

Resolution No. 2026- 1

RESOLUTION ADOPTING DISTRICT 2026 BUDGET
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.4

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, noticed and held a public hearing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.2 on the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2026, from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, on January 8, 2026, hereinafter referenced as the “annual budget”; and

WHEREAS, the annual budget has been presented for adoption before the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, at its noticed public meeting held on January 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the annual budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the adopted budget is in compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.44, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the annual budget as presented for adoption reflects total revenues of \$4,024,049.00 which includes the amount to be raised by taxation of \$2,971,000.00 and total appropriations of \$4,024,049.00; and

WHEREAS, an election shall be held on February 21, 2026, to determine the amount of money to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that at its noticed public meeting held on January 8, 2026, the annual budget of Fire District No. 1 for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, be and is hereby adopted and shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated and authorization of total revenues of \$4,024,049.00 which includes the amount to be raised by taxation of \$2,971,000.00 and total appropriations of \$4,024,049.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the annual budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the

State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District shall hold an annual election on February 21, 2026, to determine the amount of money to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the results of the annual budget election be certified to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and the Township of Burlington Tax Assessor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2026 adopted budget for fiscal year 2026 be attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Clerk be authorized to forward the annual adopted budget to the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Director of the Division of Local Government Services, for its adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a signed, conformed and compared copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the District Auditor, Robert D. Elliott, C.P.A., of the firm of Mohel, Elliott, Bauer & Gass, 8 Executive Drive, Suite 1, Toms River, New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the within Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution or part of a resolution inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed or otherwise revoked; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this Resolution is for any reason held or determined to be unconstitutional or invalid, same shall not affect the remainder of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notwithstanding anything set forth herein to the contrary, the Board shall be permitted to amend, modify, repeal or otherwise act as to those topics which are the subject of this Resolution provided said acts are consistent with public policy, Board bylaws, township ordinances, local, state and federal laws and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an original signed, conformed and compared copy of this Resolution be accessible and maintained as an official Board record pursuant to and in accordance with the "Open Public Records Act"; N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, *et seq.* and the "Destruction of Public Records Law (1953)"; N.J.S.A. 47:3-8.1, *et seq.* as set forth by the State of New Jersey

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Municipal Agency Record Retention Schedule promulgated by the Division of Archives and Record Management.

Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Anthony C. Ciasca			X			
Terry M. Field		X	X			
Christopher Johnson			X			
Deborah Painter			X			
Keith S. Scully	X		X			

CERTIFICATION

I, **ANTHONY C. CIASCA**, Clerk of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true conformed and compared copy of an original Resolution now on file and of record in the District office which was duly adopted at a public meeting held on the 8th day of January, 2026.

I do further certify that the said Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, is composed of - 5 - members, and that - 5 - members were present and - 5 - members voted affirmatively for the adoption of the Resolution and - 0 - members voted against the adoption of the Resolution.

The undersigned further certifies that the above Resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, on this 8th day of January, 2026.

Anthony C. Ciasca
ANTHONY C. CIASCA, CLERK
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 1
Township of Burlington

Resolution No. 2026- 2

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED SESSION
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 AND 13

WHEREAS, Chapter 231 Public Law of 1975 as amended (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.), known and cited as the “Senator Bryan M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act”, also known as the “Sunshine Law”, authorizes a public body to meet in closed session (exclude the public) under certain limited circumstances; and

WHEREAS, said Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-13) requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in closed session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the public body has determined:

1. That it is necessary to meet in closed session, under N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8), on the 12th day of February, 2026, to discuss personnel; and

2. That the matter(s) discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a meeting open to the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the within Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution or part of a resolution inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed or otherwise revoked; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this Resolution is for any reason held or determined to be unconstitutional or invalid, same shall not affect the remainder of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notwithstanding anything set forth herein to the contrary, the Board shall be permitted to amend, modify, repeal or otherwise act as to those topics which are the subject of this Resolution provided said acts are consistent with public policy, Board bylaws, township ordinances, local, state and federal laws and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an original signed, conformed and compared copy of this Resolution be accessible and maintained as an official Board record pursuant to and in accordance with the “Open Public Records Act”; N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, *et seq.* and the “Destruction of

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Public Records Law (1953)"; N.J.S.A. 47:3-8.1, *et seq.* as set forth by the State of New Jersey Municipal Agency Record Retention Schedule promulgated by the Division of Archives and Record Management.

CERTIFICATION

I, **ANTHONY C. CIASCA**, Clerk of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true conformed and compared copy of an original Resolution now on file and of record in the District office which was duly adopted at a public meeting held on the 12th day of February, 2026.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, on this 12th day of February, 2026.

Anthony C. Ciasca
ANTHONY C. CIASCA, CLERK
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 1
Township of Burlington



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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED SESSION
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WHEREAS, said Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-13) requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in closed session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the public body has determined:

1. That it is necessary to meet in closed session, under N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7), on the 25th day of February, 2026, to discuss contract negotiations; and

2. That the matter(s) discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a meeting open to the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the within Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution or part of a resolution inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed or otherwise revoked; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this Resolution is for any reason held or determined to be unconstitutional or invalid, same shall not affect the remainder of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notwithstanding anything set forth herein to the contrary, the Board shall be permitted to amend, modify, repeal or otherwise act as to those topics which are the subject of this Resolution provided said acts are consistent with public policy, Board bylaws, township ordinances, local, state and federal laws and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an original signed, conformed and compared copy of this Resolution be accessible and maintained as an official Board record pursuant to and in accordance with the “Open Public Records Act”; N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, *et seq.* and the “Destruction of

Public Records Law (1953)"; N.J.S.A. 47:3-8.1, *et seq.* as set forth by the State of New Jersey Municipal Agency Record Retention Schedule promulgated by the Division of Archives and Record Management.

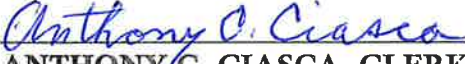
CERTIFICATION

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I do further certify that the said Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, is composed of - 5 - members, and that - **5** - members were present and - **5** - members voted affirmatively for the adoption of the Resolution and - ~~0~~ - members voted against the adoption of the Resolution.

The undersigned further certifies that the above Resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, on this 25th day of February, 2026.


ANTHONY C. CIASCA, CLERK
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 1
Township of Burlington

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING A FIRE OFFICIAL

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, is charged with the responsibility of fire prevention and suppression and the regulation of fire hazards within the District, in addition to other incidental and necessary fire service related activities and duties; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of its mandated responsibility, the Board created the paid position of Fire Official pursuant to and in accordance with the applicable statutory authority to administer the day to day activities and affairs of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted a description of the employment duties for said position; and

WHEREAS, the Board conducted a search for a qualified candidate for said position; and

WHEREAS, after an extensive evaluation and interview process, the Board selected a candidate for the position of Fire Official and negotiated terms and conditions of employment with said candidate which have been memorialized in an Employment Agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule A.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that, in the best interest of the District, it appoint Ashley Johnson, to the position of Fire Official commencing on March 16, 2026, through December 31, 2028, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Employment Agreement attached hereto as Schedule A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chairman be authorized to execute the Employment Agreement attached hereto as Schedule A on behalf of the Board and the Board Clerk attest thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the within Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution or part of a resolution inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or otherwise revoked; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this Resolution is for any reason held or determined to be unconstitutional or invalid same shall not affect the remainder of this Resolution; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notwithstanding anything set forth herein to the contrary the Board shall be permitted to amend, modify, repeal or otherwise act as to those topics which are the subject of this Resolution provided said acts are consistent with public policy, Board bylaws, township ordinances, local, state and federal laws and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an original signed, conformed and compared copy of this resolution be accessible and maintained as an official Board record pursuant to and in accordance with the "Open Public Records Act"; N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, *et seq.* and the "Destruction of Public Records Law (1953)"; N.J.S.A. 47:3-8.1, *et seq.* as set forth by the State of New Jersey Municipal Agency Record Retention Schedule promulgated by the Division of Archives and Record Management.


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The undersigned further certifies that the above Resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, on this 25th day of February, 2026.



ANTHONY CIASCA, CLERK
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 1
Township of Burlington