

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 27, 2026
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, January 27, 2026 at 6:10PM 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, 2026 and published on January 7, 2026.

3. ROLL CALL:

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

**Councilman Rigoglioso arrived at 6:50PM and departed the meeting at 7:19PM via teleconference.*

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 January 13, 2026 Work Session & Executive Session Meeting minutes. The motions carried unanimously by those present, with Councilmember Delaney abstaining.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT SWEARING IN CEREMONIES:

Swearing in ceremonies were held for new officers Alfonso, Sawicki, and Schult.

Following the swearing-in ceremonies, the Mayor and Council shared their congratulatory remarks and best wishes.

Mayor Garnto made a motion for a brief recess, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond. The motions carried unanimously by those present. Following the recess, a quorum was re-established with all members in attendance and the meeting resumed.

7. PUBLIC HEARING – GREEN ACRES GRANT PROGRAM – 20TH CENTURY FIELD SPLASH PARK

City Manager/City Clerk Delaney provided a review of the Green Acres grant program opportunity. She also gave a summary of the City's application that will be submitted, which is focused on establishing a new splash park within 20th Century Field. Ms. Delaney referenced the Conceptual Plan for the Park dated March 27, 2025 and Preliminary Engineer's Estimate dated March 13, 2025, which detailed the proposed

splash pad construction and associated barrier free improvements. There was a discussion regarding the proposed location on the site. The site is proposed in the vicinity of the existing bathroom building at the park near the Emanuel Street entrance. The Environmental Impact Assessment was presented, including that no negative environmental impacts were identified that would result from the construction at this location. Ms. Delaney shared the positive feedback received from the community survey that was advertised.

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

8. ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

R-60-26 Introduce Ord. #3117

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 287 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) ARTICLE V (DUMPSTERS IN THE STREETS) OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

R-61-26 Introduce Ord. #3118

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 226 (PARKING) ARTICLE I (PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY) OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

R-62-26 Introduce Ord. #3119

CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$37,000 FOR PAVING ON NORTHVIEW TERRACE AND JOANNE TERRACE BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO BE FUNDED BY THE GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVES

R-63-26 Introduce Ord. #3120

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 298 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ENTITLED "TAXATION" BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE "EXEMPTION POLICY FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES"

SECOND READING

R-64-26 Introduce Ord. #3115

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 243, SECTION 243-5 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ENTITLED "VACANT PROPERTIES" TO REVISE THE VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE

R-65-26 Introduce Ord. #3116

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 100, "CANNABIS", OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO ESTABLISH ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL FEES

9. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Garnto made a motion to pull R-77-26 from the consent agenda, which was titled "Approving 2026 Vehicle Repair and Auto Body Repair Facility Licenses." His motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond. The motions carried unanimously. Ms. Delaney noted that the resolution numbers following said resolution would now all be adjusted.

R-66-26 Approval of Bills List

R-67-26 Authorizing Payment of Payment Requisition No. 35 (GAR 2025-13) to National Metering Services, Inc., for Services Rendered in Connection with the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 2

R-68-26	Authorizing Approval of Change Order No. 3 (Final) to North East Roof Maintenance for Construction Services Provided in Connection with the Emergency DPW Roof Repair
R-69-26	Authorizing Payment of Payment Requisition No.3 (Final) to North East Roof Maintenance for Construction Services Provided in Connection with the Emergency DPW Roof Repair
R-70-26	Amending Resolutions R-17-25 and R-534-25 to Adjust City Auditor Not to Exceed Amount
R-71-26	Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Service Contract with Stanley H. Allen D/B/A Allen Associates and Appointing Risk Manager for the City of Garfield
R-72-26	Approving Tax Overpayment Credit/Refund
R-73-26	Resolution of Support from the City of Garfield to Submit an Application and Abide by Concessions of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs 2026 Local Recreational Improvement Grant Program
R-74-26	Authorizing the Submission of a Green Acres Program Grant – Park Development – 20 th Century Field Splash Park
R-75-26	Recognizing and Celebrating the Anniversary of the Incorporation of Garfield as a Borough and Designating March 15 th of Each Year as “Garfield Anniversary Day”
R-76-26	Approving 2026 Towing Licenses
R-77-26	Approving 2026 Vehicle Sales Licenses
R-78-26	Approving 2026 Cannabis License
R-79-26	Approval of Laundromat Business License
R-80-26	Approval of Laundromat Business License
R-81-26	Re-Assignment Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate Members
R-82-26	Entering into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen – CDBG FY2025-2026 – Plauderville Avenue Road Improvements
R-83-26	Rescinding Resolution R-41-26 – “Appointment of Library Board of Trustees Member”
R-84-26	Resolution to Approve the Consent Agenda

10. RESOLUTION:

Following the consent agenda, Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond made a motion to add resolution for a handicap parking space that was previously denied. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Delaney. Mayor Garnto stated that the person should re-apply and council can re-visit since it was already turned down and that he would like to see the paperwork. Councilman Delaney inquired if the Police Department investigated said application. It was noted that a resolution for a handicap parking space is not placed on an agenda without the Police Department’s approval. He then stated that all recommendations by the Police Department have been approved in the past. Mayor Garnto inquired if the resolution can be placed back on an agenda if it was voted down. City Attorney Malagiere advised that it can be re-instated with a motion and a second, however, he suggested that there be a motion to re-instate the resolution and then a separate motion for its approval. Mayor Garnto requested that the Mayor and Council be sent accompanying paperwork moving forward, minus any personal healthcare information that they would not otherwise be privy to. Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond made a motion to re-instate the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Delaney. The motions carried with Deputy Mayor Kane abstaining and Mayor Garnto voting no.

R-85-26	Approving Handicap Parking Space
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11. PUBLIC HEARING:

12. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:

13. ADJOURNMENT:

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-60-26**

**RESOLUTION BY: MAYOR GARNTO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3117
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 287 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS)
ARTICLE V (DUMPSTERS IN THE STREETS) OF THE CITY CODE 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, February 17, 2026 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: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3117**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 287 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS)
ARTICLE V (DUMPSTERS IN THE STREETS) OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY
OF GARFIELD**

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised by residents regarding dumpsters in public roads, streets, sidewalks, in the rights-of-way or otherwise in a manner that causes an obstruction to passersby in the City of Garfield (the “City” or “Garfield”); and

WHEREAS, the current situation causes people to be inconvenienced by dumpsters in walkways or subject to leakage from the receptacles; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the Garfield believe it is in the best interest of the City to Amend Chapter 287 (Streets and Sidewalks) of the City Code to make the following modifications;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows: [additions]/~~deletions~~]

§ 287-27. Definitions.

Terms used in this article shall have the following meanings:

DUMPSTER

Any disposal container which is used to carry rubble, rubbish, garbage, building material or any other matter, whether such container is portable, semiportable or permanently located.

[§ 287-34. Restrictions on location or placement

Dumpsters may not be placed on public roads, street, sidewalks, in the right-of-way or otherwise in a manner that causes an obstruction to passersby. Any person who controls, whether owned, leased, or operated, a dumpster must ensure that such container is covered at all times and shall prevent refuse from spilling out or overflowing. Additionally, dumpsters must be enclosed by an opaque material sufficient to completely mask the view of the dumpster contained therein.]

§ 287-34[5]. Removal by City; costs.

The placement of a dumpster in a public road or right-of-way without the benefit of permit shall result in the right of the City to remove such dumpster. The cost of removing such dumpster shall be assessed against the applicant or the person benefited from the placement of the dumpster.

[editor’s note: no change, just re-numbered]

§ 287-35[6]. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating any provision of this article shall be punished by one or more of the following: a fine not exceeding \$2,000; imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days; and/or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days. [editor’s note: no change, just re-numbered]

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: January 27, 2026

Adopted:

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-61-26**

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3118
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 226 (PARKING) ARTICLE I (PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY) OF THE CITY CODE 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, February 17, 2026 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: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3118**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 226 (PARKING) ARTICLE I (PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY) OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, vehicle parking, including unauthorized parking, in City parks and City-owned parking lots within the City of Garfield (the “City” or “Garfield”), has become a serious problem that negatively impacts the quality of life of Garfield residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield believes it is in the best interest of the City to Amend Chapter 226 (Parking) Article I (Parking on Private Property) of the City Code to make the following modifications;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows: [additions]/[deletions]

§ 226-1. Parking prohibited

[D. Parking Prohibited: City Parks

- a. No person shall park, stand, or leave unattended any vehicle within the boundaries of any City park, including park parking lots, during closure hours, unless otherwise posted or authorized pursuant to subsection (c).
- b. Parking is permitted only for the duration of park use; vehicles left unattended or for purposes other than park use may be subject to fines or towing.
- c. This prohibition shall not apply to:
 - 1. Authorized City vehicles in the performance of official duties;
 - 2. Emergency vehicles responding to an emergency;
 - 3. Vehicles operated by City contractors or utility services with written or verbal authorization;
 - 4. Vehicles expressly permitted by a special event permit, written authorization, or posted signage.]

[E. Parking Prohibited: City-Owned Parking Lots During Certain Hours

- a. Except as provided in this Ordinance, no person shall park, stand, or leave a vehicle in any City-owned parking lot after the closure of the associated City entity or facility, unless otherwise posted or authorized pursuant to subsection (c).
- b. The prohibition set forth herein shall apply from the time of closure until the time the entity or facility reopens to the public on the following day.
- c. This prohibition shall not apply to:
 - 1. Authorized City vehicles in the performance of official duties;
 - 2. Emergency vehicles responding to an emergency;
 - 3. Vehicles operated by City contractors or utility services with written or verbal authorization;
 - 4. Vehicles expressly permitted by a special event permit, written authorization, or posted signage.

ATTEST: _____

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

Introduced: January 27, 2026

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-62-26**

**RESOLUTION BY: MAYOR GARNTO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3119
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$37,000 FOR PAVING ON NORTHVIEW TERRACE AND JOANNE TERRACE BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO BE FUNDED BY THE GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVES

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, February 17, 2026 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: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3119**

CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$37,000 FOR PAVING ON NORTHVIEW TERRACE AND JOANNE TERRACE BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO BE FUNDED BY THE GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVES

WHEREAS, the City Council now finds and determines that \$37,000 is required for the paving on Northview Ter. And Joanne Ter., and \$0 is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses; and

WHEREAS, there are available funds in the general capital reserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "City"), as follows:

Section 1. The sum of \$37,000 is hereby appropriated to the aforementioned project. No down payment is required for this ordinance as it will be fully funded through the capital reserves. Said project has been and shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof has been nor shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 2. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the project is not a current expense of said City, and (2) the capital reserves are sufficient to fully fund the capital ordinance pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose authorized by the General Capital fund is \$37,000 and is for the project and hereby stated, \$0 of which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses.

Section 3. There will be no issuance of debt and as such, there is no need to provide a self-liquidating calculation or Supplemental Debt Statement.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the first publication thereof after final passage.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: January 27, 2026

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-63-26**

**RESOLUTION BY: MAYOR GARNTO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3120
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 298 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ENTITLED “TAXATION” BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER “EXEMPTION POLICY FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES”

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, February 17, 2026 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.

TABLED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 tabled by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3120**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 298 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
GARFIELD ENTITLED "TAXATION" BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER "EXEMPTION
POLICY FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES"**

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Tabled: January 27, 2026

Introduced:

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

Mayor Garnto opened the floor for a public hearing.

Paula Tamburo, Palisade Avenue, gave a brief history of her line of work and how it factors into said ordinance. She inquired about whether or not Garfield will be establishing a mechanism to track vacant property fees and if they would be using a third-party vendor. She noted that the fees are low, in her experience. Ms. Delaney advised that a mechanism was put in place through GovPilot in 2025 and that the fees are being adjusted at the recommendation of the JIF.

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-64-26**

**RESOLUTION BY: MAYOR GARNTO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3115
SECOND READING**

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 243, SECTION 243-5 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ENTITLED “VACANT PROPERTIES” TO REVISE THE VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE

was introduced and passed at a meeting held on January 13, 2026 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: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3115**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 243, SECTION 243-5 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ENTITLED “VACANT PROPERTIES” TO REVISE THE VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that § 243-5 of the City Code, entitled “Fee Schedule,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 243-5 Fee schedule.

The initial registration of a vacant property shall be **two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)**.

Upon renewal of the registration, the following annual fees shall apply:

- **Second year renewal:** three hundred dollars (\$300)
- **Third year renewal:** three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375)
- **Fourth year renewal:** four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$475)
- **Fifth year and each year thereafter:** six hundred dollars (\$600)

; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: January 13, 2026

Adopted: January 27, 2026

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-65-26**

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3116
SECOND READING**

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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 100, "CANNABIS," OF THE CODE OF THE
CITY OF GARFIELD TO ESTABLISH ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL FEES**

was introduced and passed at a meeting held on January 13, 2026 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: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3116**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 100, “CANNABIS,” OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO ESTABLISH ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL FEES

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield regulates cannabis establishments pursuant to Chapter 100 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to clarify and amend the fee structure applicable to annual license renewals for cannabis establishments; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that the establishment of specific renewal fees is necessary to defray the continuing administrative, regulatory, and enforcement costs associated with cannabis operations within the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Amendment to § 100-4A.

Section 100-4A, **License fees; renewal; late fees**, of the City Code is hereby amended by **adding a new subsection A (5)** to read as follows:

(5) Annual license renewal fees.

Notwithstanding subsections A (1) and A (2) above, the **annual license renewal fee** shall be as follows:

(a) For all cannabis establishments permitted to operate in the City of Garfield, **other than an alternative treatment center**, the annual license renewal fee shall be **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)**.

(b) For a cannabis establishment operating as an **alternative treatment center**, the annual license renewal fee shall be **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)**.

Section 2. Legislative Clarification (Non-Codified).

This Ordinance is intended to **preserve the existing initial application and annual license fees** set forth in § 100-4A (1) and § 100-4A (2) of the City Code. The renewal fees established herein shall apply **only to the annual renewal of an existing cannabis license** and shall not be construed to modify or replace the initial application fee or initial annual license fee requirements.

Section 3. Codification.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to codify this Ordinance as part of Chapter 100 of the City of Garfield Code, **except for Section 2**, which shall not be codified.

Section 4. Repealer.

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

Section 5. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: January 13, 2026

Adopted: January 27, 2026

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-66-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
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 \$95,329.61 and the Current Fund totaling \$618,820.51 and the Water Reserves totaling \$1,720.32 and the Water Fund totaling \$11,168.94 and the Grants totaling \$133.20 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$0.00 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$0.00 and the Trust Accounts totaling \$245,098.84 and the Developer’s Escrow totaling \$0.00 per attached Computer Lists, dated January 27, 2026 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 \$980,609.26 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

January 26, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-67-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PAYMENT REQUISITION NO. 35 (GAR 2025-13) TO
NATIONAL METERING SERVICES, INC., FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN
CONNECTION WITH THE WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM PHASE 2**

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield awarded a contract to National Water Metering Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, National Metering Services, Inc., provided services for this project for work completed through December, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorizes payment of Requisition No. 35 (GAR 2025-13) in the amount of \$27,774.18 to National Water Metering Services, Inc., for services rendered in connection with this project to be paid out of C-06-55-222-947-300 and PO #25-01476.

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

January 26, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-68-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO 3 (FINAL) TO NORTH EAST
ROOF MAINTENANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES PROVIDED IN
CONNECTION WITH THE EMERGENCY DPW ROOF REPAIR**

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield awarded a contract to North East Roof Maintenance, Inc. for roof repair and maintenance services in the original contract amount of \$339,000.00, which was subsequently increased by Change Order Nos. 1 and 2 to a total contract amount of \$471,779.00; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 3 (Final), in the amount of \$19,500.00, was necessary to complete work related to vertical crack repairs, thereby increasing the total contract amount to \$491,279.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that Change Order No. 3 (Final), increasing the contract amount by \$19,500.00, be and is hereby approved and that payment be made out of account C-04-55-253-085-300 and PO #25-01625.

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

January 26, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-69-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PAYMENT REQUISITION NO. 3 (FINAL) TO
NORTH EAST ROOF MAINTENANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
PROVIDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMERGENCY DPW ROOF REPAIR**

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield awarded a contract to North East Roof Maintenance in the amount of \$339,000.00 and amended amount (Change Order Nos. 1, 2, and 3) of \$491,279.00; and

WHEREAS, North East Roof Maintenance, has provided services for this project and submitted Payment Requisition No. 3 (Final) in the amount of \$148,324.08; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Engineering firm recommends the payment of Requisition No. 3 (Final) in the amount of \$148,324.08 to North East Roof Maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorizes payment of \$148,324.08 (Final) to North East Roof Maintenance for services rendered in connection with this project to be paid out of account C-04-55-253-085-300 and PO #25-01625.

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

January 26, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-70-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AMENDING RESOLUTIONS R-17-25 AND R-534-25 TO ADJUST CITY AUDITOR
NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to a previously adopted resolution, the qualified evaluation committee has determined that it would be in the best interests of the City to make certain professional appointments pursuant to a “Fair and Open Process” pursuant to the provisions of the new Jersey Local Pay to Play Law; and

WHEREAS, a legal notice and statement of criteria for submission of qualifications were prepared and issued by the City which solicited submissions by the various professionals no later than December 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforesaid notice statements of professional qualifications were, in fact submitted; and

WHEREAS, contracts with these professional may be entered into by the City of Garfield without the necessity of competitive bidding since these contracts are professional services which are exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-11-5(1); and

WHEREAS, the City Council appointed professionals at the January 1, 2025 Reorganization Meeting with specific not to exceed amounts for budgetary purposes via Resolution R-17-25; and

WHEREAS, an adjustment was previously made via Resolution R-534-25, however, a second adjustment needs to be made to a not to exceed amount to cover year to date auditor costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the following changes be made to the not to exceed amounts:

1. Dieter Lerch of the firm Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, LLP is hereby appointed as City Auditor for the City of Garfield in the amount not to exceed \$86,000.00 to be paid from Audit Services 5-01-20-135-135-000.

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

January 26, 2026

Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-71-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
WITH STANLEY H. ALLEN D/B/A ALLEN ASSOCIATES AND APPOINTING RISK
MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Garfield to retain the services of a professional risk management consultant for insurance matters (property & casualty, works compensation, property, excess liability, public officials' liability, environmental liability) integral to the operation of the City of Garfield for the calendar year of 2026, commencing on January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, such services are highly specialized in nature and exempt from a formal bidding pursuant to the New Jersey Public Contract Laws, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint the Stanley H. Allen Inc d/b/a Allen Associates as the risk manager of the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield confirms there are sufficient funds available to enter into the contract; and

WHEREAS, said contract, in aggregate, is above \$17,500 as certified by the City Chief Financial Officer and therefore, such award be in compliance with the requirement set forth by P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c. 51) N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et. seq; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount for these services shall be no more than 6% of the City' annual JIF assessment, payable by the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund directly to Stanley H. Allen d/b/a Allen Associates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that Stanley H. Allen d/b/a Allen Associates is hereby appointed as Risk Management Consultant effective January 1, 2026 and that the City Manager, Erin N. Delaney, is hereby authorized to execute the risk management consultant's agreement in accordance with the by-laws of the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund for the period commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2026 to be paid out of account Other Insurance Premiums 6-01-23-210-210-000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of said contract award, stating the nature, duration and services provided, be published in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:11-5(1)

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

January 26, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-72-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

APPROVING TAX OVERPAYMENT CREDIT/REFUND

WHEREAS, the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received requests from the following property owner for a refund due to 100% Disabled Veteran for the year 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue checks refunding over payments and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner, to be paid out of account 5-01-17-001-004.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
53	33	Bramwell, Luis	O/P	\$673.65
89	28	Rubin, Robert	O/P	\$1,059.38

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

January 26, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-73-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO SUBMIT AN
APPLICATION AND ABIDE BY CONCESSIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS 2026 LOCAL RECREATIONAL
IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$75,000.00 to carry out a project to develop a new splash park at 20th Century Field;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager and City Council do hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and City Council do hereby recognize and accept that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, do further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, do further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the City of Garfield and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-74-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GREEN ACRES PROGRAM GRANT –
PARK DEVELOPMENT – 20TH CENTURY FIELD SPLASH PARK**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to further the public interest by obtaining total funding in the amount of \$600,000.00 in the form of a \$600,000.00 matching grant and, if available, a \$0.00 loan, from the State to fund the following project(s): 20th Century Field Splash Park at a cost of \$600,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield resolves that:

1. Erin Delaney or the successor to the office of City Manager is hereby authorized to:
 - a. make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
 - b. provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
 - c. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$0.00;
3. In the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-75-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INCORPORATION OF GARFIELD AS A BOROUGH AND DESIGNATING MARCH
15TH OF EACH YEAR AS “GARFIELD ANNIVERSARY DAY”**

WHEREAS, on March 15, 1898, the community now known as the City of Garfield was originally incorporated as the Borough of Garfield by the New Jersey Legislature, establishing its municipal boundaries and beginning its formal history as a self-governing entity; and

WHEREAS, that historic incorporation marked an important milestone in the development of the community, laying the foundation for growth, civic pride, and the opportunity for local self-determination; and

WHEREAS, Garfield has since evolved into a diverse and vibrant community, now governed as a City with a rich heritage and an engaged citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to honor and commemorate the anniversary of Garfield’s original incorporation as a borough and recognize the contributions of past and present residents who have helped shape the City’s history and achievements; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate for the City of Garfield to set aside a day to celebrate this historic milestone and to encourage community reflection, civic pride, and participation in local heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Recognition and Celebration. The Mayor and Council hereby recognize and celebrate the anniversary of the incorporation of Garfield as a borough on March 15, 1898.
2. Designation of Garfield Anniversary Day. The date of March 15th of each year shall be designated as “Garfield Anniversary Day” in the City of Garfield.
3. Encouragement of Activities. All residents, civic organizations, schools, and community groups are encouraged to observe Garfield Anniversary Day with appropriate programs, celebrations, and activities that honor the history and heritage of the City.
4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-76-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

APPROVING 2026 TOWING LICENSES

WHEREAS, the following towers have filed for a towing license in the City of Garfield and the City Council having determined the public convenience and necessity, allows and requires such license and that the applicant is fit and has the necessary equipment, including a storage area pursuant to Chapter 229; and

WHEREAS, a \$500.00 license fee has been received by the City Clerk in connection with this application pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the City Manager/Clerk is authorized to notify:

Belfi's Auto and Truck Repair, Inc. 208 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026
David's Auto Body, 70 Lincoln Place, Garfield, New Jersey 07026
Nutchies Service Station LLC, 72 South Main Street, Lodi, New Jersey 07644

that they have received a 2026 Towing License pursuant to the City Code, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all towers shall comply with all the pre-conditions and requirements of the towing license.

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-77-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND

SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY

APPROVING 2026 VEHICLE SALES LICENSES

BE IT RESOVLED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that Erin N. Delaney, City Manager/ City Clerk, is hereby authorized to issue the following licenses for Vehicle Sales Business for the year 2026 described in application, duly filed:

Sudol's Auto Sales 1 Belmont Avenue Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
Buy Rite Auto Mall 341 River Drive Garfield, New Jersey 07026	\$ 365.00
Kaytors 379 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
Dymora 381 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
Mikes Auto Sales 413 River Drive Garfield, New Jersey 07026	\$ 365.00
Urbins 577 River Drive Garfield, New Jersey 07026	\$ 365.00
Payless Auto Wholesale 601 River Drive Garfield, New Jersey 07026	\$ 365.00
MJ Traders 610 River Drive Garfield, New Jersey 07026	\$ 365.00

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-78-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

APPROVING 2026 CANNABIS LICENSES

WHEREAS, the following applicants have submitted their application for a cannabis license for the year 2026;

NAME	ADDRESS	CLASS	DATE OF ISSUANCE/APPROVAL
Garfield Gardens Dispensary (formerly Yuma Way NJ LLC)	517 River Drive	ATC	January 1, 2026

WHEREAS, it is certified that they have conformed with provisions of Ch. 100, Cannabis, adopted 7-20-2021 by Ord. No. 2890, as amended;

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: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-79-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

APPROVAL OF LAUNDROMAT BUSINESS LICENSE

WHEREAS, Daisy Laundromat, 228 Palisade Avenue, filed an application for a laundromat license for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the local inspectors certify that they have conformed with provisions of Ordinance No. 1288;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to Daisy Laundromat, 228 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 for the year 2026.

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-80-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

APPROVAL OF LAUNDROMAT BUSINESS LICENSE

WHEREAS, Superwash of Garfield LLC, 45 Outwater Lane, filed an application for a laundromat license for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the local inspectors certify that they have conformed with provisions of Ordinance No. 1288;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to Superwash of Garfield LLC, 45 Outwater Lane, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 for the year 2026.

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-81-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

RE-ASSIGNMENT OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ALTERNATE MEMBERS

WHEREAS, Michael Alfonso is currently designated as Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate #1 and Danielle Marcello is currently designated as Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate #3; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield has determined that it is in the best interest to interchange the alternate designations of Michael Alfonso and Danielle Marcello while maintaining their respective appointments and terms of office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield:

1. Michael Alfonso is hereby redesignated from Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate #1 to Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate #3.
2. Danielle Marcello is hereby redesignated from Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate #3 to Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate #1.

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-82-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**ENTERING INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN –
CDBG FY2025-2026 – PLAUDERVILLE AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$185,159.00 in FY2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant funds for Plauderville Avenue Road Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes City Manager Erin Nora Delaney to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes CFO Nicholas Prochilo to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the City of Garfield is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-83-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

RESCINDING RESOLUTION R-41-26 “APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER”

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that Resolution R-41-26 appointing Jill Lee to the Library Board of Trustees for an unexpired term beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027 be and is hereby rescinded.

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-84-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
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-66-26 through R-84-26 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-85-26**

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

APPROVING HANDICAP PARKING SPACE

WHEREAS, Paula E. Tamburo, of 41 Palisade Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P3094335, has filed an application for a handicap parking sign to be placed at her address; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has investigated and recommend approval of the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for “Handicap Parking”, located on the west curb line of Palisade Avenue commencing 150 feet south of the intersection of Palisade Avenue and Passaic Street and continue an additional 25 feet south from that point; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

APPROVED: JANUARY 27, 2026

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 27th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paula Tamburo, Palisade Avenue, stated that she owes the Mayor an apology as she was upset when she approached him at the Board of Education meeting. She noted that she lived her entire life in Garfield and discussed when the Mayor and his ticket knocked on her door for her vote. Mayor Garnto said that he wished to correct Ms. Tamburo as he and his ticket were campaigning for signatures for their petitions to run for council. Ms. Tamburo then discussed how the resident parking zone in her area was taken away and that a handicap parking space is needed. She noted that while it may appear that she has a driveway, it is an easement and must always be open. Ms. Tamburo noted that she went to Deputy Mayor Kane's house innocently to have a conversation and questioned why they would vote no on her resolution when a spot is needed and was recommended. Deputy Mayor Kane shared that he was uncomfortable with her showing up to his house. Ms. Tamburo said that she wishes to make peace.

Geri Ledford, Morris Avenue, thanked the DPW for their work with the recent snow. She then went on to share that she should have spoken during the Green Acres grant application public hearing and she is thrilled that the Governing Body is exploring establishing a second splash park in town. She said it is a great idea as not everyone can afford a pool.

Salvator Lagatutta, Semel Avenue, followed up on his proposal to establish an Anniversary Day. Ms. Delaney noted that it was approved on the Mayor and Council agenda. Mr. Lagatutta advised that there is confusion on the actual date, which he is trying to research and clarify. He asked for the City Attorney's assistance. Mr. Lagatutta then provided a brief history related to crucial battles fought in 1176 and the Ford Monument.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Delaney congratulated the new officers again and stated it was a great night. He offered kudos to the DPW and their work with the recent snow as he drives through several towns to get to work and stated Garfield did great in comparison.

Deputy Mayor Kane thanked the DPW, Fire Department, and Police Department for their hard work during the recent snow. He stated that it was a large storm and asked the public to be patient as they are continuing to work hard. He thanked Mr. Lagatutta for his information and Ms. Ledford for commending the splash park. Deputy Mayor Kane noted that their vision for this second splash park is to cater towards older children's activities and hopes that it is larger than the one currently established.

Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond stated that it was a great night. She noted that she has received several questions related to snow removal and suggested that the Mayor do a "live" video on Facebook to clarify. Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond said that she heard there is a piece of equipment for \$250,000 to melt snow and suggested that the City investigate its purchase. She then commended the DPW for an excellent job. Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond shared that the splash park they are hoping to establish will be on the other side of town compared to the current one for easier access to those residents. Lastly, she thanked Pastor John for being in attendance and all he does.

Mayor Garnto thanked Pastor John for being in attendance and offering a prayer prior to the swearing in ceremony. He offered his condolences to Ms. Tamburo for the passing of her brother and stated he wishes to put things behind them and move forward. Mayor Garnto thanked Ms. Ledford for acknowledging the DPW as he saw negative comments on Facebook. He advised that he rode with the DPW Superintendent during the storm and the snow was non-stop and difficult to keep up with. Mayor Garnto acknowledged that work still needs to be done on certain roads. In relation to the splash park, he noted that the original splash park was established years ago so a new location will be a nice addition and special. Mayor Garnto thanked Mr. Lagatutta for the tremendous advice and history lessons. He concluded by congratulating the new officers and encouraging the public to attend council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

These meeting minutes were approved at the February 17, 2026 Regular meeting of the Mayor & Council.