

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. 5, Township of Howell, County of Monmouth, 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 20, 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. 5, Township of Howell, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, at its noticed public meeting held on January 20, 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 \$1,296,425.00 which includes the amount to be raised by taxation of \$882,577.00 and total appropriations of \$1,296,425.00; 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. 5, Township of Howell, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that at its noticed, public meeting held on January 20, 2026, the annual budget of Fire District No. 5 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 \$1,296,425.00 which includes the amount to be raised by taxation of \$882,577.00 and total appropriations of \$1,296,425.00; 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 Howell 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, Michael R. Bart, C.P.A., of the firm of Bart &

Bart, 104 Main Street, #2, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095; 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.

**Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote**

| Member     | Motion | Second | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
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| R. Donahue |        | ✓      | ✓   |     |         |        |
| J. Harper  | ✓      |        | ✓   |     |         |        |
| K. Harper  |        |        | ✓   |     |         |        |
| T. Koubek  |        |        | ✓   |     |         |        |
| K. Mannik  |        |        | ✓   |     |         |        |

**CERTIFICATION**

I, **ROBERT M. DONAHUE, SR.**, Clerk of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 5, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

I do further certify that the said Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 5, 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. 5, Township of Howell, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

*Robert M. Donahue, Sr.*  
**ROBERT M. DONAHUE, SR., CLERK**  
 Board of Fire Commissioners  
 Fire District No. 5  
 Township of Howell