of Garfield. Committee members shall serve without compensation.

**§ 5-29. entitled “Appointment; qualifications and term; quorum”, subsection B.** The term of office shall be three years, except for the members of the City Council whose term or terms shall expire concurrently with the expiration of their term or terms as a member of the City Council. The terms of the original appointments shall be from one to five years to the end that no more than eight terms will expire in any one year.

**Section 2.** The remainder of Chapter 5 entitled “BOARDS, COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS”, Article V entitled “EVENT PLANNING AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE” is ratified and remains in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder of any portion thereof.

**Section 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with Law.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: March 25, 2025

Adopted:

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-168-25**

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3065  
FIRST READING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD AMENDING THE CITY CODE PART I (ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION), CHAPTER 5 (BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS) TO ADOPT A NEW ARTICLE VII (RESIDENTS ADVISORY BOARD)**

be passed and adopted on first reading; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a final hearing on said ordinance will be heard at a meeting held on, April 8, 2025 at 6:00PM or as soon thereafter as same can be heard, at which time any persons interested in said ordinance can be heard; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to advertise in a legal newspaper a notice of introduction and final hearing as required by law.

APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2025

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Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 25th day of March 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

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Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO.: 3065**

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD AMENDING THE CITY CODE PART I (ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION), CHAPTER 5 (BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS) TO ADOPT A NEW ARTICLE VII (RESIDENTS ADVISORY BOARD)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Garfield (the “City” or “Garfield”) maintains Part I Administrative Legislation, CHAPTER 5 (Boards, Committees and Commissions) in its body of ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, under Chapter 5 (Boards, Committees and Commissions), there are six Articles (I – VI) set out; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of Garfield finds that it is in the best interest of the City to amend Part I, Chapter 5, to add a NEW Article VII entitled RESIDENTS ADVISORY BOARD as follows:

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of Garfield, that Part I Administrative Legislation, CHAPTER 5 (Boards, Committees and Commissions) is hereby amended to add Article VII “Residents Advisory Board” as follows:

**§ 5-40. Findings; purpose.**

The Mayor and City Council have determined that it is in the public interest to officially recognize a Residents Advisory Board with membership from each of the City’s Five Wards as a mechanism to provide efficient and real-time communication to the Mayor and City Council regarding issues of concern City wide. Accordingly, the Mayor and City Council will be able to provide attention to the issues raised.

**§ 5-41. Creation.**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the City Council of the City of Garfield under and by virtue of N.J.S.A. 40:81-13 et seq., there is hereby created the Residents Advisory Board of the City of Garfield.

**§ 5-42. President and Vice President.**

A. The Mayor shall appoint a President and Vice President of the Residents Advisory Board each of whom shall be a City resident and a resident for at least three (3) years prior to the appointment. The President and Vice President shall thereafter propose two (2) Garfield residents from each of the City’s five (5) Wards (10 people in total) to the Mayor and City Council for appointment from the pool of residents who have submitted an application as set out immediately below.

B. The term of office for the President and Vice President shall be for two years. Regardless of what month an appointment is made, the two-year term for the President and/or Vice President shall end December 31 of the second calendar year of the term.

C. If a vacancy in any term shall occur, otherwise than by expiration of the term, it shall be filled by appointment as above provided for the unexpired term.

D. The Mayor, or his/her designee, shall be an ex officio member thereof.

E. The President and Vice President of the Board must be residents of the City and shall, before assuming office, take and subscribe to an oath that he or she will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of his or her office.

**§ 5-43. Membership.**

A. The Residents Advisory Board shall consist of up to ten (10) members of the City of Garfield, not including the President and Vice President, each of whom resided in the City for at least 1 year prior to appointment. Board members will serve without compensation.

B. To be considered for a position on the Residents Advisory Board, a qualified City

resident must complete an application form and submit same to the President of the Residents Advisory Board.

C. The President and Vice President shall select candidates from the applications submitted; ten residents (2 from each of the City's five (5) wards) and recommend a slate of ten (10) applicants to the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council may interview candidates by way of a committee of less than three City Council members in coordination with the President and Vice President of the Board. The Mayor and Council shall appoint members (2 from each Ward) to serve for a one-year term. Regardless of what month an appointment is made, the one-year Member term shall end December 31 of the calendar year of the appointment.

D. Notwithstanding, the Mayor and City Council may re-appoint member(s) for additional term(s) without having the member(s) re-apply as often as it may deem appropriate and as long as the Board's make up consists of two (2) members from each of the City's Wards. There will be no holdovers.

E. The members of the Board must be residents of the City and shall, before assuming office, take and subscribe to an oath that he or she will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of his or her office.

#### **§ 5-44. Duties.**

A. The Residents Advisory Board shall have the power and duty to:

- Create subcommittees as necessary.
- Make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council and other City departments, commissions, boards and agencies in order to improve the quality of life in the City of Garfield.
- Engage with City residents to gather issues of concern ward by ward.
- Make recommendations on funding opportunities and priorities to the Mayor and City Council as well as other departments, commissions, boards and agencies.
- Identify, discuss and document key issues ward by ward.
- Hold a public forum or town hall meeting for each City Ward at least once per year.
- Report to the Mayor and City Council on at least an annual basis.

B. The President of the Residents Advisory Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- Organize and oversee meetings.
- Set the agenda
- Serve as the spokesperson of the Board to the Mayor and City Council.

C. The Vice President of the Residents Advisory Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- Act in the capacity of the President in his/her absence.
- Assist the President with coordination and meetings.

#### **§ 5-45. Cooperation of City officials; access to information.**

The Residents Advisory Board shall receive, from all officers and official bodies of the City, such assistance as may be required by it in performing its duties. The Committee shall have access to City public information and records, which may assist in the performance of its duties.

#### **§ 5-46. Meetings and Report to Mayor and City Council.**

The Residents Advisory Board shall meet no more often than once per month and shall make

written report/recommendation to the Mayor and Council no more frequently than quarterly and no less frequently than annually. The Residents Advisory Board may call an emergency meeting at any time with the approval of the Mayor.

**§ 5-47. Expenditures.**

The Residents Advisory Board shall expend no money without the approval of the Mayor and Council.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with Law.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: March 25, 2025

Adopted:

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

Mayor Garnto opened the floor for a public hearing. No one wished to be heard.

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-169-25**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO**

**SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3061  
SECOND READING**

**WHEREAS**, a public notice has been given by the City Clerk that an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 151 - FOOD  
HANDLING ESTABLISHMENTS - ARTICLE III – EMERGENCY OUTDOOR CAFÉS  
– OF THE REVISED CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

was introduced and passed at a meeting held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 and that further consideration of this ordinance would be taken up at this meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, all persons interested in said ordinance were given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, that said ordinance pass on final reading.

APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2025

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Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 25th day of March 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

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Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO.: 3061**

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**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 151 - FOOD HANDLING ESTABLISHMENTS - ARTICLE III – EMERGENCY OUTDOOR CAFÉS – OF THE REVISED CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Garfield (the “City”) maintains in Chapter 151, Article III, an emergency Outdoor Cafe Ordinance implemented based upon Emergency Orders of the Governor during COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, The Governor signed into law 2024 New Jersey Session Laws 3608 on November 25 2024 (An Act concerning outdoor sale of food and alcoholic beverages and supplementing Title 40 of the Revised Statutes) which supersedes Chapter 151, Article III of the City Code;

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and City Council of Garfield, that General Legislation, CHAPTER 151, ARTICLE III (SECTIONS 151-20 TO 151-28) be and is hereby REPEALED.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with Law.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: March 11, 2025

Adopted: March 25, 2025

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

Mayor Garnto opened the floor for a public hearing. No one wished to be heard.

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-170-25**

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3062  
SECOND READING**

**WHEREAS**, a public notice has been given by the City Clerk that an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 151 - FOOD HANDLING ESTABLISHMENTS - ARTICLE 1 - OUTDOOR CAFÉS - GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

was introduced and passed at a meeting held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 and that further consideration of this ordinance would be taken up at this meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, all persons interested in said ordinance were given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, that said ordinance pass on final reading.

APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

**Record of Council Vote on Passage**

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

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Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO.: 3062**

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 151 - FOOD HANDLING ESTABLISHMENTS - ARTICLE 1 - OUTDOOR CAFÉS - GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

**WHEREAS** the City of Garfield (the “City”) maintains an ordinance in Chapter 151, Food Handling Establishments, Article 1 entitled Outdoor Cafés; and

**WHEREAS** it is in the best interests of City residents at this time to amend the City Code, Chapter 151 entitled “FOOD HANDLING ESTABLISHMENTS”, Article 1 entitled “OUTDOOR CAFE” to amend this Ordinance at this time;

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, (“City Council”) that Chapter 151 entitled “FOOD HANDLING ESTABLISHMENTS”, Article 1 entitled “OUTDOOR CAFES” is hereby amended as follows:

**§ 151- 2. Site Plan Waiver.**

In this section, the Zoning Officer of the City of Garfield shall be substituted in all stated places for the Mayor and Council as required by N.J.S.A.40:55d-166

An applicant may appeal the decision of the Zoning Officer to the Mayor and Council. The appeal must be filed with the City Clerk within 15 days of the Zoning Officer’s decision.

All other provisions of this section remain in full force and effect.

**§ 151- 4. License Fee.** The former language is replaced by the below:

The fee for an Outdoor Café shall be in the range of \$500.00 to \$2,000 per season, and there shall be no proration of the fee for any shorter period for which the license is obtained. The current fee is \$500 per season. The fee can be adjusted by Resolution of the Mayor and Council within the range set out herein.

**§ 151-5. Term of License; renewals.** The former language is replaced by the below:

All outdoor café licenses shall be issued for the period commencing March 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:01 a.m. and ending November 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:01 a.m. of that particular year. Licenses may be renewed annually by the filing of an application in accordance with this section. Renewal applications may be submitted to the Health Department provided there are no changes from the application previously approved directly by the Zoning Officer or the Mayor and Council.

**§ 151-9. Enforcement.**

The Health Department shall be responsible for the issuance of licensing and the collection of fees. This chapter shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer, the Police Department, the Health Department as to the Sanitary Code, the Superintendent of Public Works as to trash, litter and recycling regulations, the City’s Fire Safety Official, the City Construction Official and any other City official designated by the Mayor and Council.

**§ 151-11. Invalidity of Ordinance.**

If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so

far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder of any portion thereof.

**§ 151-12. Inconsistency.**

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

**§ 151- 13. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with Law.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: March 11, 2025

Adopted: March 25, 2025

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

Mayor Garnto opened the floor for a public hearing. No one wished to be heard.

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-171-25**

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3063  
SECOND READING**

**WHEREAS**, a public notice has been given by the City Clerk that an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 226  
(PARKING), ARTICLE II (PARKING FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS) OF THE  
REVISED CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

was introduced and passed at a meeting held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 and that further consideration of this ordinance would be taken up at this meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, all persons interested in said ordinance were given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, that said ordinance pass on final reading.

APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2025

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Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 25th day of March 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

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Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO.: 3063**

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 226  
(PARKING), ARTICLE II (PARKING FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS) OF THE  
REVISED CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Garfield (the “City”) maintains in Part II General Legislation, CHAPTER 226 entitled “Parking”; and

**WHEREAS**, under Chapter 226 (Parking), Article II (Parking for Handicapped Persons) is set out; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of Garfield, based upon feedback for the City of Garfield Police Department Operations Division, believes it is in the best interest of the City to Amend CHAPTER 226, Article II of the City Code as follows:

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and City Council of Garfield, that Part II General Legislation, CHAPTER 226 entitled “Parking”, Article II (Parking for Handicapped Persons) is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The following sections or subsections and current text of those sections or subsections of City Ordinance Part II General Legislation, CHAPTER 226 entitled “Parking”, Article II (Parking for Handicapped Persons) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§226-6 (Grounds for denial of application) is hereby amended by adding the following:

**E. The Applicant requests a handicap space in a location other than that portion of the street that is directly in front of the property where the applicant resides.**

§226-8 (Designation of area; sign and permit) is hereby amended by deleting Section A and replacing it with the following:

**A.**

**A designated area for handicapped parking marked within that portion of the street that is directly in front of the Applicant’s residence**

§226-9 (Display of permit) is hereby deleted.

§226-10 (Change of residence or vehicle registration number) is hereby amended as follows:

A holder of a City handicapped parking permit issued pursuant to this chapter must notify the City of Garfield Police Department Operations Division if such person changes his or her residence or changes his or her vehicle registration number

§226-11 (Annual Renewal) is hereby amended by deleting the last sentence of subsection A resulting in the following:

**A.**

Restricted parking zones are valid for one year from the issue date. For calculation purposes, the validity period begins on the first day of the month succeeding the issue date. Renewals are processed annually upon receipt of a completed renewal application mailed to the permit holder.

§226-11 (Annual Renewal) subsection B is hereby amended by deleting “by June 1” and “by July 1” resulting in the following:

**B.**

Failure to submit a renewal application will result in the expiration and revocation of the restricted parking zone and handicapped parking permit. Any person who has not submitted a renewal application not received shall be assessed a fee of \$100 to reinstate the permitted parking space.

Section 2. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder of any portion thereof.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with Law.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: March 11, 2025

Adopted: March 25, 2025

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-172-25**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Current Year Reserve totaling \$36,704.17 and the Current Fund totaling \$774,805.74 and the Water Reserves totaling \$0.00 and the Water Fund totaling \$6,767.79 and the Grants totaling \$0.00 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$0.00 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$0.00 and the Trust Accounts totaling \$3,673.00 and the Developer’s Escrow totaling \$ 3,292.50.00 per attached Computer Lists, dated March 25, 2025 be ordered paid and the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue checks for same provided there are funds in the respective appropriations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the action of the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer in issuing checks in payment on the Ratification List, totaling \$825,243.20 to the meeting be ratified.

I, Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Garfield do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer

March 24, 2025  
Dated

APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

**Record of Council Vote on Passage**

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 25th day of March 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-173-25**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., FOR AN  
EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION AT 13 LIZETTE STREET**

**WHEREAS**, there was an emergency sanitary sewer connection repair at 13 Lizette Street on March 7, 2025 by John Garcia Construction Co., Inc., and;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Garfield retained John Garcia Construction Co., Inc., to respond to and perform the repair in the amount of \$14,395.32, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City Engineer provided construction oversight services during the repair, and;

**WHEREAS**, the repair work was successfully completed, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that payment is hereby authorized to John Garcia Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$14,395.32 to be paid out of account C-04-55-000-250-000.

I, Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Garfield do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer

March 24, 2025

Dated

APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2025

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Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 25th day of March 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-174-25**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY**

**APPROVING REFUND OF FOOD TRUCK APPLICATION FEE**

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager and the Mayor and Council have agreed that the City of Garfield should refund Erick Arangoitia of Banana King for a food truck application fee; and

**WHEREAS**, payments were received from Erick Arangoitia of Banana King, in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a food truck application fee by the Health Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant no longer wishes to pursue said application/license;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Garfield that these monies be refunded to Erick Arangoitia of Banana King in the amount of \$1,000.00 from account 4-01-28-370-370-063.

I, Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Garfield do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer

March 24, 2025  
Dated

APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2025

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Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 25th day of March 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

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Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-175-25**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY**

**CONFIRMING ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT –  
NEW CONCEPTS FOR LIVING**

**WHEREAS**, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$10,000 has been proposed by New Concepts for Living for a HVAC replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Garfield and the residents at 526 MacDonald Street; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of Garfield hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2025

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Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 25th day of March 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-176-25**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY**

**APPROVAL OF FEE WAIVER FOR CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE PARTICIPANTS**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 161 regulates garage sales within the City of Garfield; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 161-10, as added by Ordinance 2843, authorizes the City Manager to declare a City-wide garage sale at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, at the request of the Events Committee, City Manager Erin Nora Delaney has designated May 17<sup>th</sup> & May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as City-wide garage sale dates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council desires to waive the \$10 fee as established in this Chapter of the City Code for the designated date(s) listed above;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that they hereby waive the \$10 garage sale fee for the City-wide garage sale to be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> & May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2025

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Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 25th day of March 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

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Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-177-25**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY**

**AMENDING TERMS FOR EVENT PLANNING AND RECREATION ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Everett E. Garnto, Jr. and Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane, Jr. were appointed to the Event Planning and Recreation Advisory Committee;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the City Ordinance establishing said committee, their terms are to be concurrent with the term of their elected positions; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend their terms to expire as of December 31, 2028 as opposed to December 31, 2027;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that they hereby amend the terms of Mayor Everett E. Garnto, Jr. and Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane, Jr. on the Event Planning and Recreation Advisory Committee to expire on December 31, 2028.

APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2025

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Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 25th day of March 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

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Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-178-25**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY**

**APPROVING 2025 VEHICLE REPAIR AND AUTO BODY REPAIR FACILITY  
LICENSES**

**WHEREAS**, the following applicants have submitted their application for a vehicle repair and auto body repair license for the year 2025;

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE FOR ISSUANCE/APPROVAL</u>
Nite Fix LLC	346 Lanza Avenue	January 1, 2025
ATM Complete Auto	781 Midland Avenue	January 1, 2025
Zolito Turbo Mechanic Center	262 Midland Avenue	January 1, 2025
DNA Auto Service LLC	139 Palisade Avenue	January 1, 2025
MTR Auto	133 River Drive	January 1, 2025

**WHEREAS**, it is certified that they have conformed with provisions of Ch. 330, Vehicle Repair and Auto Body Repair Facilities, adopted 9-12-2023 by Ord. No. 3005;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue licenses to the above-named applicants, effective on the date for issuance/approval listed above.

APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2025

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Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 25th day of March 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-179-25**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the actions noted in the Consent Agenda, Resolutions R-172-25 through R-179-25 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2025

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Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 25th day of March 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

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Dated

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Garofalo, Irving Place, advised the Mayor and Council about a flooding issue on his street. He noted that this has been ongoing for several years and he brought this to the attention of previous administration pre-pandemic. Mr. Garofalo commended the DPW Superintendent, City Manager's Office, and City Engineer for their follow up and due diligence in August, however, he has not received an update from the Engineer as far as a remedy. He noted that there is not ample drainage as there are no catch basins in the area and noted the turf field and pitch from road repaving likely contributes to the issue.

Gerard Rienzi, Lincoln Place, requested an update about the speed bump study.

Patricia Nayda, Shaw Street, inquired about a no turn on red signal at the intersection of Lanza Avenue and Shaw Street when you are turning right onto Shaw towards Route 46.

Pastor Bryant, Friendship Baptist Church, stated it has been a while since he was able to attend a Council meeting. He stated that quality of life is important, so he is happy to see it being address, and noted that the church would love to help and be involved in the community in any way possible.

## **MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Rigoglioso shared that with the Board of Education election coming up, he hopes that the Mayor & Council can move forward and work together with the Board of Education regardless of who gets in.

Councilman Delaney agreed with Councilman Rigoglioso that the City works better as a whole when both entities get along, however, the Board of Education has continuously taken jabs at the Mayor and Council during their meetings. He noted that the Board of Education passed their budget and while tax increases are a fact of life, it becomes an issue when the money is not spent properly and taxes keep getting raised. Councilman Delaney stated that while he was not in attendance, a Quality of Life meeting was held. He shared that he feels these meetings are important and hopes that auto shops, speeding, litter, pet feces, etc. are addressed. Councilman Delaney concluded his report by asking that the County be contacted in regard to installing a crosswalk at the new park located on River Drive.

Deputy Mayor Kane spoke about the upcoming Board of Education election and encouraged residents to do their research on the candidates and vote. He also went on to speak about the Quality of Life meeting and advised residents that they are currently working on measures that will address some of the quality of life concerns. Deputy Mayor Kane did ask residents to be patient as they are working as quickly as possible. However, he did note that they are listening and hearing all of the concerns. Deputy Mayor Kane then highlighted the Resident Advisory Board and announced that they will be looking for interested volunteers that are dedicated and willing to put the time in. Lastly, he announced the launching of the new app that residents can download to stay up to date, Garfield Living.

Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond stated that she understands it is important to work together with the Board of Education, however, she feels they are irresponsible by creating high paying jobs yet teachers do not have the proper supplies. She stated that it is important that residents have a say in the budget, if it is over the cap, as they are the ones that will feel the impact. Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond shared that the City has a lot of good things coming up and that they are tackling their bucket list one by one. She announced that when the weather breaks, there will be a self-defense class held for women that are interested in participating. Lastly, Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond thanked the resident Mr. Garofalo for being a gentleman.

Mayor Garnto agreed that more can be accomplished when the City and Board of Education work together, however, the Board of Education needs to do the right thing. He noted that they have spent carelessly, including creating jobs. He noted that he is happy to work with them once they become more responsible in their spending. Mayor Garnto commended the establishment of a Resident Advisory Board. He also went on to say that a Quality of Life meeting was held with key personnel, which he feels was very successful. Mayor Garnto advised Mr. Garofalo that they

will look into his concern and provide answers as soon as possible. Lastly, he thanked everyone for attending and encouraged more people to attend in the future so that the Mayor and Council can be held accountable.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond and seconded by Councilman Rigoglioso to adjourn. The motions carried unanimously by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

*These meeting minutes were approved at the April 8, 2025 Work Session meeting of the Mayor & Council.*