

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH LAWNSIDE RESOLUTION NO. 02-2024

### RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE TRAVEL POLICY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that in order for the Borough to maintain an efficient and progressive staff; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to attend seminars and conventions to stay abreast of current developments affecting our government unit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lawnside, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, that the following travel policy be adopted:

- 1. All overnight travel must be approved by Council; and
- 2. The Borough will pay for hotel accommodations; and
- 3. The Borough will pay for travel to and from the seminar and convention; i.e., train fare, air fare or actual car mileage, etc.; and
- 4. The Borough shall provide a <u>maximum of fifty-five dollars a day per diem</u> to cover meals and miscellaneous items; and
- 5. The Borough will pay for all registration fees; and
- 6. The Borough will pay for travel to and from the airport, train station; and
- 7. The Administrator/Purchasing Agent is authorized to advance to the approved travelers monies required for registration and the fifty-five dollars a day per diem; and
- 8. The per diem shall be calculated by the Administrator/Purchasing Agent as follows, <u>an approved</u> traveler is entitled to fifty-five dollars a day for each night which the traveler is approved to attend the seminar or convention plus one additional day; and
- 9. The Borough will pay for reasonable out of pocket meal expenses while attending seminars.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all receipts for any expenditure items are required to be submitted to the Business Administrator.

**BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE** 

PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN, RMC, CMR

ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

MARY ANN WARDLOW

MAYOR



# RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH LAWNSIDE RESOLUTION NO. 03-2024

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council and other elected and appointed officials are required to use their privately owned vehicles to travel in performance of their official duties.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lawnside that a rate of **\$0.67** cents per mile be paid for such official travel in privately owned vehicles.

**BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE** 

PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN, RMS, CMR

ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

MARY ANN WARDLOW

MAYOR





# IRS issues standard mileage rates for 2024; mileage rate increases to 67 cents a mile, up 1.5 cents from 2023

IR-2023-239, Dec. 14, 2023

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today issued the 2024 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2024, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 67 cents per mile driven for business use, up 1.5 cents from 2023.
- 21 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes for qualified active-duty members of the Armed Forces, a decrease of 1 cent from 2023.
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations; the rate is set by statute and remains unchanged from 2023.

These rates apply to electric and hybrid-electric automobiles as well as gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles.

The standard mileage rate for business use is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes is based on the variable costs.

It is important to note that under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, taxpayers cannot claim a miscellaneous itemized deduction for unreimbursed employee travel expenses. Taxpayers also cannot claim a deduction for moving expenses, unless they are members of the Armed Forces on active duty moving under orders to a permanent change of station. For more details see Moving expenses for members of the armed forces.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

Taxpayers can use the standard mileage rate but generally must opt to use it in the first year the car is available for business use. Then, in later years, they can choose either the standard mileage rate or actual expenses. Leased vehicles must use the standard mileage rate method for the entire lease period (including renewals) if the



# RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH LAWNSIDE RESOLUTION NO. 04-2024

### RESOLUTION SPECIFYING VARIOUS DEPOSITORIES FOR ALL FUNDS FOR THE BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE FOR CY2024

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Lawnside, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the following depositories for all funds for the Borough of Lawnside for the CY2024 are:

1<sup>st</sup> Colonial Bank, Collingswood, New Jersey

**BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE** 

PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN RMC, CMR

ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

MARY ANN WARDLOW

MAYOR



# RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH LAWNSIDE RESOLUTION NO. 05-2024

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BANK ACCOUNTS AT 1st COLONIAL BANK

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough of Lawnside open and maintain a deposit account in its name with 1<sup>st</sup> Colonial Bank effective January 1, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this certified copy of the resolution authorize the following bank accounts:

TAX SALE PREMIUMS

TAX TITLE LIEN REDEMPTION

MUNICIPAL COURT LAWNSIDE PAYROLL

CONSTRUCTION CODE

**CURRENT FUND** 

LAW ENFORCEMENT

DOG FUND

UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.

**NFI ESCROW** 

3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY POLICE

DARE CAR FUND

BAIL

CONTRACT ESCROW
COMMUNITY CENTER
SEWER ABANDONEMENT
SEWER ACCOUNT AUDITOR

HOMESTEAD REBATE

BOROUGH CLERK

FIRE FUND

**CONIFER ESCROW** 

I certify that the names of duly elected and qualified officers of said corporation are as follows and should sign as following:

TITLE

Mayor

Treasurer

Chief Financial Officer

**NAME** 

Mary Ann Wardlow Jessie G. Harris or the John A. Bruno, Jr.

BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE

PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN, RMC, CMR

ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

MARY ANN WARDLOW

MAYOR



### RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH LAWNSIDE **RESOLUTION NO. 06 - 2024**

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PETTY CASH FUND FOR **BOROUGH TREASURER**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Lawnside, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Borough Treasurer shall have a petty cash fund in the amount of Two-Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for the Calendar Year 2024 and the Borough's Treasurer will be the custodian of these funds.

**BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE** 

PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN/RMC ACTING BOROUGH CLERK **CMR** 

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# THE BOROUGH LAWNSIDE RESOLUTION NO. 07-2024

### RESOLUTION SPECIFYING RATE OF INTEREST TO BE COLLECTED ON DELINQUENT SEWER RENTALS AND DELINQUENT TAXES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lawnside, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the rate of interest to be collected on delinquent taxes in and for the Borough of Lawnside for the 2024, shall be and is hereby established at 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the due date to date of actual payment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lawnside, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the rate of interest to be collected on delinquent sewer rentals and 1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the due date to date of actual payment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a grace period of ten (10) days after the due date be granted for the payments of taxes and sewer rentals; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a 6% penalty may be charged on any delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 if not paid by the end of the fiscal year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that interest in the amount of 18% payable to the Borough of Lawnside on all delinquencies wherein the Borough holds a Tax Title Lien.

BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE

PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN RMC, CMR

ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

MARY AND WARDLOW

MAYOR



# RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE RESOLUTION NO. 08-2024

### AUTHORIZING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2024

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 requires each local unit to annually adopt a cash management plan; and

WHEREAS, it is desired by the Governing Body of the **Borough of Lawnside** to comply with said statute;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Lawnside, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that the attached cash management plan for the Calendar Year **2024** be approved.

**BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE** 

PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN, RMC, CMR

ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

MARY ANN WARDLOW

MAYOR

### CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE COUNTY OF CAMDEN NEW JERSEY

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Cash Management Plan (the "Plan") is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 in order to set forth the basis for the deposits (Deposits") and investments ("Permitted Investments") of certain public funds of the *Borough of Lawnside* pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The Plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest bearing Deposits or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide that the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to insure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the maximum investment return within such limits. The Plan is intended to insure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

# II. <u>IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE</u> PLAN

A. The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of all funds and accounts of the **Borough of Lawnside**.

# III. <u>DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE</u> AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN:

The Chief Financial Officer of the *Borough of Lawnside* is hereby authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan. Prior to making any such Deposits or Permitted Investments, such officials of the *Borough of Lawnside* are directed to supply to all depositories or any other parties with whom the Deposits or Permitted Investments are made a written copy of the Plan which shall be acknowledged in writing by such parties and a copy of such acknowledgment kept on file with such officials.

### IV. <u>DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES</u>

The following banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any certificates of Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan:

### 1ST COLONIAL BANK

All such depositories shall acknowledge in writing receipt of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgments to the Designated Official(s) referred to in Section III above.

### V. <u>AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS</u>

A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:

- 1. Bonds or other obligations of the United states of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
- 2. Government money market mutual funds;
- 3. Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
- 4. Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the local unit is a part or within which the school district is located;
- 5. Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by local units;
- 6. Local government investment pools;
- 7. Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1977,c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4); or
- 8. Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities, if;
  - (a). the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of the subsection a.;
  - (b). the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
  - (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
  - (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section of P.L.1970,c.236 (C.17:9-41); and
  - (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.
- B. Any investment instruments in which the security is not physically held by the local unit shall be covered by a third party custodial agreement which shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the local unit and prevent unauthorized use of such investments.
- C. Purchase of investment securities shall be executed by the "delivery versus payment" method to ensure that securities are either received by the local unit or a third party custodian prior to or upon the release of the local unit's funds.
- D. Any investments not purchased and redeemed directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, local government investment pool, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, shall be purchased and redeemed through the use of a national or State Bank located within this State or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L.1967,c93 (C.49:3-56) and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization of not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

# VI. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN:

To the extent that any Deposit of Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the *Borough of Lawnside*, then such instrument or security shall be covered by a custodial agreement with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the State of New Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the *Borough of Lawnside* to assure that there is no unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments or Deposits. Purchase of any Permitted Investments that involve securities shall be executed by a "delivery versus payment" method to insure that such Permitted Investments are either received by the *Borough of Lawnside* or by a third party custodian prior to or upon the release of the *Borough of Lawnside*'s funds.

To assure that all parties with whom the *Borough of Lawnside* deals either by way of Deposits or Permitted Investments are aware of the authority and the limits set forth in this Plan, all such parties shall be supplied with a copy of this plan in writing, and all such parties shall acknowledge the receipt of that Plan in writing, a copy of which shall be on file with the Designated Official(s).

### VII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

On or about the first day of each month, but not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day of each month during which this Plan is in effect, the Designated Official(s) referred to in Section III hereof shall supply to the governing body of the *Borough of Lawnside* a written report of any Deposits or Permitted Investments made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A. The name of any institution holding funds of the **Borough of Lawnside** as a Deposit or a Permitted Investment.
- B. The amount of securities or Deposits purchased or sold during the immediately preceding month.
- C. The class or type of securities purchased or Deposits made.
- D. The book value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- E. The earned income on such Deposits or Permitted Investments. To the extent that such amounts are actually earned at maturity, this report shall provide an accrual of such earnings during the immediately preceding month.
- F. The fees incurred to undertake such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- G. The market value of all Deposits or Permitted Investments as of the end of the immediately preceding month.
- H. All other information which may be deemed reasonable from time to time by the governing body of the *Borough of Lawnside*.

### VIII. TERM OF PLAN:

This Plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Attached to the Plan is a resolution of the governing body of the Borough of Lawnside approving this Plan for such period of time. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Governing Body, the Designated Official is directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan, which amendment shall be acknowledged.



### RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE

### **RESOLUTION NO. 09-2024**

### BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HOLDING OF A CLOSED SESSION OF A MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., permits a public body to exclude the public from portions of a meeting at which specific matters set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b are discussed;

WHEREAS, a request has been made to convene a closed session of the Borough Council Workshop on January 10, 2024, 2022 consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion duly made and seconded and passed by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lawnside, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that a closed session of the Borough Council meeting be convened to discuss one or more of the following categories as noted:

convened to discuss one or more of the following categories as noted:
1. Any matter which, by express provision of federal law, state statute or rule of court is rendered confidential or excluded from the public portion of the meeting.
2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair the right to receive funds from the United States Government.
3. Any material the disclosure of which constitutes and unwarranted invasion of privacy as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(3).
4. Any Collective Bargaining Agreement or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any Collective Bargaining Agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees.
5. Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real estate with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussions of such matter were disclosed.
6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public and any investigations of violations or possible violations of law.
x 7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which Borough Council is or may become a party.
x 8. Any matters falling within the attorney/client privilege to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise his/her ethical duties as a lawyer.
x 9. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment and other categories set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(8).
10. Any deliberations occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of specific civil penalty or the suspension of loss of a license or permit as set forth in N.J.S.A.10:4-12b(9).
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is anticipated that the discussion conducted in closed session will be disclosed to the public sometime in 2024.

BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE

Pamela Scott- Forman, RMC, CMR

**Municipal Clerk** 



### **RESOLUTION NO. 10-2024**

### RESOLUTION APPROVING REFUND FOR OVERPAYMENT

**WHEREAS,** Tara Goodman who resides at 604 Hemmings Way, Lawnside, New Jersey; Block 202 Lot 8 is Totally Disabled Veteran's exempt; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Goodman was granted exemption and refunded August quarter 2023 taxes; and

WHEREAS, Corelogic forwarded the November 2023 in the amount of \$2,226.82 fourth quarter taxes prior to receiving the information that the homeowner was exempt.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lawnside, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that \$2,226.82 be approved and refunded to Tara Goodman 604 Hemmings Way, Lawnside, New Jersey 08045.

**BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE** 

PAMELA SCOTT - FORMAN, RMC, CMR

MUNICIPAL CLERK

MARY ANN WARDLOW

MAYOR



### **RESOLUTION NO. 11-2024**

### RESOLUTION APPROVING REFUND FOR OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, Julia Henley who resides at 348 Quaker Road, Lawnside, New Jersey remitted fourth quarter 2023 Taxes in the amount of \$1,791.42; and

WHEREAS, PHH Mortgage Services also remitted fourth quarter 20023 Taxes; and

WHEREAS, PHH Mortgage payment is a duplicate payment and request a refund of \$1,791.42.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lawnside, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that \$1,791.42 be approved and refunded to PHH Mortgage Services 1661 Worthington Road, Suite 100, West Palm Beach, FL 33409.

**BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE** 

PAMELA SCOTT - FORMAN, RMC, CMR

MUNICIPAL CLERK

MARY ANN WARDLOW

MAYOR



# **BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE RESOLUTION NO. 12 - 2024**

# AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER - PATROLMAN I FOR THE BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT – COLLIN STEPHANS

WHEREAS, police staffing levels within the Borough of Lawnside Police Department requires the hiring of a fulltime Patrolman 1 as the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of Lawnside and New Jersey Policeman's Benevolent Association Intercounties Local #30; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Committee has recommended Collin Stephans sworn in as a Patrolman 1; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes it is in the interest of the public safety to follow the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee in order to provide for adequate police presence with the Borough of Lawnside.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Borough of Lawnside, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Collin Stephans be hired as Patrolman 1 and shall be sworn in effective February 7, 2024.

**BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE** 

PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN, RMC, CMR

**BOROUGH CLERK** 

MARY ANN WARDLOW

MAYOR

ADOPTED: February 7, 2024



# **BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE RESOLUTION NO. 13 - 2024**

# RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:25-4 states that each municipal court in the State of New Jersey have at least one municipal prosecutor appointed by the governing body of the municipality, municipalities or county in accordance with applicable laws, ordinances and resolutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lawnside, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that **DeMichelle & DeMichelle – Richard A. DeMichelle Jr., Esq.** be appointed as the Municipal Prosecutor, effective February 8, 2024 through December 31, 2024 \$10,636.29 per annum as per the salary ordinance.

**BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE** 

PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN, RMC, CMR

BOROUGH CLERK

MARY ANN WARDLOW

MAYOR

ADOPTED: February 7, 2024



# **BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE RESOLUTION NO. 14 - 2024**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER BLOCK 805, LOT LOTS 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30 AND 31 QUALIFIES FOR DESIGNATION AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., provides a mechanism to empower and assist local governments in efforts to promote programs of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Boroughs Council desires to explore whether the real property located between the intersection of S. Charleston Ave (C.R. 668) and Evesham Road (C.R. 544) to Block Limit bordering the Borough of Magnolia, Camden County more commonly known as BLOCK 805, LOTS 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31, on the Borough of Lawnside Tax Map, please see Attachment 1 for details, inclusive of any and all streets, "paper" streets, private drives and right of ways (the "Study Area") may be an appropriate area for consideration for the program of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Study Area currently has a high vacancy rate and outstanding Municipal Liens and that has remained as such for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law sets forth a specific procedure for establishing an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, prior to the Borough Council making a determination as to whether the Study Area qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment, the Borough Council must authorize the Planning Board, by resolution, to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria of an area in need of redevelopment set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council wishes to direct the Borough Planning Board to undertake such preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria for designation as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5 and in accordance with the investigation and hearing process set forth at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council hereby directs the Borough of Lawnside Planning Board to conduct the necessary investigation and to hold a public hearing to determine whether the Study Area defined hereinabove qualifies for designation as an area in need of redevelopment under the criteria and pursuant to the public hearing process set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1, *et seq.*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the redevelopment area determination shall further authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the New Jersey Legislature for use in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain (hereinafter referred to as "Condemnation Redevelopment Area").

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Planning Board shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Borough Council in the form of a Resolution with supportive documentation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Clerk, Chief Financial Officer, Business Administrator and Borough Planning Board and Planning Board Secretary.

**BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE** 

Pamela Scott-Forman, RMC, CMR

Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED: February 7, 2024

Mary Ann Wardlow

Mayor

**CERTIFICATION OF THE CLERK** 

I, **Pamela Scott-Forman**, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Lawnside, County of Camden, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the governing body of the Borough of Lawnside at their meeting held at the Borough Hall Municipal Building, 4 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Rd., Lawnside, N.J. on the 7<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2024

Pamela Scott-Forman, RMC, CMR