

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 17, 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, February 17, 2026 at 6:22PM 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: Councilmember Rigoglioso*, Deputy Mayor Kane, Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond, and Mayor Garnto. Also present was City Manager/City Clerk Delaney.

**Councilman Rigoglioso left the meeting at 7:07PM.*

4. FLAG SALUTE & PRAYER:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond and seconded by Mayor Garnto to approve the January 27, 2026 Regular Meeting, February 3, 2026 Work Session, and February 11, 2026 Special Meeting. The motions carried unanimously by those present.

6. ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING

R-91-26

Re-Introduce Ord. #3120

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 298 (TAXATION) OF THE CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE VI “EXEMPTION POLICY FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES”

R-92-26

Introduce Ord. #3121

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 164 (GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE) OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

R-93-26

Introduce Ord. #3122

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-94-26 Introduce Ord. #3123
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II (GENERAL LEGISLATION) CHAPTER 226 (PARKING) OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE – ARTICLE XIII (METERED PARKING)
- R-95-26 Introduce Ord. #3124
CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$34,000 FOR ADDITIONAL SITE REMEDIATION PROFESSIONAL (LSRP) SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION AT THE GARFIELD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO BE FUNDED BY THE RESERVE FOR WATER IMPROVEMENTS
- R-96-26 Introduce Ord. #3125
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO ADD CHAPTER 65, ENTITLED “AFFORDABLE HOUSING”
- SECOND READING**
- R-97-26 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-98-26 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-99-26 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

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

- R-100-26 Approval of Bills List
- R-101-26 Approving 2026 Temporary Budget Amendment #1
- R-102-26 Authorizing Transfers Between Budget Appropriations
- R-103-26 Authorizing Approval of Change Order No.1 to D&L Paving Contractors, Inc., for Construction Services Provided in Connection with the Banta Avenue Drainage Improvement Project
- R-104-26 Authorizing Payment of Payment Requisition No. 36 (GAR 2026-01-) to National Metering Services, Inc., for Services Rendered in Connection with the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 2
- R-105-26 Authorizing the Approval and Acceptance of a Proposal and Contract with Tilcon New York, Inc. for HMA Milling and Paving of Northview Terrace and Joanne Terrace
- R-106-26 Approving Refund of Street Opening
- R-107-26 Approving Refund of Deposit Fees for Building Usage
- R-108-26 Authorizing Cancelling Old Outstanding Checks

R-109-26	Municipal Endorsing Resolution CDBG – Garfield Boys and Girls Club
R-110-26	Renewing Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund
R-111-26	Renewing Indemnity and Trust Agreement – Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund
R-112-26	Approval of Fee Waiver for City-Wide Garage Sale Participants
R-113-26	Approving 2026 Cannabis Licenses
R-114-26	Approving 2026 Vehicle Repair and Auto Body Repair Facility Licenses
R-115-26	Approving 2026 Vehicle Sales Business License
R-116-26	Approval of Laundromat Business License
R-117-26	Approval of Laundromat Business License
R-118-26	Approving Regular Active Member – Fire Department
R-119-26	Approving Resignation of Active Member – Fire Department
R-120-26	Approving Designated Parking for Fire Chief
R-121-26	Approving Handicap Parking Space
R-122-26	Approving Handicap Parking Space
R-123-26	Appointment of Municipal Housing Liaison
R-124-26	Resolution to Approve the Consent Agenda

8. PUBLIC HEARING:

9. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:

10. ADJOURNMENT:

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-91-26**

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

**RE-INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3120
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 298 (TAXATION) OF THE CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE VI “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, March 10, 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: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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 TO AMEND CHAPTER 298 (TAXATION) OF THE CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE VI “EXEMPTION POLICY FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES”

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield recognizes the extraordinary sacrifice that veterans have rendered in service to the United States.

WHEREAS, disability caused in the line of duty can impose a significant financial burden upon veterans and their families.

WHEREAS, disabled veterans often experience a loss of household income as well as inflated expenses from unique medical issues.

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey legislature has identified the unique valor and sacrifice of individuals and codified law authorizing tax exemptions for disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:4-3.30 states that qualifying veterans can receive full property tax exemptions.

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield aims to further codify this initiative with the following ordinance, specifically outlining exemptions for disabled veterans and their surviving spouses regarding property taxes as well as how to attain them on a municipal level.

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]

§ 298-38. Definitions.

WIDOW/WIDOWER

A individual whose spouse has died and who has not remarried.

WIDOWHOOD

The period commencing on the date of death of a spouse and continuing until the surviving spouse remarries.

DISABLED

Pursuant to NJSA 54:4-3.30, disabled shall mean impaired from “paraplegia, sarcoidosis, osteochondritis resulting in permanent loss of the use of both legs, or permanent paralysis of both legs and lower parts of the body, or from hemiplegia and has permanent paralysis of one leg and one arm or either side of the body, resulting from injury to the spinal cord, skeletal structure, or brain or from disease of the spinal cord not resulting from any form of syphilis; or from total blindness; or from amputation of both arms or both legs, or both hands or both feet, or the combination of a hand and a foot; or from other service-connected disability declared by the United States Veterans Administration or its successor to be a total or 100 percent permanent disability, and not so evaluated solely because of hospitalization or surgery and recuperation, sustained through enemy action, or accident, or resulting from disease contracted while in such active service”.

§ 298-39. Tax Exemption

Disabled veterans are entitled to certain property tax exemptions in the state of New Jersey, which the City will allow for and recognize under NJSA 54:4-3 et seq. An eligible

disabled veteran's dwelling home and property shall be exempt from taxation, on proper claim made therefore, and such exemption shall be in addition to any other exemption of such person's real and personal property which now is or hereafter shall be prescribed or allowed by the Constitution or by law.

§ 298-40. Widow/Widower exemption

Pursuant to 54:4-3.30(b) et seq., the widow or widower of a citizen who was entitled to such exemptions at the time of death shall be entitled to the same exemptions as the deceased during their widowhood. Widow(er)s whose spouse died in active service in any branch of the Armed Forces shall also be entitled to such exemptions.

§ 298-41. Eligibility

- A. Eligibility will be determined by the United States Veterans Administration or its successor to have a service-connected disability and to be determined to be 100% permanently disabled.

§ 298-42. Consistency with State Law

No provision of this ordinance shall be construed to create a new exemption or deduction, to expand or restrict eligibility or to impose any new condition, limitation or qualification not set forth in 54:4-3.30.

§ 298-43. Procedure

Qualifying veterans or surviving spouses of veterans must first file a D.V.SSE form with the tax assessor along with proof of total and permanent disability from the United States Veteran's Administration, proof of legal residence, proof of honorable discharge or release and in the case of a surviving spouse, a copy of the veteran's death certificate. Upon approval from the tax assessor's office, approved individual will receive a pro rata reimbursement or adjustment for any property taxes already paid in that year, calculated from the date of the Tax Assessor's approval onward. Retroactive refunds for taxes paid in previous years or periods will not be awarded.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Tabled: January 27, 2026

Introduced: February 17, 2026

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-92-26**

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

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3121
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 164 (GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE)
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, March 10, 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: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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.: 3121**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 164 (GARBAGE, RUBBISH, AND REFUSE)
OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

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

WHEREAS, it has been identified that dumpsters placed in view from street constitute a valid concern for the beautification and welfare of the City of Garfield.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the Garfield believe it is in the best interest of the City to Amend Chapter 164 (Garbage, Rubbish, and Refuse) 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~~

§ 164-2. Definitions.

Terms used in this article shall have the following meanings:

DUMPSTER

Any [dimensions] container designed and used for the storage of waste, recyclable materials, or refuse as apart of normal, ongoing business operations on nonresidential properties; not including temporary dumpsters used for construction demolition or renovation activities.]

§ 164-5. Storage and placement.

- A. Storage. Garbage, refuse, solid waste, recyclables or any other materials awaiting collection shall be deposited in a covered container(s) or receptacles, in accordance with Chapter **201** of the City Code, which shall be kept in an upright position and regularly disinfected.
- B. Placement. Refuse receptacles shall not be stored in front or on the side of buildings or houses between collections, except in a fully enclosed structure; or kept in such place or places out of public view and so as not to become a nuisance to the occupants of any dwelling.
- C. Dumpsters. [Dumpsters must be enclosed on four sides by an opaque material to completely mask the view of the dumpster therein. 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, overflowing, leaking or otherwise having the contents exit the confines of the container. If a business is unable to close off an area of their property to place a dumpster, they must rely on maximum of 3 garbage cans similarly closed off and covered. For construction, demolition, or renovation purposes, those in control of a dumpster] ~~Any establishment requiring the use of dumpsters shall do so in accordance with Chapter **287**, Article **V**, of the City Code.~~
 - (1) [For construction, demolition, or renovation purposes, those in control of a dumpster, any establishment requiring the use of dumpsters shall do so in accordance with Chapter 287, Article V, of the City Code.]
- D. Penalties. Each property owner who violates this section shall be subject to the following penalties:
 - (1) First offense: a \$150 fine, payable by mail or in person or online. Court appearance is not required.

- (2) Second offense within a twelve-month period: a \$250 fine, payable by mail or in person or online. Court appearance is not required.
- (3) Third offense within a twelve-month period: a fine of \$500 and a mandatory court appearance. The City Municipal Judge shall have the authority to sentence the offending party to not less than eight hours and no more than 30 hours of community service.
- (4) Fourth offense and each offense thereafter within a twelve-month period: a fine of not less \$1,000 and not greater than \$2,000 and a mandatory court appearance. The City Municipal Judge shall have the authority to sentence the offending party to not less than 100 hours and no more than 200 hours of community service.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: February 17, 2026

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-93-26**

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

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3122
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, March 10, 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: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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.: 3122**

**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, it has been identified that this ordinance's intention to regulate industrial construction dumpsters is not clear.

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:

APPLICANT

Any person (as defined herein) who applies for a permit for the placement of a dumpster.

DUMPSTER

Any disposal container [used during construction or renovation projects for the purpose of discarding building debris.] ~~[which is used to carry]~~ rubble, rubbish, garbage, building material or any other matter, whether such container is portable, semiportable or permanently located. [This ordinance does not apply to any container used for day to day, ongoing business operations. All dumpsters used for commercial and business purposes shall do so in accordance to Ordinance §164-5.]

PERSON

A natural person, corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, estate or trust, and shall include the plural form of any entity or person defined herein.

SAFETY DEVICES

Lights and/or reflectors mounted on or at the dumpster which shall be capable of warning vehicle traffic or pedestrians for a distance of 200 feet and shall be visible in both day- and nighttime hours.

§ 287-28. Permit required.

No person shall place any dumpster within the road or public right-of-way [for construction, renovation or demolition purposes] without having obtained a permit from the City of Garfield for the same.

§ 287-29. Width of obstruction.

[Editor's Note: no changes from §287-29-§287-35] No permit shall issue for the placement of any dumpster in any road or public right-of-way, which would prohibit vehicle traffic or pedestrian travel along such road or right-of-way, or which takes up more than 1/3 of the width of the street as measured between curbs.

§ 287-30. Permit application.

The Department of Public Works of the City of Garfield shall issue such application for the issuance of such permits, which application shall include:

- A. The name, address and twenty-four-hour telephone number of the person responsible for the placement and safety of the dumpster.
- B. The exact location of the dumpster measured within the approximate foot to the nearest intersecting street, road or right-of-way.
- C. The length, width and height and exterior color of the dumpster.
- D. An estimation of the length of time, in days, for placement of the dumpster at a particular location.

- E. The name, address and telephone number of the person for whose benefit the dumpster is placed.
- F. A description of the size and location of proposed safety devices, as defined herein.

§ 287-31. Issuance of permit.

A permit for the placement of a dumpster shall issue upon approval of the Department of Public Works, Police Department and Construction Code Official.

§ 287-32. Copies of application.

Upon completion of the application and payment of the fee (set forth herein), the Department of Public Works shall sign a copy of the application, and the applicant shall present such application to the City of Garfield Police Department and Construction Code Official for countersignature and approval.

§ 287-33. Permit fees; time limit.

The Department of Public Works shall charge a fee of \$50. No dumpster may be at any one location for more than five days. No part of the fee shall be refundable. If additional time for the use and placement is required, then an additional fee of \$50 shall be charged.

§ 287-34. 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.

§ 287-35. 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.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: February 17, 2026

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-94-26**

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

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3123
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II (GENERAL LEGISLATION), CHAPTER 226 (PARKING) OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE - ARTICLE XIII (METERED PARKING)

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, March 10, 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: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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.: 3123**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II (GENERAL LEGISLATION), CHAPTER 226 (PARKING) OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE - ARTICLE XIII (METERED PARKING)

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Garfield (“City”) believes it is in the best interest of the City to Amend Chapter 226 (Parking) to of the City Code of the City of Garfield to make the following modifications;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Part II (General Legislation), Chapter 226 (Parking) is hereby amended to add a NEW Article XIII (Metered Parking) as follows:

§ 226-57 DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section for purposes of this article:

PARKING METER

Any mechanical device or electronic application, appointed with appropriate signage and erected for the regulation of parking by authority of this article, which allows any person to pay the rates established in § 226-62 through an authorized mobile payment vendor or by any other City-approved payment method, **including but not limited to United States cash or coin, credit or debit card, mobile application, website, or other electronic means.**

PARKING METER SPACE

Any space within a parking meter zone that is adjacent to a parking meter or designated by appropriate signage for the parking of a single vehicle, whether or not the space is physically marked by painted lines or curb markings.

PARKING METER ZONE

Any restricted on-street parking area or off-street parking lot upon which parking meters are installed or appointed with appropriate signage and in operation.

§ 226-58 Designation of parking spaces.

Parking spaces will be marked off of in the designated parking meter zones, said parking spaces to be designated by lines painted or marked on the curbing or surface of the street or lot **or by appropriate signage installed.** At each space so designated, it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in such a way that said vehicle shall not be entirely within the limits of the space so designated.

§ 226-59 Metered Parking Regulations

A. Operation of Parking Meters.

Except during a period of emergency as determined by an officer of the Fire or Police Department, or when complying with the directions of a police officer or any traffic control sign or signal, it shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle in any parking space alongside or adjacent to a parking meter or signage indicating metered parking without making the required payment.

B. Payment Requirement.

Upon entering such parking space, the operator of the vehicle shall immediately deposit or cause to be deposited, or otherwise make payment by any form of payment accepted, the amount required for such parking space, in accordance with the instructions indicated on the meter or accompanying signage.

C. Lawful Occupancy.

Upon payment, the parking space may be lawfully occupied by such vehicle during the period of time prescribed for the location in which the space is situated. Any person placing a vehicle in a metered parking space that indicates unused time remaining from a previous occupant shall not

be required to make payment, provided that the vehicle does not remain beyond the unused time indicated.

D. Overtime Parking.

If any vehicle remains parked in such space beyond the time limit prescribed for that space, and the meter or signage indicates expired or illegal parking, said vehicle shall be deemed to be parked overtime and in violation of this article.

§ 226-60 Manner of parking.

A. Vehicle Position.

When a parking meter space is parallel with the adjacent curb or sidewalk, no person shall park or permit the parking of any vehicle in such space in any position other than with the foremost part of the vehicle nearest to the parking meter or signage.

When a parking meter space is diagonal to the curb or sidewalk, no person shall park or permit the parking of any vehicle in such space in any position other than with the foremost part of the vehicle nearest to the parking meter or signage.

When a parking meter or signage indicating metered parking has been installed at the head of and immediately adjacent to any parking space in a municipal off-street parking lot, no person shall park or permit the parking of any vehicle in such space in any position other than with the foremost part of the vehicle nearest to the parking meter or signage.

Provided, however, that in municipal off-street parking lots, signs shall be erected indicating that “Head-On Parking Only” is permitted. In all cases, vehicles shall be parked entirely within the lines marked on the pavement designating such parking space.

B. Accessible Parking.

In spaces designated by proper signage indicating accessible parking, only motor vehicles displaying a valid state-issued license plate or placard identifying the vehicle as operated by or for a person with a disability shall be entitled to occupy such spaces.

C. Violations and Penalties.

Any person who parks a motor vehicle in a restricted accessible parking space without displaying a valid state-issued license plate or placard shall be subject to a fine of **\$250 for the first offense**, and for **subsequent offenses**, a fine of **at least \$250** and up to **90 days of community service**, on such terms and in such form as the court deems appropriate, or any combination thereof.

§ 226-61 Violations

A. Prohibited Acts.

It shall be unlawful and a violation of this article for any person to:

1. Cause, allow, permit, or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of or operated by such person to be parked overtime or beyond the period of legal parking time established for any parking meter zone as herein described, or to make or attempt to make payment by any method for the purpose of parking beyond the maximum legal parking time established for the particular zone.
2. Park any vehicle across any line or marking of a parking meter space or in such position that the vehicle is not entirely within the area designated by such lines or markings.
3. Deface, injure, tamper with, open, or willfully break, destroy, or impair the usefulness of any parking meter or signage indicating metered parking installed under the provisions of this article.

4. Make or attempt to make payment in any parking meter or electronic payment system using any unauthorized, fraudulent, or substitute method in place of lawful payment.
5. Park or permit the parking of any vehicle in any parking meter space where the meter or payment system does not register lawful parking.

B. Penalty.

Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of \$55. A separate offense shall be deemed committed for each day a vehicle remains parked in violation of this article.

§ 226-62 Parking Meter Zones in Municipal Parking Areas.

A parking meter zone is hereby established in the following municipal parking areas. Times of operation shall be Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fees shall not apply on Sundays or legal holidays.

A. On-Street Parking Meter Zones.

6. A vehicle that parks in a timed parking space for the maximum time limit of two (2) hours shall not be permitted to park in another timed parking space for a period of two (2) hours thereafter.
7. The fee for all on-street metered parking shall be \$1.20 per hour, billed in \$0.60 half-hour increments. This rate excludes any additional fees imposed by the authorized mobile payment vendor.
8. Metered parking shall be established and implemented in the areas listed below:

Passaic Street	between MacArthur Avenue and River Drive	Monday - Saturday 9:00AM to 5:00PM
Midland Avenue	between Somerset Street and Passaic Street	Monday - Saturday 9:00AM to 5:00PM
Palisade Avenue	between Somerset Street and Passaic Street	Monday - Saturday 9:00AM to 5:00PM
West side of Harrison Avenue	between Charles Street and Frederick Street	Monday - Saturday 9:00AM to 5:00PM

§ 226-63 Resident and Accessibility Provisions in Metered Parking Zones.

During “Pay-to-Park” hours, residents shall not be exempt from the established time limits in designated parking meter zones.

A. Accessible Parking Exemption.

Vehicles displaying a valid state-issued accessible parking placard or license plate, when parked in an assigned designated accessible parking space in front of a residence occupied by a person with a disability, shall be exempt from relocation requirements and parking fees during paid parking hours.

B. Resident Parking After Hours.

Residents shall be permitted to park in timed parking zones after the hours of operation established in § 226-62.

C. Compliance with Other Regulations.

All vehicles, including those displaying a valid state-issued accessible parking placard or license plate, shall comply with all alternate side parking, overnight parking, and snow route regulations.

ATTEST: _____

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

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

Introduced: February 17, 2026

Adopted:

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-95-26**

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

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3124
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$34,000 FOR ADDITIONAL LICENSED SITE REMEDIATION PROFESSIONAL (LSRP) SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION AT THE GARFIELD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO BE FUNDED BY THE RESERVE FOR WATER IMPROVEMENTS

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, March 10, 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: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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.: 3124**

CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$34,000 FOR ADDITIONAL LICENSED SITE REMEDIATION PROFESSIONAL (LSRP) SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION AT THE GARFIELD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO BE FUNDED BY THE RESERVE FOR WATER IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City Council now finds and determines that \$34,000 is required for the additional licensed site remediation professional (LSRP) services in connection with the groundwater contamination at the Garfield Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, there are available funds in the capital reserve for water improvements;

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 \$34,000 is hereby appropriated to the preliminary design and bidding services for the additional licensed site remediation professional (LSRP) services in connection with the groundwater contamination at the Garfield Department of Public Works. No down payment is required for this ordinance as it will be fully funded through the reserve for water improvements. Said improvement 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 making of such improvement (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") 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 Water Utility is \$34,000 and is for Section 20 costs hereby stated, 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: February 17, 2026

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-96-26**

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

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3125
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO
ADD A NEW CHAPTER 65, ENTITLED “AFFORDABLE HOUSING”**

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,
March 10, 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: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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.: 3125**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE XIX ENTITLED “AFFORDABLE HOUSING” AND TO ESTABLISH SECTION 341-69, “FOURTH ROUND MT. LAUREL AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLIANCE 2025–2035”

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 65, “Affordable Housing,” of the Code of the City of Garfield shall be supplemented as follows:

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2025, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs adopted effective December 15, 2025, with an expiration date of December 15, 2032, new regulations at N.J.A.C. 5:99 -1.1 to 5:99- 9.4 to establish procedures to be used in addressing requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq., and the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2025, the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency adopted with an effective date of November 6, 2025, with an expiration date of May 30, 2031, new regulations at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 to 5:80-26.23 with Appendices D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, F-1, F-2, P- 1 and P-2 designed to implement the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, In the Matter of the Application of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, Docket No. BER-L-506-25, the Honorable Lina P. Corrison, J.S.C. issued a Consent Order that requires, in pertinent part, at paragraph 8, that the city agrees to collect non-residential development fees and electronically enter data into the AHMS system of the Department of Community Affairs of a detailed accounting of all non-residential development fees and any other payments into its trust fund that have been collected, along with the current balance in the municipality’s affordable housing trust fund as well as trust funds expended, including purposes and amounts of such expenditures, in the previous year from January 1st to December 31st”; and

WHEREAS, the City will now be required to comply with the Consent Order Conditional Compliance Certification;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows, that new Section 64-1 , entitled Fourth Round Mt. Laurel Affordable Housing Compliance 2025-2035 be added as follows.

Section 65-1. Fourth Round Mt. Laurel Affordable Housing Compliance 2025-2035

A. Purpose.

- 1) This chapter is intended to assure compliance with the applicable provisions of the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC) promulgated by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency at N.J.A.C.5:80-26 et seq, the amended Fair Housing Act at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq., the Fair Housing Act Regulations promulgated by the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Planning Services (“LPS”) at N.J.A.C. 5:99 et seq., and statutorily upheld existing regulations of the former Council on Affordable Housing (“COAH”) at N.J.A.C. 5:93 and 5:97. Additional information. This chapter shall apply except where inconsistent with applicable law.

B. Definitions.

“Affordability assistance” means the use of funds to render housing units more affordable to low- and moderate-income households and includes, but is not limited to, down payment assistance, security deposit assistance, low interest loans, rental assistance, assistance with homeowner’s association or condominium fees and special assessments, common

maintenance expenses, and assistance with emergency repairs and rehabilitation to bring deed-restricted units up to code, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:99-2.5.

“Affordability average” means an average of the percentage of regional median income at which restricted units in an affordable development are affordable to low- and moderate-income households.

“Affordable” means, in the case of an ownership unit, that the sales price for the unit conforms to the standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.7 and, in the case of a rental unit, that the rent for the unit conforms to the standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.13.

“Affordable housing development” means a development included in a municipality’s housing element and fair share plan, and includes, but is not limited to, an inclusionary development, a municipally sponsored affordable housing project, or a 100 percent affordable development. This includes developments with affordable units on-site, off-site, or provided as a payment in-lieu of construction only if such a payment-in-lieu option has been previously approved by the Program or Superior Court as part of the HEFSP. Payments in lieu of construction were invalidated per P.L. 2024, c.2.

“Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program” or “the Program” refers to the dispute resolution program established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-313.2.

“Affordable Housing Monitoring System” or “AHMS” means the Department’s cloud-based software application, which shall be the central repository for municipalities to use for reporting detailed information regarding affordable housing developments, affordable housing unit completions, and the collection and expenditures of funds deposited into the municipal affordable housing trust fund.

“Affordable Housing Trust Fund” or “AHTF” means that non-lapsing, revolving trust fund established in DCA pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-320 and N.J.A.C. 5:43 to be the repository of all State funds appropriated for affordable housing purposes. All references to the “Neighborhood Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund” and “Balanced Housing” mean the AHTF.

“Affordable unit” means a housing unit proposed or developed pursuant to the Act, including units created with municipal affordable housing trust funds. “Development fee” means money paid by a developer for the improvement of residential and non-residential property as permitted.

“Municipal affordable housing trust fund” means a separate, interest-bearing account held by a municipality for the deposit of development fees, payments in lieu of constructing affordable units on sites zoned for affordable housing previously approved prior to March 20, 2024 (per P.L. 2024, c.2), barrier-free escrow funds, recapture funds, proceeds from the sale of affordable units, rental income, repayments from affordable housing program loans, enforcement fines, unexpended RCA funds remaining from a completed RCA project, application fees, and any other funds collected by the municipality in connection with its affordable housing programs, which shall be used to address municipal low- and moderate-income housing obligations within the time frames established by the Legislature and this chapter.

“Municipal housing liaison” or “MHL” means an appointed municipal employee who is, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:99-6, responsible for oversight and/or administration of the affordable units created within the municipality.

“Municipal development fee ordinance” means an ordinance adopted by the governing body of a municipality that authorizes the collection of development fees.

“Non-residential development fee” means the fee authorized to be imposed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-8.1 through 40:55D-8.7.

“Spending plan” means a method of allocating funds contained in a municipal affordable housing trust fund account, which includes, but is not limited to, development fees collected

and to be collected pursuant to an approved municipal development fee ordinance, or pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-329.1 et seq., for the purpose of meeting the housing needs of low- and moderate-income individuals.

Section 65-2. Non-Residential Development Fees.

A. Purpose.

- 1) This section establishes standards for the collection, maintenance, and expenditure of development fees that are consistent with the amended Fair Housing Act (P.L.2024, c.2), N.J.A.C. 5:99, and the Statewide Non-Residential Development Fee Act (C. 40:55D-8.1 through 8.7). Fees collected pursuant to this Ordinance shall be used for the sole purpose of providing very low-, low- and moderate-income housing in accordance with a Court-approved Spending Plan.

B. Basic Requirements.

- 1) The municipality previously adopted a development fee ordinance, which established the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This Ordinance establishes the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund).
- 2) The municipality shall not spend development fees until the court has approved a plan for spending such fees.

C. Non-Residential Development Fees.

1) Imposition of fees

- (a) Within all zoning districts, non-residential developers, except for developers of the types of development specifically exempted, shall pay a fee equal to 2.5 percent of the equalized assessed value of the land and improvements, for all new non-residential construction on an unimproved lot or lots.
- (b) Within all zoning districts, non-residential developers, except for developers of the types of development specifically exempted, shall also pay a fee equal to 2.5 percent of the increase in equalized assessed value resulting from any additions to existing structures to be used for non-residential purposes.
- (c) Development fees shall be imposed and collected when an existing structure is demolished and replaced. The development fee of 2.5 percent shall be calculated on the difference between the equalized assessed value of the pre-existing land and improvements and the equalized assessed value of the newly improved structure; i.e., land and improvements; and such calculation shall be made at the time a final certificate of occupancy is issued. If the calculation required under this section results in a negative number, the non-residential development fee shall be zero.

2) Eligible exactions, ineligible exactions and exemptions for non-residential development.

- (a) The non-residential portion of a mixed-use inclusionary or market-rate development shall be subject to a 2.5 percent development fee, unless otherwise exempted below.
- (b) The 2.5 percent fee shall not apply to an increase in equalized assessed value resulting from alterations, change in use within existing footprint, reconstruction, renovations and repairs.

- 3) Non-residential developments shall be exempt from the payment of non-residential development fees in accordance with the exemptions required pursuant to the Statewide Non-Residential Development Fee Act (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-8.1 through 8.7), as specified in Form N-RDF "State of New Jersey Non-Residential Development Certification/Exemption." Any exemption claimed by a developer shall be substantiated by that developer.
- 4) A developer of a non-residential development exempted from the non-residential development fee pursuant to the Statewide Non-Residential Development Fee Act shall be subject to the fee at such time as the basis for the exemption no longer applies, and shall make the payment of the non-residential development fee, in that event, within three years after that event or after the issuance of the final certificate of occupancy of the non-residential development, whichever is later.
- 5) If a property that was exempted from the collection of a non-residential development fee thereafter ceases to be exempt from property taxation, the owner of the property shall remit the fees required pursuant to this section within 45 days of the termination of the property tax exemption. Unpaid non-residential development fees under these circumstances may be enforceable by the municipality as a lien against the real property of the owner.

D. Collection Procedures.

- 1) Upon the granting of a preliminary, final or other applicable approval for a development, the applicable approving authority shall direct its staff to notify the construction official responsible for the issuance of a building permit.
- 2) For non-residential developments only, the developer shall also be provided with a copy of Form N-RDF, "State of New Jersey Non-Residential Development Certification/Exemption," to be completed by the developer as per the instructions provided in the Form N-RDF. The construction official shall verify the information submitted by the non-residential developer as per the instructions provided on Form N-RDF. The tax assessor shall verify exemptions and prepare estimated and final assessments as per the instructions provided in Form N-RDF.
- 3) The construction official responsible for the issuance of a building permit shall notify the tax assessor of the issuance of the first construction permit for a development that is subject to a development fee.
- 4) Within 90 days of receipt of that notice, the tax assessor shall provide an estimate, based on the plans filed, of the equalized assessed value of the development.
- 5) The construction official responsible for the issuance of a final certificate of occupancy shall notify the tax assessor of any and all requests for the scheduling of a final inspection on property that is subject to a development fee.
- 6) Within 10 business days of a request for the scheduling of a final inspection, the tax assessor shall confirm or modify the previously estimated equalized assessed value of the improvements associated with the development; calculate the development fee; and thereafter notify the developer of the amount of the fee.
- 7) Should the municipality fail to determine or notify the developer of the amount of the development fee within 10 business days of the request for final inspection, the developer may estimate the amount due and pay that estimated amount

consistent with the dispute process set forth in Subsection b. of section 37 of P.L.2008, c.46 (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-8.6).

- 8) Fifty percent (50 percent) of the development fee shall be collected at the time of issuance of the construction permit. The remaining portion shall be collected at the time of issuance of the certificate of occupancy. The developer shall be responsible for paying the difference between the fee calculated at the time of issuance of the construction permit and that determined at the time of issuance of certificate of occupancy.

E. Appeal of development fees.

- 1) A developer may challenge residential development fees imposed by filing a challenge with the County Board of Taxation. Pending a review and determination by that board, collected fees shall be placed in an interest-bearing escrow account by the municipality. Appeals from a determination of the board may be made to the Tax Court in accordance with the provisions of the State Tax Uniform Procedure Law, R.S. 54:48-1 et seq., within 90 days after the date of such determination. Interest earned on amounts escrowed shall be credited to the prevailing party.
- 2) A developer may challenge non-residential development fees imposed by filing a challenge with the director of the Division of Taxation. Pending a review and determination by the director, which shall be made within 45 days of receipt of the challenge, collected fees shall be placed in an interest-bearing escrow account by the municipality. Appeals from a determination of the director may be made to the Tax Court in accordance with the provisions of the State Tax Uniform Procedure Law, R.S. 54:48-1 et seq., within 90 days after the date of such determination. Interest earned on amounts escrowed shall be credited to the prevailing party.

F. Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

- 1) A separate, interest-bearing Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund shall be maintained by the chief financial officer of the municipality for the purpose of depositing development fees collected from residential and non-residential developers and proceeds from the sale of units with extinguished controls.
- 2) The following additional funds shall be deposited in the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund and shall at all times be identifiable by source and amount:
 - i. Payments in lieu of on-site construction of an affordable unit, where previously permitted by ordinance or by agreement with the municipality and if approved by a municipality prior to the statutory elimination of payments in-lieu on March 20, 2024 per P.L.2024, c.2;
 - ii. Funds contributed by developers to make 10 percent of the adaptable entrances in a townhouse or other multistory attached dwelling unit development accessible;
 - iii. Rental income from municipally operated units;
 - iv. Repayments from affordable housing program loans;
 - v. Recapture funds;
 - vi. Proceeds from the sale of affordable units; and
 - vii. Any other funds collected in connection with the municipal affordable housing program including but not limited to interest earned on fund deposits.

- 3) The municipality shall provide the Division with written authorization, in the form of a tri-party escrow agreement(s) between the municipality, the Division and the financial institution in which the municipal affordable housing trust fund has been established to permit the Division to direct the disbursement of the funds as provided for in N.J.A.C. 5:99-2.1 et seq.
- 4) Occurrence of any of the following deficiencies may result in the Division requiring the forfeiture of all or a portion of the funds in the municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund:
 - i. Failure to meet deadlines for information required by the Division in its review of a development fee ordinance;
 - ii. Failure to commit or expend development fees within four years of the date of collection in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:99-5.5;
 - iii. Failure to comply with the requirements of the Non-Residential Development Fee Act and N.J.A.C. 5:99-3;
 - iv. Failure to submit accurate monitoring reports pursuant to this subchapter within the time limits imposed by the Act, this chapter, and/or the Division;
 - v. Expenditure of funds on activities not approved by the Superior Court or otherwise permitted by law;
 - vi. Revocation of compliance certification or a judgment of compliance and repose;
 - vii. Failure of a municipal housing liaison or administrative agent to comply with the requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:99-6, 7, and 8;
 - viii. Other good cause demonstrating that municipal affordable housing funds are not being used for an approved purpose.
 - ix. All interest accrued in the housing trust fund shall only be used on eligible affordable housing purposes approved by the Court.

G. Use of Funds

- 1) The expenditure of all funds shall conform to a Spending Plan approved by Superior Court. Funds deposited in the municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund may be used for any activity approved by the Court to address the fair share obligation and may be set up as a grant or revolving loan program. Such activities include, but are not limited to: preservation or purchase of housing for the purpose of maintaining or implementing affordability controls; housing rehabilitation; new construction of affordable housing units and related costs; accessory apartments; a market-to-affordable program; conversion of existing non-residential buildings to create new affordable units; green building strategies designed to be cost-saving and in accordance with accepted national or state standards; purchase of land for affordable housing; improvement of land to be used for affordable housing; extensions or improvements of roads and infrastructure to affordable housing sites; financial assistance designed to increase affordability; administration necessary for implementation of the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and/or any other activity permitted by Superior Court and specified in the approved Spending Plan.
- 2) Funds shall not be expended to reimburse the municipality or activities that occurred prior to the authorization of a municipality to collect development fees.
- 3) At least a portion of all development fees collected and interest earned shall be used to provide affordability assistance to very low-, low- and moderate-income households in affordable units included in the municipal Fair Share Plan. A

portion of the development fees which provide affordability assistance shall be used to provide affordability assistance to very low-income households.

- i. Affordability assistance programs may include down payment assistance, security deposit assistance, low-interest loans, rental assistance, assistance with homeowner's association or condominium fees and special assessments, infrastructure assistance, and assistance with emergency repairs. The specific programs to be used for affordability assistance shall be identified and described within the Spending Plan.
 - ii. Affordability assistance for very low-income households may include producing very low-income units or buying down the cost of low- or moderate-income units in the municipal Fair Share Plan to make them affordable to households earning 30 percent or less of median income.
- 4) No more than 20 percent of all affordable housing trust funds, exclusive of those collected to fund an RCA prior to July 17, 2008, shall be expended on administration, including, but not limited to, salaries and benefits for municipal employees or consultants' fees necessary to develop or implement a new construction program, prepare and implement a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, administer an Affirmative Marketing Program and for compliance with the Superior Court and the Program including the costs to the municipality of resolving a challenge.

H. Monitoring.

- 1) On or before February 15 of each year, the municipality shall provide annual electronic data reporting of trust fund activity for the previous year from January 1st to December 31st through the AHMS Reporting System. This reporting shall include an accounting of all Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund activity, including the sources and amounts of all funds collected and the amounts and purposes for which any funds have been expended. Such reporting shall include an accounting of development fees collected from residential and non-residential developers, previously eligible payments in lieu of constructing affordable units on site (if permitted by ordinance or by agreement with the municipality prior to the March 20, 2024 statutory elimination per P.L. 2024, c.4), funds from the sale of units with extinguished controls, barrier-free escrow funds, rental income from municipally-owned affordable housing units, repayments from affordable housing program loans, interest and any other funds collected in connection with municipal housing programs, as well as an accounting of the expenditures of revenues and implementation of the Spending Plan approved by the Court.

I. Ongoing Collection of Fees.

- 1) The ability to impose, collect and expend development fees shall continue so long as the municipality retains authorization from the Court in the form of Compliance Certification or the good faith effort to obtain it.
- 2) If the municipality fails to renew its ability to impose and collect development fees prior to the expiration of its Judgment of Compliance, it may be subject to forfeiture of any or all funds remaining within its Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Any funds so forfeited shall be deposited into the New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund established pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1985, c.222 (C. 52:27D-320).

J. Emergent Affordable Housing Opportunities. Requests to expend affordable housing trust funds on emergent affordable housing opportunities not included in the municipal fair share plan shall be made to the Division and shall be in the form of a governing body resolution. Any request shall be consistent with N.J.A.C. 5:99-4.1.

Section 65-3 Municipal Housing Liaison.

- A. The Municipal Housing Liaison shall be approved by municipal resolution.
- B. The Municipal Housing Liaison shall be approved by the Division, or is in the process of getting approval, and fully or conditionally meets the requirements for qualifications, including initial and periodic training as set forth in in N.J.A.C. 5:99-1 et seq.
- C. The Municipal Housing Liaison shall be responsible for oversight and administration of the affordable housing program, including the following responsibilities, which may not be contracted out to an Administrative Agent:
 - i. Serving as the primary point of contact for all inquiries from the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program, the State, affordable housing providers, administrative agents and interested households.
 - ii. The oversight of the Affirmative Marketing Plan and affordability controls.
 - iii. When applicable, overseeing and monitoring any contracting Administrative Agent.
 - iv. Overseeing the monitoring of the status of all restricted units listed in the Fair Share Plan.
 - v. Verifying, certifying and providing annual information within AHMS at such time and in such form as required by the Division.
 - vi. Coordinating meetings with affordable housing providers and administrative agents, as needed.
 - vii. Attending continuing education opportunities on affordability controls, compliance monitoring, and affirmative marketing as offered or approved by the Division.
 - viii. Overseeing the recording of a preliminary instrument in the form set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 for each affordable housing development.
 - ix. Coordinating with the Administrative Agent, municipal attorney and municipal Construction Code Official to ensure that permits are not issued unless the document required in C.8. above has been duly recorded.
 - x. Listing on the municipal website contact information for the MHL and Administrative Agents.

Section 65-4 Repealer

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

Section 65-5 Severability

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or any other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 65-6 Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication, as required by law.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: February 17, 2026

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-97-26**

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

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3117
SECOND READING**

WHEREAS, a public notice has been given by the City Clerk 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**

was introduced and passed at a meeting held on January 27, 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.

REJECTED: FEBRUARY 17, 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 rejected by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 17th day of February 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

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: January 27, 2026

Adopted: February 17, 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-98-26**

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

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3118
SECOND READING**

WHEREAS, a public notice has been given by the City Clerk 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

was introduced and passed at a meeting held on January 27, 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: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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: February 17, 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-99-26**

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

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3119
SECOND READING**

WHEREAS, a public notice has been given by the City Clerk 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

was introduced and passed at a meeting held on January 27, 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: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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: February 17, 2026

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-100-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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 February 17, 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

February 16, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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-101-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVING 2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT #1

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 authorizes temporary appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the budget year and the adoption of the budget, where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the budget for any fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, contracts, commitments or payments are to be made by the City of Garfield for the purpose and amounts requested in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution was prior to the 17th day of February 2026; and

WHEREAS, there is now a need to amend the previously adopted 2026 temporary budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the temporary appropriations amendments are hereby authorized to provide for contracts, commitments, and payments prior to the adoption of the 2026 Municipal Budget as follows:

CURRENT FUND TEMP BUDGET	SW/OE	FCOA	Account Number	Temporary Budget	Amendment #1	Total Temporary Budget
Admin/City Manager	SW	20-100	6-01-20-100-100-	\$52,175.00		\$52,175.00
Admin/City Manager	OE	20-100	6-01-20-100-100-	\$31,150.00		\$31,150.00
Historical Society	OE	20-100	6-01-20-100-100-	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Mayor & Council	SW	20-110	6-01-20-110-110-	\$34,125.00		\$34,125.00
City Clerk	SW	20-120	6-01-20-120-120-	\$93,900.00		\$93,900.00
City Clerk	OE	20-120	6-01-20-120-120-	\$22,878.00		\$22,878.00
FINANCE ADMINISTRATION	SW	20-130	6-01-20-130-130-	\$88,220.00		\$88,220.00
FINANCE ADMINISTRATION	OE	20-130	6-01-20-130-130-	\$12,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$18,000.00
AUDIT SERVICES	OE	20-135	6-01-20-135-135-	\$60,000.00		\$60,000.00
IT SERVICES	OE	20-140	6-01-20-140-140-	\$40,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$45,000.00
SOCIAL MEDIA	OE	20-141	6-01-20-141-141-	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00
TAX COLLECTOR	SW	20-145	6-01-20-145-145-	\$48,000.00		\$48,000.00
TAX COLLECTOR	OE	20-145	6-01-20-145-145-	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$30,000.00
TAX ASSESSMENT	SW	20-150	6-01-20-150-150-	\$36,000.00		\$36,000.00
TAX ASSESSMENT	OE	20-150	6-01-20-150-150-	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00
Reserve for Tax Appeals	OE	20-150	6-01-20-150-151-	\$17,000.00		\$17,000.00
ATTORNEY/LEGAL SERVICES	OE	20-155	6-01-20-155-155-	\$62,836.00		\$62,836.00

ENGINEERING SERVICES	OE	20-165	6-01-20-165-165-	\$19,000.00		\$19,000.00
PLANNING BOARD	SW	21-180	6-01-21-180-180-	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00
PLANNING BOARD	OE	21-180	6-01-21-180-180-	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
ZONING BOARD	SW	21-185	6-01-21-185-185-	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00
ZONING BOARD	OE	21-185	6-01-21-185-185-	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
UCC ENFORCEMENT/BUILDING DEPT.	SW	22-195	6-01-22-195-195-	\$78,000.00		\$78,000.00
UCC ENFORCEMENT/BUILDING DEPT.	OE	22-195	6-01-22-195-195-	\$34,000.00		\$34,000.00
HOUSING INSPECTION/PROPERTY MAINT.	SW	22-200	6-01-22-200-200-	\$55,000.00		\$55,000.00
HOUSING INSPECTION/PROPERTY MAINT.	OE	22-200	6-01-22-200-200-	\$9,000.00		\$9,000.00
OTHER INSURANCE PREMIUMS	OE	23-210	6-01-23-210-210-	\$400,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$435,000.00
DISABILITY	OE	23-215	6-01-23-215-215-	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00
HEALTH BENEFIT WAIVER	OE	23-221	6-01-23-221-221-	\$40,000.00		\$40,000.00
EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE	OE	23-225	6-01-23-225-225-	\$2,290,000.00		\$2,290,000.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	SW	25-240	6-01-25-240-240-	\$2,800,000.00		\$2,800,000.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	OE	25-240	6-01-25-240-240-	\$200,000.00		\$200,000.00
PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	OE	25-241	6-01-25-241-241-	\$60,000.00		\$60,000.00
TRAFFIC DIVISION - POLICE	OE	25-242	6-01-25-242-242-	\$12,000.00		\$12,000.00
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	SW	25-252	6-01-25-252-252-	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	OE	25-252	6-01-25-252-252-	\$8,400.00		\$8,400.00
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	SW	25-255	6-01-25-255-255-	\$52,500.00		\$52,500.00
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	OE	25-255	6-01-25-255-255-	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$150,000.00
L.O.S.A.P.	OE	25-256	6-01-25-256-256-	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00
FIRE SAFETY/INSPECTION	SW	25-265	6-01-25-265-265-	\$95,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$105,000.00
FIRE SAFETY/INSPECTION	OE	25-265	6-01-25-265-265-	\$4,500.00		\$4,500.00
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE	SW	25-275	6-01-25-275-275-	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	SW	26-290	6-01-26-290-290-	\$474,000.00		\$474,000.00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	OE	26-290	6-01-26-290-290-	\$94,000.00		\$94,000.00
STORM RECOVERY	OE	26-301	6-01-26-301-301-	\$60,000.00		\$60,000.00
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	OE	26-305	6-01-26-305-305-	\$932,000.00		\$932,000.00

RECYCLING	OE	26-306	6-01-26-306-306-	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	OE	26-310	6-01-26-310-310-	\$45,000.00		\$45,000.00
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES	SW	27-330	6-01-27-330-330-	\$43,000.00		\$43,000.00
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES	OE	27-330	6-01-27-330-330-	\$8,500.00		\$8,500.00
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	SW	28-370	6-01-28-370-370-	\$100,000.00		\$100,000.00
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	OE	28-370	6-01-28-370-370-	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	OE	29-390	6-01-29-390-390-	\$230,000.00		\$230,000.00
PAYROLL SERVICES	OE	30-412	6-01-30-412-412-	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00
ACCUMULATED ABSENCE	OE	30-415	6-01-30-415-415-	\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS	OE	30-420	6-01-30-420-420-	\$7,500.00		\$7,500.00
TAX MAPS	OE	30-425	6-01-30-425-425-	-		-
ELECTRICITY	OE	31-430	6-01-31-430-430-	\$110,250.00		\$110,250.00
STREET LIGHTING	OE	31-435	6-01-31-435-435-	\$106,129.00		\$106,129.00
COMMUNICATIONS	OE	31-441	6-01-31-441-441-	\$147,000.00		\$147,000.00
PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER COMMISSION	OE	31-455	6-01-31-455-455-	\$644,000.00		\$644,000.00
GASOLINE	OE	31-460	6-01-31-460-460-	\$75,000.00		\$75,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	OE	36-472	6-01-36-472-472-	\$200,000.00		\$200,000.00
DCRP	OE	36-478	6-01-36-478-478-	\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00
BC HISTORY GRANT	OE	41-689	6-01-41-724-000-		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
LEAP GRANT	OE	41-505	6-01-41-725-000-		\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00
DISPATCH SHARED SERVICE	OE	42-241	6-01-42-241-241-	\$150,000.00		\$150,000.00
ANIMAL CONTROL SHARED SERVICE	OE	42-330	6-01-42-330-330-	\$16,000.00		\$16,000.00
PUBLIC HEALTH OFF. -CH329 CONT	OE	42-331	6-01-42-331-331-	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00
MUNICIPAL COURT	SW	43-490	6-01-43-490-490-	\$110,000.00		\$110,000.00
MUNICIPAL COURT	OE	43-490	6-01-43-490-490-	\$11,300.00		\$11,300.00
Reserved for Uncollected Taxes	OE	50-899	6-01-50-899-000-	\$420,000.00		\$420,000.00
Total 2026 Temporary Budget Appropriations				\$11,086,363.00	\$522,000.00	\$11,608,363.00
Capital Improvement Fund	OE	44-901	6-01-44-901-901-	\$100,000.00		\$100,000.00
Bond Principal	OE	45-920	6-01-45-920-000-	\$300,000.00		\$300,000.00
Note Principal	OE	45-925	6-01-45-925-000-	-		-

Bond Interest	OE	45-930	6-01-45-930-000-	\$460,000.00		\$460,000.00
Note Interest	OE	45-935	6-01-45-935-000-	-		-
Green Acres Loan 2007 Passaic Rvr Pk (2)	OE	45-937	6-01-45-937-000-	\$26,274.00		\$26,274.00
Green Acres Loan 2018 20th Century Field	OE	45-939	6-01-45-939-000-	\$24,874.00		\$24,874.00
Green Acres Loan 2022 20th Century Field	OE	45-940	6-01-45-940-000-	\$2,486.00		\$2,486.00
Total 2026 Debt Service + Capital Improvement Fund				\$913,634.00	-	\$913,634.00
Total Temporary Budget + Debt Service/Capital Improvement Fund				\$11,999,997.00	\$522,000.00	\$12,521,997.00

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

February 16, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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-102-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, transfers are permitted between budget appropriations during the first three months and the last two months of the fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that transfers between 2025 appropriation reserves be made as follows:

Description	OE/SW	FCOA	Account Number	To	From
CITY MANAGER	SW	20-100	5-01-20-100-100-		\$4,000.00
CITY CLERK	SW	20-120	5-01-20-120-120-		\$6,000.00
FINANCE	SW	20-130	5-01-20-130-130-		\$10,000.00
IT SERVICES	OE	20-140	5-01-20-140-140-		\$10,000.00
HOUSING INSPECTION	OE	22-200	5-01-22-200-200-		\$25,000.00
OTHER INSURANCE	OE	23-210	5-01-23-210-210-		\$100,000.00
HEALTH BENEFIT WAIVER	OE	23-221	5-01-23-221-221-		\$35,000.00
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	OE	23-225	5-01-23-225-225-	\$135,000.00	
STORM RECOVERY	OE	26-301	5-01-26-301-301-	\$55,000.00	
			TOTAL	\$190,000.00	\$190,000.00

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

February 16, 2026

Dated

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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-103-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO D&L PAVING
CONTRACTORS, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES PROVIDED IN
CONNECTION WITH THE BANTA AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield awarded a contract to D & L Paving Contractors, Inc., in the original contract amount of \$587,378.75; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$3,200.00 is necessary for the repair of an existing manhole lid and ring for this project, thereby increasing the total contract amount to \$590,578.75;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that Change Order No. 1 increasing amount of this project by \$3,200.00 be and is hereby approved to be paid out of account C-04-55-253-081-300 and PO #25-01789.

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

February 16, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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-104-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PAYMENT REQUISITION NO. 36 (GAR 2026-01) 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 January 31, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City hereby authorizes the payment of Requisition No. 36 (GAR 2026-01) in the amount of \$6,616.96 to National Water Metering Services, Inc., for services rendered in connection with this project to be paid out of account 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

February 16, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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				
Delaney				
Kane				
Raymond				
Garnto				

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 17th day of February 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-105-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL AND
CONTRACT WITH TILCON NEW YORK, INC. FOR HMA MILLING AND PAVING
OF NORTHVIEW TERRACE AND JOANNE TERRACE
IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has received a proposal and contract from Tilcon New York, Inc. for the milling and paving of Northview Terrace and Joanne Terrace, necessitated by utility work performed by PSE&G on said streets; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has prepared a Capital Ordinance in the amount of \$37,000.00 to appropriate funds for the milling and paving of the aforementioned streets; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has reviewed the proposal and recommends that the City of Garfield approve and accept Tilcon New York, Inc.'s Proposal and Contract dated January 9, 2026 (copy attached), to perform the required work in the amount of \$36,060.50;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Proposal and Contract submitted by Tilcon New York, Inc. is hereby approved and accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Garfield hereby awards the contract for the HMA milling and paving of Northview Terrace and Joanne Terrace to Tilcon New York, Inc. in the total amount of \$36,060.50, subject to the availability of funds and all applicable laws and regulations.

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

February 16, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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-106-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVING REFUND OF STREET OPENING

WHEREAS, the rules of procedure of Ordinance No. 1856 of the City of Garfield, adopted on 1/22/1985, state that a Performance Guarantee shall be made, in an amount as determined by the City Engineer, to cover a Street Opening Bond for the period of one year; and

WHEREAS, a deposit has been received from American Green Air Corp for property located at 782 River Dr., in the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, in the amount of \$5,000.00 for said Street Opening Bond on November 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, said funds are being held in the Trust Other Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Building Inspector has investigated this deposit and has determined that they are due to the above individual/entity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that these monies be refunded to the above-named claimant from account T-03-56-287-287-004.

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

February 16, 2026

Dated

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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-107-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVING REFUND OF DEPOSIT FEES FOR BUILDING USAGE

WHEREAS, the City Manager and the Mayor and Council have agreed that the City of Garfield should refund the Sicilian Federation of New Jersey for deposit fees from building usage; and

WHEREAS, payments were received from the Sicilian Federation of New Jersey, in the amount of \$500.00 for a deposit for building usage; and

WHEREAS, the total costs incurred for said building usage were under the \$500.00 required deposit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that these monies be refunded to the Sicilian Federation in the amount of \$123.40 from account 6-01-26-290-290-014.

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

February 16, 2026

Dated

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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-108-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

AUTHORIZING CANCELLING OLD OUTSTANDING CHECKS

WHEREAS, certain checks have been identified in the Net Payroll bank account by the Chief Financial Officer as outstanding; and

WHEREAS, it is a normal financial practice to review the bank accounts for old outstanding items for cancelation with the balances to be returned to the Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said checks so that the unnecessary balances may be returned to the fund balance of the respective funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the following old outstanding checks, be cancelled:

Check Number	Amount
31155	\$1,105.56
31360	\$113.59
31366	\$40.94
31969	\$234.72
32025	\$117.75
32188	\$1,090.77
32194	\$1,772.94
32291	\$248.29
32301	\$451.68
32332	\$1,415.74
32398	\$775.03
32414	\$342.21

1. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit to the Chief Financial Officer and Auditor a certified copy of this resolution.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
3. The City Clerk of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Director of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services.

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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-109-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**MUNICIPAL ENDORSING RESOLUTION CDBG – GARFIELD BOYS AND GIRLS
CLUB**

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant targeted for (CDBG-CV) totaling \$199,500 has been proposed by the Boys & Girls Club of Garfield for HVAC Units Replacement in the municipality of Garfield; 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, aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City 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 Division of Community Development (Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor; Hackensack, NJ 07601) so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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-110-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

RENEWING BERGEN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND

WHEREAS, a number of public entities in the state of New Jersey have joined together to form the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund, hereafter referred to as “FUND” as permitted by N.J.S.A 11:15-3, 17:1-8.1, and 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the fund was approved to become operational by the Departments of Insurance and Community Affairs and has been operational since that date; and

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of a joint insurance fund, contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest to such a fund; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereinafter referred to as “local unit” has determined that membership in the fund is in the best interest of the local unit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield of the local unit hereby agree as follows:

- I. Become a member of the fund for the period outlined in the local unit’s Indemnity and Trust Agreements.
- II. Will participate in the following type (s) of coverage (s):
Health Insurance and/or Dental and/or Prescription as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A 17B:17-4, the funds Bylaws, and Plan of Risk Management.
- III. Adopts and approves the funds bylaws.
- IV. Execute an application for membership and any accompanying certifications.

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Local Unit is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the fund as required by the funds Bylaws and to deliver these documents to the Fund’s Executive Director with the express reservation that these documents shall become effective only upon:

- I. Approval of the Local Unit by the Fund.
- II. Receipt from the Local Unit of a Resolution accepting assessment.
- III. Approval by the New Jersey Department of Insurance and Department of Community Affairs.

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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-111-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**RENEWING INDEMNITY AND TRUST AGREEMENT – BERGEN MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND**

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of various local units of government, as defined as N.J.A.C. 11:15-3.2 have collectively formed a Joint Insurance Fund as such an entity is authorized and described in N.J.S.A 40A:10-36 et. Seq. and the administrative regulations promulgated pursuant thereto; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has agreed to become a member of the FUND in accordance with and to the extent provided for in the Bylaws of the FUND and in consideration of such obligations and benefits to be shared by the membership of the FUND;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. The LOCAL UNIT accepts the FUND's Bylaws as approved and adopted and agrees to be bound by and to comply with each and every provision of said Bylaws and the pertinent statutes and administrative regulations pertaining to same.
2. The LOCAL UNIT agrees to participate in the FUND with respect to health insurance, as defined in N.J.S.A 17B:17-4 and as authorized in the LOCAL UNIT's resolution to join.
3. The LOCAL UNIT agrees to become a member of the FUND and to participate in the health insurance coverages offered for an initial period, (subject to early release or termination pursuant to the Bylaws), such membership to commence on January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 at 12:01 AM provided, however, that the LOCAL UNIT may withdraw at any time upon 90 days written notice to the FUND.
4. The LOCAL UNIT certifies that it has never defaulted on payment of any claims if self-insured and has not been cancelled or non-payment of insurance premiums for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the date of this agreement.
5. In consideration of membership in the FUND, the LOCAL UNIT agrees that it shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liability of each and every member of the FUND, for the periods during which the member is receiving coverage, all of whom as a condition of membership in the FUND shall execute an Indemnity and Trust Agreement similar to this agreement and by execution hereto, the full faith and credit of the LOCAL UNIT is pledged to the punctual payments of any sums which shall become due to the FUND in accordance with the Bylaws thereof, this agreement or any applicable statute. However, nothing herein shall be construed as an obligation of the LOCAL UNIT for claims and expenses that are not covered by the FUND, or for that portion of any claim or liability within the LOCAL UNIT retained limit or in amount which exceeds the FUND's limit of coverage.
6. If the FUND in the enforcement of any part of this agreement shall incur necessary expenses or become obligated to pay attorneys fees and/or court cost, the LOCAL UNIT agrees to reimburse the FUND for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand.
7. The LOCAL UNIT and the FUND agree that the FUND shall hold all monies in excess of the LOCAL UNIT's retained loss fund by the LOCAL UNIT to the

FUND as fiduciaries for the benefit of FUND claimants all in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:15-3 et seq.

8. The FUND shall establish and maintain Claims Trust Accounts for the payments of health insurance claims in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:10-36 et seq., N.J.S.A 40A:5-1 and such other statutes and regulations as may be applicable. More specifically, the aforementioned Trust Accounts shall be utilized solely for the payment of claims, allocated claim expense and stop loss insurance or reinsurance premiums for each risk or liability as follows:
 - A. Employer contributions to group health insurance
 - B. Employee contributions to contributory group health insurance
 - C. Employer contributions to contingency account
 - D. Employee contributions to contingency account
 - E. Other trust accounts as required by the Commissioner of Insurance
9. Notwithstanding 8 above, to the contrary, the FUND shall not be required to establish separate trust accounts for employee contributions provided the FUND provides a plan in its Bylaws for the recording and accounting of employee contributions of each member.
10. Each LOCAL UNIT of government who shall become a member of the FUND shall be obligated to execute and Indemnity and Trust Agreement similar to this agreement.

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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-112-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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 August 22nd, August 23rd, September 19th and September 20th 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 dates 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 the 22nd and 23rd of August and the 19th and 20th of September.

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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-113-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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
Hera Solutions LLC	141 Lanza Avenue, Unit 20-H	Class 2 Manufacturer	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: FEBRUARY 17, 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-114-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**APPROVING 2026 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 2026;

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE OF ISSUANCE/APPROVAL</u>
Benigno Alignment	1 Belmont Avenue	January 1, 2026
UR Motors	2 Gaston Avenue	January 1, 2026
David's Auto Body	70 Lincoln Place	January 1, 2026
Superstar Auto Collision	3 Marsellus Place	January 1, 2026
Zolito Mechanic Center	262 Midland Avenue	January 1, 2026
Metro Body & Fender	619 Midland Avenue	January 1, 2026
Chester Auto Repair	45 Monroe Street	January 1, 2026
Steven's Auto Service	82 Monroe Street	January 1, 2026
21 st Century Autobody	94 Naples Place	January 1, 2026
Nagi Auto Repair LLC	249 Outwater Lane	January 1, 2026
DNA Auto Service LLC	139 Palisade Avenue	January 1, 2026
Belfi's Autobody Inc	208 Palisade Avenue	January 1, 2026
Joes Service Station	209 Palisade Avenue	January 1, 2026
Falcon Garage	33 Passaic Street	January 1, 2026
European Performance	175 Passaic Street	January 1, 2026
Mazzola Autobody	195 Passaic Street	January 1, 2026
Quality Autobody	205 Passaic Street	January 1, 2026
Crown Autobody	122 Pierre Avenue	January 1, 2026
T&H Motors	8 Plauderville Avenue	January 1, 2026
Joe Guarino Automotive	45 Plauderville Avenue	January 1, 2026
Kaytors Garage	379 River Drive	January 1, 2026
Dymora Auto LLC	381 River Drive	January 1, 2026
Garfield Auto Spa	413 River Drive	January 1, 2026
Victorio Auto Body	568 River Drive	January 1, 2026
Urbin Auto	577 River Drive	January 1, 2026
Payless Auto Wholesale	601 River Drive	January 1, 2026
MJ Traders	610 River Drive	January 1, 2026
A&C Auto Inc.	740 River Drive	January 1, 2026
Peter Auto Repair LLC	758 River Drive	January 1, 2026
Ron's Superior Auto	830 River Drive	January 1, 2026

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: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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-116-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF LAUNDROMAT BUSINESS LICENSE

WHEREAS, Time to Wash, 69 River Drive, 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 City Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to Time to Wash 69 River Drive, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 for the year 2026.

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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-117-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF LAUNDROMAT BUSINESS LICENSE

WHEREAS, New EZ Laundromat, LLC, 251 Midland 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 City Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to New EZ Laundromat, LLC, 251 Midland Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 for the year 2026.

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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-118-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVING REGULAR ACTIVE MEMBER – FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have accepted Chris Lukawski, 10 Schley Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, as a regular active member, effective February 3, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 5 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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-119-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVING RESIGNATION OF ACTIVE MEMBER – FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 1 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Rawanda Hablawi of 508 Piaget Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07011, as an active member, effective July 24, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 1 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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-120-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVING DESIGNATED PARKING FOR FIRE CHIEF

WHEREAS, Fourth Assistant Chief William Larkin has requested an assigned parking space near his residence at 26A Cambridge Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has investigated the request and recommends approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space on the east curb line of Cambridge Avenue, commencing 55 feet south of the intersection with Passaic Street and extending 20 therefrom, is hereby designated as reserved for a “Fire Department Vehicle”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this space shall be marked “PARKING FOR FIRE CHIEF ONLY”, shall be used primarily for the City vehicle assigned to the Fire Chief, and shall be regulated in accordance with City Ordinance No. 2174; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is authorized and directed to install the appropriate signage at this location.

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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-121-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVING HANDICAP PARKING SPACE

WHEREAS, Marie Romero, of 505 Grace Avenue Floor 2, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2944797 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 north curb line of Grave Avenue commencing 208 feet east of the intersection of Meyer Street and Grace Avenue and continue an additional 20 feet east 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: FEBRUARY 17, 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-122-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVING HANDICAP PARKING SPACE

WHEREAS, Frank Barber, of 69 Somerset Street, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P3094506, has filed an application for a handicap parking sign to be placed at his 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 north curb line of Somerset Street commencing 63 feet west of the intersection of Palisade Avenue and Somerset Street and continue an additional 20 feet west 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: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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-123-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield recognizes the importance of maintaining compliance with the Fair Housing Act and ensuring that all citizens have equal access to housing opportunities within the City; and

WHEREAS, “Municipal Housing Liaison” is an appointed municipal employee who is responsible for oversight and/or administration of the affordable units created within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield deem it to be in the best interest in the City and its residents to appoint an individual to fulfill the duties of Municipal Housing Liaison;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Gabrielle Wellins is hereby appointed as the Municipal Housing Liaison of the City of Garfield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Gabrielle Wellins shall perform all duties and responsibilities of the position in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), the Council of Affordable Housing (COAH), in compliance with all applicable state and local regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment shall take effect immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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 17th day of February 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-124-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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-100-26 through R-124-26 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Yanny Rodriguez, Palisade Avenue, raised concerns related to obtaining overnight parking permits. She felt that the system and ordinance currently in place is not functionable or helpful to Garfield residents. Ms. Rodriguez stated that a Garfield resident should be able to obtain a permit despite their address. She requested that tickets be voided and that the ordinance be changed related to a denial of a permit due to addresses not matching.

Christine Korsa, Chestnut Street, advised that cars park on the sidewalk on Chestnut Street and raised concerns about the same. She stated that she was denied a handicap parking permit but has a difficult time shoveling, etc. Ms. Korsa shared tickets that she received for parking in a yellow on Schley Street, because of a no parking time zone on Chestnut Street, and driving on yellow lines. Lastly, Ms. Korsa discussed her health issues and the City's water quality.

Salvatore Lagatutta, Semel Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the Garfield Anniversary Day proposal and approval of a resolution. He noted that he is a member of the Garden Club through the Garfield Public Library and that they plan to do a display in honor of the Anniversary Day and requested that a Proclamation be presented.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Kane encouraged residents to download the Garfield Living app. He noted that he sees a lot of residents' post questions online that could be answered if they download the app for information. Deputy Mayor Kane then announced upcoming events for Easter and stated that Harrison Avenue is going to be paved soon. Lastly, he discussed the parking issues in Garfield as Garfield was designed prior to the use of cars being popular. Deputy Mayor Kane stated that parking regulations are important to avoid illegal apartments and other issues.

Deputy Mayor Raymond stated that she hopes to get some of the issues presented solved, however, there is protocol that needs to be followed. She asked that residents be careful of what is posted on social media as sometimes the information that is posted is not accurate. Deputy Mayor Raymond asked that residents fact check their information before posting.

Mayor Garnto thanked Pastor John for being in attendance and leading the prayer. He advised Mr. Lagatutta that the City will present a Proclamation for Anniversary Day. Mayor Garnto thanked those that attended the meeting, though not many, and that they will investigate the concerns raised. He encouraged the public to attend meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kane 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 March 4, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council.