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Michael L. Acampora, Chairman
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 4
88 Ramtown-Greenville Road
Howell, New Jersey 07731

Re: Resolution Establishing a Temporary Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.17

Dear Chairman Acampora:

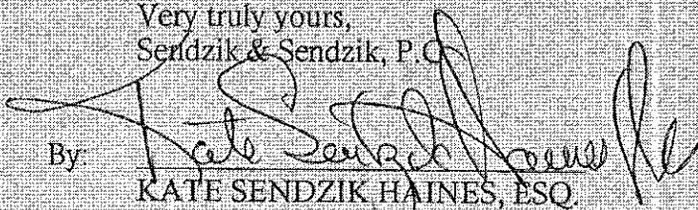
Enclosed please find an original and one (1) copy of a Resolution Establishing a Temporary Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.17 for the Board's consideration at its public meeting scheduled for December 9, 2025.

If the Board favorably resolves same, please have the Board Clerk, Commissioner Murphy, affix his signature where appropriate on both the original and the copy, conforming both, retaining the original for the Board's official records to 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. Additionally, please forward a copy of the Resolution to this office and be reminded that it must be posted on the District website in a timely manner.

If you have any questions with regard to the above, please contact me.

Very truly yours,
Sendzik & Sendzik, P.C.

By


KATE SENDZIK HAINES, ESQ.

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Enclosures

VIA EMAIL ONLY AT CHAIRMAN@HOWELLFIREDISTRICT4.COM

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY BUDGET
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.17

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 4, Township of Howell, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, has certain contracts, commitments or other payments that must be made prior to the adoption of the 2026 budget; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.17 provides that a fire district may, by resolution, adopt prior to January 15, 2026, a temporary budget to make appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year and the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations permitted to be made in the temporary budget shall not exceed 14% of the total of the preceding fiscal year excluding appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges and capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to adopt a temporary budget for fiscal year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4, Township of Howell, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that a temporary budget for 2026 be adopted in the amount of \$100,242.80; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriations be designated to the following line items in the hereinafter set forth amounts:

ADVERTISING	\$ 420.00
COMMISSIONERS' COMPENSATION	\$ 8,302.00
ELECTION	\$ 700.00
FIRE HYDRANT RENT	\$ 11,760.00
INSURANCE	\$ 18,480.00
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	\$ 11,900.00
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 14,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 2,940.00
PAYROLL TAX/PENSION EXPENSE	\$ 3,110.80
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 9,100.00
REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES & LOSSES	\$ 3,080.00
RENTAL CHARGES	\$ 10,010.00
TRAINING AND EDUCATION	\$ 1,400.00

UTILITIES

\$ 5,040.00

TOTAL

\$100,242.80; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing contained herein shall relieve the fire district from making appropriations for all interest and debt redemption charges maturing during the fiscal year 2026 at any time prior to the date of the adoption of the budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the District Auditor, Robert D. Elliott, C.P.A., of the firm Mohel, Elliott, Bauer & Gass, for the purpose of making the appropriate adjustments in the audit for the 2026 fiscal year; 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

I, COLIN A. MURPHY, Clerk of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 4, Township of Howell, County of Monmouth, 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 9th day of December, 2025.

I do further certify that the said Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 4, Township of Howell, County of Monmouth, 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. 4, Township of Howell, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, on this 9th day of December, 2025.



COLIN A. MURPHY, CLERK
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 4
Township of Howell

Howell Fire District No. 4
2026 Temporary Budget

Salaries	\$ 8,302
Fringe Benefits	3,092
Advertising	420
Elections	700
Administrative	2,940
Professional Services	9,100
Payroll Taxes/PERS	18
Insurance	18,480
Repairs & Maintenance	11,900
Fire Hydrant Rental	11,760
Materials & Supplies	14,000
Reimbursement of Expenses	3,080
Lease	10,010
Training & Education	1,400
Utilities	<u>5,040</u>
Total Appropriations	<u><u>\$ 100,243</u></u>