

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Executive Session and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: April 10, 2023

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Jimenez

Public Session to Adjourn to Executive Session: C.T.O.: Adjourn:

Mayor Jimenez – Adjournment into closed Executive Session in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”

Executive Session: 6:30 P.M. C.T.O.: Adjourn:

Public Session: 7:00 P.M. C.T.O.: Adjourn:

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION

Table with 5 columns: Name, Adj. to Ex. Pres., Adj. to Ex. Abs., Public Pres., Public Abs. Rows include Mayor Jimenez, Castelli, Kontolios, Larkin, Dorsett, Ryu, Congalton-Hali.

ROLL CALL-EXEC. SESSION

Table with 3 columns: Name, PRESENT, ABSENT. Rows include Mayor Jimenez, Castelli, Kontolios, Larkin, Dorsett, Ryu, Congalton-Hali.

Swearing in of Battalion Chief Bonacci

121-2023 Councilman Kontolios Introduction of CY2023 Budget

As advertised, hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2453 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, SUBSECTION 21-8 COURT, MUNICIPAL-LOCATION, HOURS”

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared open

Public Hearing

Entertain motion to declare the time for the public hearing to be declared closed

Final Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2454 entitled, “YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA:

All items listed are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Borough Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member(s) so request it, in which case the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The one motion signifies the adoption of all resolutions and approval of applications and minutes.

122-2023	Councilman Castelli	Standing Committees of the Mayor and Council
123-2023	Councilman Castelli	Authorize CDBG Grant Agreement for DeLalla Terrace Road Improvements
124-2023	Councilman Ryu	Authorize Execution of Offer of Settlement with the State of New Jersey
125-2023	Councilman Kontolios	Approve 12.39 Ruling-VL Liquor LLC
126-2023	Councilman Castelli	Authorize Additional Compensation for Plumbing Inspector
127-2023	Councilman Kontolios	Certify Compliance with Federal Civil Rights Requirements
128-2023	Councilman Castelli	Acceptance of American Rescue Plan Firefighter 2022 Grant
129-2023	Councilman Castelli	Acceptance of FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant
130-2023	Councilman Castelli	Acceptance of FEMA SAFER Grant
131-2023	Councilman Kontolios	Liquor License Transfer-Cantina 46, LLC

Coin Toss Request:

RMHS Volleyball

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Rain Date: Sunday, September 24, 2023

Application for Raffles License:

Ridgefield Memorial High School PTA
Carnival

April 26, 2023 6:00-11:00 pm
April 27, 2023 6:00-11:00 pm
April 28, 2023 6:00 pm-Midnight
April 29, 2023 2:00 pm-Midnight
April 30, 2023 2:00-10:00 pm

StsVartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church
Merchandise Raffle

June 11, 2023 1:00 pm

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

RESOLUTIONS:

132-2023 CouncilmanDorsett Warrants

COMMENTS BY MAYOR:

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL:

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATOR:

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: (All speakers are limited to five minutes maximum per meeting)

Agenda subject to change as a result of matters not known at time of printing with the consent of the Mayor and Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Mayor Jimenez

BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular public meeting be adjourned, and that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield shall meet in a closed Executive Session following a five minute recess at the termination of this meeting. The purpose of the Executive Session shall be to discuss the following matters:

- _____ Personnel matters in various departments of the Borough.
- _____ Pending and Potential Litigation
- _____ Tax Court Litigation.
- _____ Potential real estate transactions in which the Borough may engage.

COUNCIL VOTE				
	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as soon as practicable discussion concerning

- _____ Personnel matters
- _____ Potential real estate transactions shall be disclosed to the public.
- _____ And that discussions with the Borough Attorney concerning litigation shall be disclosed when said litigation is terminated.

Adjournment to Closed Session. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reconvene into Public Session, if necessary, to take action on Closed Session items.

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 121-2023

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenue and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Ridgefield, Bergen County, New Jersey for Calendar Year 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget will be published in The Record in the issue of April 18, 2023 and that a hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Ridgefield Community Center on May 22, 2023 at 7:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

2023 Municipal Budget
of the Borough of Ridgefield ,
County of Bergen for the year 2023

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2023	2022
1. Surplus	2,420,720.00	2,300,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	9,684,588.34	8,980,733.00
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	370,000.00	370,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	11,851,542.61	11,436,094.44
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
c) Minimum Library Tax	767,227.00	759,203.00
Tot Amt to be Rsd by Taxes for Sup of Mun. Bud	12,618,769.61	12,195,297.44
Total General Revenues	25,094,077.95	23,846,030.44

Summary of Appropriations	2023 Budget	Final 2022 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	8,189,752.42	7,741,717.00
Other Expenses	10,469,126.16	10,089,642.00
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	2,516,399.37	2,687,171.44
3. Capital Improvements	70,000.00	75,000.00
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	2,951,800.00	2,355,500.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	897,000.00	897,000.00
Total General Appropriations	25,094,077.95	23,846,030.44
Total Number of Employees		

2023 Dedicated Swim Pool Utility Budget		
Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2023	2022
1. Surplus		
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	255,297.38	199,715.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)	166,000.00	121,498.00
Total Revenues	421,297.38	321,213.00
Summary of Appropriations	2023 Budget	Final 2022 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	220,000.00	185,000.00
Other Expenses	125,000.00	100,000.00
2. Capital Improvements		
3. Debt Service		
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	76,297.38	36,213.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)		
Total Appropriations	421,297.38	321,213.00
Total Number of Employees		

Balance of Outstanding Debt		
	General	Utility - Other
Interest	1,081,800.00	
Principal	1,870,000.00	
Outstanding Balance	26,855,000.00	

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen on April 10, 2023.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Ridgefield Municipal building, on May 22nd, 2023 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2023 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the Budget are available in the office of Linda Silvestri, Borough Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 700 Shaler Boulevard, Ridgefield, New Jersey, Phone #201-943-5215 during the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M..

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2453

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that an Ordinance entitled,

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, SUBSECTION 21-8 COURT, MUNICIPAL-LOCATION, HOURS”

introduced on the 27th day of March, 2023, do now pass a final reading and be adopted, and that the Borough Clerk be and she is authorized and directed to publish once, the aforesaid title, together with a notice of the date of its passage on final reading and approval thereof in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting March 27, 2023

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2453

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
RIDGEFIELD, SUBSECTION 21-8 COURT, MUNICIPAL-LOCATION, HOURS”

Section I. Chapter 21 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield shall be as follows:

§21-8: Location; hours.

The Municipal Court shall be held in the Municipal Complex. The Municipal Magistrate shall sit from 3:30 p.m. until the calendar is completed on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and at such other times as the business of the Court may require, subject to the rules applicable to Municipal Courts.

Section II: In all other regards, the provisions of Chapter 21 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield shall remain in full force and effect.

Section III: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as prescribed by law.

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2454

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that an Ordinance entitled,

“YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)”

introduced on the 10th day of April, 2023, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage a regular meeting to be held on the 24th day of April, 2023 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Complex, 700 Shaler Boulevard and that at such time and place, all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish in The Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Ridgefield said Ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE ORDINANCE INTRODUCED AT THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 10, 2023.

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

ORDINANCE NO. 2454

“YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)”

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Ridgefield in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its 2023 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$171,490.47 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the 2023 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Ridgefield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.50%, amounting to \$600,216.65, and that the 2023 municipal budget for the Borough of Ridgefield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 122-2023

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the following Standing Committees be established for calendar year 2023:

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

CRAIG DORSETT, JAMES KONTOLIOS, COLIN RYU

PARKS AND RECREATION

LAUREN LARKIN, JOANNA CONGALTON-HALI, CRAIG DORSETT

POLICE, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND MUNICIPAL COURT

JAMES KONTOLIOS, JOANNA CONGALTON-HALI, LAUREN LARKIN

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS; BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS; STREET LIGHTING

RUSSELL CASTELLI, JAMES KONTOLIOS, CRAIG DORSETT

HEALTH AND WELFARE

COLIN RYU, LAUREN LARKIN, JOANNA CONGALTON-HALI

FIRE DEPARTMENT

RUSSELL CASTELLI, JAMES KONTOLIOS, COLIN RYU

LIBRARY

JAMES KONTOLIOS, LAUREN LARKIN, JOANNA CONGALTON-HALI

COMMUNICATIONS

JAMES KONTOLIOS, JOANNA CONGALTON-HALI, CRAIG DORSETT

TRANSPORTATION

CRAIG DORSETT, JOANNA CONGALTON-HALI, RUSSELL CASTELLI

ELECTIONS

CRAIG DORSETT, RUSSELL CASTELLI, COLIN RYU

BOARD OF EDUCATION

JOANNA CONGALTON-HALI, COLIN RYU, JAMES KONTOLIOS

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 123-2023

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield wishes to enter into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$78,000 in 2022 Community Development Block Grant for DeLalla Terrace Road Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Hugo Jimenez to be a signatory to aforesaid Grant Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Frank Elenio to sign all county vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Borough of Ridgefield is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement and that the liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

Approved:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

CERTIFICATION

Certified to be a true copy of the resolution passed at the Mayor and Council meeting of the Borough of Ridgefield held on April 10, 2023.

Signed and Sealed

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Councilman Ryu

RESOLUTION NO. 124-2023

WHEREAS, The Division on Civil Rights (DCR) is responsible for enforcing the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 to 50, which prohibits, among other things, places of public accommodations from discriminating on the basis of real or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, and gender expression;

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2022, the Latino Action Network Foundation, Hudson P.R.I.D.E., and Garden State Equality published Marriage Equality in New Jersey: A Latina/o/X Perspective, a comprehensive report reviewing the LGBTQ+ inclusivity of marriage-related information on the websites of 564 municipalities in the State;

WHEREAS, the report led the DCR to review marriage requirements and applications posted on the websites of all 564 New Jersey Municipalities;

WHEREAS, in February 2023, DCR reviewed the Borough of Ridgefield's posted marriage application form finding inconsistent elements potential violating aspects of the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination;

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2023, DCR provided an Offer of Settlement resolving all potential claims;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield seeks to resolve any potential violations by accepting the terms of the Offer of Settlement, which are attached hereto as an exhibit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield hereby authorizes the execution of the Offer of Settlement with the DCR.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

Certified to be a true copy of the resolution passed at the Mayor and Council meeting of the Borough of Ridgefield held on April 10, 2023.

Signed and Sealed

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 125-2023

WHEREAS, a Special Ruling to Permit Renewal of Inactive Liquor License was applied for by VL Liquor LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control has granted said Permit for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 License Terms pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33.1-12.39;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0249-33-009-011 be issued to VL Liquor LLC, pursuant to an Act of Legislature of the State of New Jersey, entitled "AN ACT CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" passed December 6, 1953 and amendments thereto, and the Borough Ordinance 498 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" adopted July 2, 1946, and amendments thereto. Said license to expire June 30, 2023.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 126-2023

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Borough's Plumbing Sub-Code Official will receive an additional \$3,000 per annum for the additional inspections necessary during the period Veolia Water performs lead remediation throughout the Borough of Ridgefield.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Councilman Dorsett

RESOLUTION NO. 127-2023

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Governing Body of the Borough of Ridgefield, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

Approved:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 10, 2023.

Linda M. Silvestri, Borough Clerk

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO P.L. 2017, C.183 OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES
NO PHOTO COPIES OF SIGNATURES

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF BERGEN

We, members of the governing body of the Borough of Ridgefield being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

- 1. We are duly elected members of the Governing Body of the Borough of Ridgefield in the County of Bergen;
- 2. Pursuant to P.L. 2017, c.183, we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012);
- 3. We are familiar with the local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history;
- 4. We certify that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance.

_____ (L.S.)
Hugo Jimenez

_____ (L.S.)
Russell Castelli

_____ (L.S.)
James Kontolios

_____ (L.S.)
Lauren Larkin

_____ (L.S.)
Craig Dorsett

_____ (L.S.)
Colin Ryu

_____ (L.S.)
Joanna Congalton-Hali

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____
Notary Public of New Jersey

Clerk

The Municipal Clerk (or Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders as the case may be) shall set forth the reason for the absence of signature of any members of the governing body.

IMPORTANT: This certificate must be executed before a municipality or county can submit its approved budget to the Division of Local Government Services. The executed certificate and the adopted resolution must be kept on file and available for inspection.

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 128-2023

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield desires to accept funding in the amount of \$39,000.00 with no match from the State of New Jersey, Division of Community Affairs American Rescue Plan Firefighter 2022 Grant (#2021-100-022-8030-689-FFFF-FIRE-6120)); and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Firefighter 2022 Grant provides for the purchase of protective gear, specifically the purchase of turnout gear for the members of the Ridgefield Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, is hereby authorized to accept from the State of New Jersey, Division of Community Affairs the American Rescue Plan Firefighter 2022 Grant in the amount of \$39,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator, Municipal Clerk and any other officer deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept this grant.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 129-2023

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield desires to accept funding in the amount of \$9,992.50 with no match from the FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Award under the Community Risk Program. The funding is for a two (2) year period for which \$4,996.25 will be appropriated for each year; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant provides for the purchase of Smoke Alarms to be provided to residents through door to door home safety inspections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, is hereby authorized to accept from the FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Award under the Community Risk Program. The funding is for a two (2) year period for which \$4,996.25 will be appropriated for each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator, Municipal Clerk and any other officer deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept this grant.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Councilman Castelli

RESOLUTION NO. 130-2023

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ridgefield desires to accept funding in the amount of \$88,800.00 with no match from the FEMA SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant Award under the Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters Program. The funding is for a four (4) year period for which \$22,200 will be appropriated for each year; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER Grant provides for a cash stipend designed and intended for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, is hereby authorized to accept from the FEMA SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant Award under the Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters Program. The funding is for a four (4) year period for which \$22,200 will be appropriated for each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator, Municipal Clerk and any other officer deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept this grant.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 131-2023

WHEREAS, CANTINA 46, LLC is purchasing plenary retail consumption license No. 0249-33-003-013 from SAFARGAR & SONS LLC; and

WHEREAS, the license will be used for premises located at 88 Route 46 West, Ridgefield, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, CANTINA 46, LLC has made application to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield for a person-to-person and place to place transfer of plenary retail consumption license bearing license number 0249-33-003-013; and

WHEREAS said application is to be duly advertised twice in The Record, a newspaper printed in Hackensack, New Jersey, and circulated in the Borough of Ridgefield on March 17, 2023 and March 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, ANDERSON GENAO BAEZ, JOAQUIN MOLINA, JOSE GEANO BAEZ, AND NABILA ROSA were fingerprinted for said person-to-person and place-to-place transfer and there is no record of derogatory remarks; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate State and Municipal fees for said transfer have been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:2-7.10(B) 3 AND 4, person-to-person transfer of liquor license No. 0249-33-003-013 from SAFARGAR & SONS LLC to CANTINA 46, LLC has disclosed to the Borough of Ridgefield the source of funds to purchase said license and that CANTINA 46, LLC and SAFARGAR & SONS LLS have disclosed in a written statement to the Borough of Ridgefield that both the transferor and transferee are aware of all outstanding obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield does hereby approve the person-to-person transfer of plenary retail consumption license No. 0249-33-003-013 by Safargar& Sons LLC to Cantina 46 LLC and the place-to-place transfer from a pocket license to 88 Route 46 West, Ridgefield, NJ, and does hereby direct the Borough Clerk to endorse the license certificate as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Cantina 46, LLC for premises located at 88 Route 46 West, Ridgefield, New Jersey."

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk

The undersigned, being the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, New Jersey, and the person charged with the responsibility of maintaining financial records of said Borough in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:4-57 and the rules of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey adopted thereunder, does hereby certify that there are adequate funds available for the payment of the attached list of invoices, duly adopted by said Borough, and which said list indicates the specific line item of said budget to which expenditures shall be charged.

Francis J. Elenio,
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting April 10, 2023

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 132-2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$4,799,858.45**
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$4,775,392.30
TRUST	\$21,257.05
CAPITAL	\$3,209.10
TOTAL	\$4,799,858.45

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Castelli				
Kontolios				
Larkin				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

Linda M. Silvestri,
Borough Clerk