

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD

A G E N D A

Work, Regular and Executive Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council

Date: January 22, 2024

Open Public Meetings Statement by Mayor Jimenez

Work Session: 6:00 P.M. C.T.O.: Adjourn:

- Discussion on Draft Community Support Proclamation

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Citizens Comment on Agenda:

Correspondence:

**ROLL CALL-WORK SESSION**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Dorsett		
Ryu		
Congalton-Hali		
Kim		
Ramundo		

**ROLL CALL-PUBLIC SESSION**

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Mayor Jimenez		
Kontolios		
Dorsett		
Ryu		
Congalton-Hali		
Kim		
Ramundo		

Presentation of Certificates – RMHS County and League Athlete Acknowledgements

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2474entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 75, ARTICLE V, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2475 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 375-52 ENTITLED PARKING FOR MOBILITY HANDICAPPED PERSONS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

First Reading of Ordinance

Roll Call

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**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.

67-2024	Councilman Kontolios	Mutual Aid Plan & Rapid Deployment
68-2024	Councilwoman Congalton-Hali	Appointment to Recreation Commission
69-2024	Councilman Dorsett	Tax Appeal Settlement-654 Bergen Blvd.
70-2024	Councilman Kontolios	Approve 12.39 Special Ruling-Jinny Jinouk Kwon
71-2024	Councilman Dorsett	Veteran’s Deduction Refund-J. Koo
72-2024	Councilman Kontolios	Hire DPW/Sanitation Employees
73-2024	Councilman Dorsett	Salary Increase-Non Contractual Employees
74-2024	Councilman Dorsett	Salary Increase-Variou Part-Time Employees
75-2024	Councilman Kontolios	Professional Service Agreement-DMR Architects

**Fire Department Membership:**

Omar Ghrayeb  
511 Chestnut Street  
Company No. 3

Jun Kim  
119 Morningside Lane  
Hose Company 2

Jessica Schaefer  
549 Hillcrest Avenue  
Hose Company 2

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

January 7, 2023 Sine Die, January 7, 2023 Reorganization, March 13, 2023, March 22, 2023 Special, March 27, 2023, May 8, 2023, June 26, 2023, July 10, 2023 and July 26, 2023 Special Emergency

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Mayor Jimenez				

**RESOLUTIONS:**

76-2024 Councilman Dorsett 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 January 22, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

**ORDINANCE NO. 2474**

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 75, ARTICLE V, OF THE CODE OF THE  
BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”**

introduced on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024, do now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024 at 6:30 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**

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Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

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BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield as follows:

Section I:

Article V, “Extraneous Employment of Off-Duty Police Personnel and Use of Police Vehicles”, forming a part of Chapter 75 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield, be and hereby is amended.

Section II.

Section 75-29, Charges, be and hereby is, amended by deleting the existing provisions of said section in its entirety and replacing with the following:

- A. The following hourly rate of pay shall apply to each off-duty police officer employed:

Regular Off Duty Construction Detail	\$90.00
State Funded Borough Construction	\$90.00
Non-State Funded Borough Construction	\$55.00
Residential/Charitable/School Rate	\$45.00

- B. All employers shall provide the Borough and the PBA with certificate of liability insurance and worker's compensation insurance in such amounts and according to such terms as are reasonably acceptable to the Borough.
- C. If police vehicles are required in connection with the employment of off-duty members of the Police Department, such vehicles will be billed at a charge of \$30.00 per hour for each vehicle used.

Section III.

In all other respects, the terms and provisions of Chapter 75 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield are hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section IV.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section V:

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

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Bergen County, New Jersey

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ORDINANCE NO. 2475

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 375-52 ENTITLED PARKING FOR MOBILITY  
HANDICAPPED PERSONS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield as follows:

Section I. Section 375-52 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield, entitled “Designated Areas” subpart B, be and hereby is amended by the following:

1. Removing a single handicapped parking spot adjacent to 1028 Elm Avenue beginning at a point 87 feet east from the southeast corner of the intersection of Grand Avenue and Elm Avenue and proceeding a distance of 22 feet.

Section II. Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflicts.

Section III: If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section IV: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD”

Section I: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, being the governing body thereof, that Chapter 92 “Salaries and Compensation”, Section 92-1 “Salaries” of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield be and is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

The rate of compensation of each of the following officers and employees shall be in the amounts as hereinafter set forth as follows: Where a salary range is indicated, the standards to be evaluated in fixing a specific salary for a specific individual shall include education, training, professional certifications, experience, management skills as well as work and salary history and recommendations from other employers.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
Mayor		\$6,750
Councilpersons		\$4,500
Borough Clerk	\$45,000	\$115,000
Assistant to Borough Clerk (stipend)	\$5,000	\$7,500
Municipal Administrator	\$20,000	\$185,000
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer	\$65,000	\$190,000
Assistant Treasurer	\$15,000	\$40,000
Purchasing Agent	\$10,000	\$25,000
Assessor of Taxes	\$10,000	\$30,000
Assistant to Tax Assessor (stipend)		\$1,500
Tax Searcher (stipend)		\$1,000
Collector of Taxes	\$10,000	\$30,000
Tax Department Technical Clerk	\$5,000	\$7,500
Human Resources/Payroll Officer	\$35,000	\$64,000
Systems Administrator	\$75,000	\$125,000

Board Secretaries:

Rent Leveling Commission (Stipend)	\$6,000	\$6,500
Planning Board	\$7,200	\$12,800
Construction Official, Building Subcode Official and Building Inspector	\$10,000	\$60,000
Building Subcode Official and Building Inspector	\$7,000	\$30,000
Electrical Subcode Official	\$7,000	\$15,000
Elevator Subcode Official	\$7,000	\$15,000
Fire Subcode Official	\$7,000	\$15,000
Plumbing Subcode Official	\$7,000	\$15,000
Building Technical Assistant	\$35,000	\$85,000
Zoning Officer	\$7,000	\$20,000
Housing Inspector(s)	\$5,000	\$15,000
Property Maintenance Official (Stipend)	\$5,000	\$15,000
Property Maintenance Inspectors (per hour)	\$23	\$30
Clerks, Secretaries, Administrative Assistants	\$35,000	\$65,000
Magistrate	\$15,000	\$35,000
Municipal Court Administrator	\$50,000	\$90,000
Deputy Municipal Court Administrator	\$35,000	\$60,000
Prosecutor	\$7,500	\$19,000
Patrol officers	\$44,278	\$151,185
Sergeants	\$143,589	\$155,426
Lieutenants	\$149,353	\$161,665
Captain	\$154,867	\$167,634
Detectives (stipend)		\$1,000
Deputy Chief of Police	\$125,000	\$189,000
Chief of Police	\$135,000	\$225,000
Emergency Management Coordinator	\$5,000	\$25,000
Fire (Prevention Bureau) Official	\$15,000	\$50,950
Fire Inspectors (per hour)	\$20	\$40
Superintendent of Public Works	\$40,000	\$130,000
Recycling Coordinator	\$3,000	\$15,000
Heavy Equipment Operator	\$35,000	\$115,000
Specialized Heavy Equipment Operator	\$35,000	\$95,000

Sweeper Operator, DPW	\$35,000	\$74,285
General Equipment Operator, DPW	\$35,000	\$81,035
Special Skills, DPW	\$35,000	\$115,000
Custodians, DPW	\$35,000	\$50,000
Foreman, DPW	\$33,000	\$85,000
Assistant Foreman, DPW	\$35,000	\$67,918
Shop Foreman, DPW	\$35,000	\$85,530
Mechanics, DPW	\$35,000	\$70,000
Chief Mechanic, DPW	\$35,000	\$85,958
Road Foreman	\$45,000	\$105,000
Collection System Official	\$4,500	\$8,000
Sanitation/Recycling Foreman	\$35,000	\$64,000
Sanitation Driver	\$35,000	\$80,000
Sanitation Lifter	\$35,000	\$66,631
Lifter serving as Driver for day	1/2 hour overtime per day	
Recycling Monitors (per hour)	\$14.25	\$20
Assistant Recreation Director	\$5,000	\$30,000
Recreation Director	\$50,000	\$135,000
Pool Director	\$5,000	\$16,500
Pool Manager	\$8,000	\$25,000
Assistant Pool Manager	\$8,000	\$12,000
Pool Maintenance Supervisor	\$5,000	\$10,000
Program Director	\$35,000	\$47,500
Youth Center Attendant (Per 3 Hour Shift)	\$45	\$65
Part-time help, all departments (per hour)	Minimum wage	\$35

Section II: In all other respects, the terms, conditions and provisions of Chapter 92 of the Code of the Borough of Ridgefield are hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section III: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section IV: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
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BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Borough of Ridgefield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the “Borough”). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$1,166,000, which sum includes \$55,525 as the aggregate amount of down payments for said improvements or purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 etseq. (the “Local Bond Law”). Said down payments are now available therefor by virtue of appropriations in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Borough for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$1,166,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,110,475 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$1,110,475 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued include, but are not limited to, the following:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) <u>Fire Department</u> – Acquisition Of A Pumper Fire Truck; And	\$816,000	\$777,142	\$38,858	10 years
(ii) <u>Library</u> – Improvements To Public Library Building Including, But Not Limited To, Improvements To And/Or Replacement Of The Roof And Improvements To The Interior Ceilings.	\$350,000	\$333,333	\$16,667	20 years
TOTAL	<u>\$1,166,000</u>	<u>\$1,110,475</u>	<u>\$55,525</u>	

(b) All such improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall include, but are not limited to, as applicable, all engineering, architectural and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and also shall include all work, materials, equipment, accessories, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto and all in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and available for public inspection and hereby approved.

(c) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purposes is \$1,110,475.

(d) The estimated cost of said improvement or purpose is \$1,166,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, being the amount of \$55,525, is the down payment for said improvement or purpose.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Bergen make a contribution or grant in aid to the Borough for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Borough prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Bergen. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Bergen shall be received by the Borough after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Borough as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as “matching local funds” to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date or otherwise authorized by the Local Bond Law. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief



Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Capital Budget or Budgets of the Borough are hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget or Budgets and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will be on file in the office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements which the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 13.0 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$1,110,475 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$233,200 for items of expense listed in and permitted under section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements hereinbefore described.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

The bonds or notes shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue the bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 9 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

SECTION 10. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 11. The Borough covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

SECTION 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption and approval by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 22, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 67-2024

WHEREAS, the police departments in Bergen County have a day to day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order, and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man-made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riot, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chief's Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies, and

WHEREAS, this Plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and

WHEREAS, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property, and

WHEREAS, it is also recognized that the Ridgefield Police Department Chief of Police, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and under the authority of the Bergen County Prosecutor, has the authority to assign officers to a Task Force, Rapid Deployment Team, or Regional SWAT Team operated in conjunction with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the Plan as submitted by the Bergen County Police Chief's Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Police Department of the Borough of Ridgefield, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief's Association to create an

Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of County Commissioners, the County Prosecutor, and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Kontolios				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 22, 2024

Presented by Councilwoman Congalton-Hali

RESOLUTION NO. 68-2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that

KYUNGAH LIM

be appointed to the Recreation Commission for calendar year 2024.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 22, 2024

Presented by Councilman Dorsett

RESOLUTION NO. 69-2024

WHEREAS, Chad Wolff, Esq., representing 654 Bergen Blvd, LLC c/o Bardi, filed a tax appeal challenging the assessment at 654 Bergen Blvd, Block 1308, Lot 13, for tax years 2022 & 2023; and

WHEREAS, the original assessment in issue for tax year 2022 under appeal was:

LAND:	\$ 326,500
IMPROVEMENTS:	\$ 407,400
TOTAL:	\$ 733,900

WHEREAS, the original assessment in issue for tax year 2023 under appeal was:

LAND:	\$ 341,500
IMPROVEMENTS:	\$ 327,100
TOTAL:	\$ 668,600

WHEREAS, the parties having exchanged discovery have entered into settlement discussions resulting in a proposed settlement to which taxpayer has agreed; and

WHEREAS, in light of the inherent risk and expense of Tax Court litigation, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough to enter into a settlement of the pending tax appeal on the terms set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing body that it does hereby authorize and approve a proposed settlement as follows:

1. For 2022, the assessment shall be affirmed at:

LAND:	\$ 326,500
IMPROVEMENTS:	\$ 407,400
TOTAL:	\$ 733,900

For 2023, the assessment shall be adjusted to:

LAND:	\$ 341,500
IMPROVEMENTS:	\$ 208,500
TOTAL:	\$ 550,000

2. Taxpayer agrees to waive statutory interest on the refunds due as a consequence of the settlement provided refunds are paid within sixty (60) days of the entry of Tax Court Judgment.

4. Special Tax Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Stipulation of Settlement for filing with the Tax Court conforming with the terms set forth above.
5. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed, upon receipt of the Tax Court Judgment, to calculate the amount of the refund and cause same to be paid to the taxpayer, without statutory interest, within sixty (60) days from the date of the Tax Court Judgment.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 22, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2024

WHEREAS, a Special Ruling to Permit Renewal of Inactive Liquor License was applied for by Jinny Jinouk Kwon; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control has granted said Permit for the 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. 0249-33-007-009 be issued to Jinny Jinouk Kwon, 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 effective nunc pro tunc 08/07/2023.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Dorsett				
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Ramundo				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk



**BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD**  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 22, 2024

Presented by Councilman Dorsett

**RESOLUTION NO. 71-2024**

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has been notified by the Department of Veteran Affairs that Justin Koo, residing at 389 Dwight Place, also known as Block: 3210 Lot: 4, has been declared 100% totally disabled and has been approved for 100% tax exemption on his dwelling, beginning 11/14/2023, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 et seq.; L. 1948, c259 as amended. A payment of taxes in the Borough of Ridgefield was received for the 4<sup>TH</sup> Quarter of 2023 in the amount of \$3,058.94.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that a refund in the amount of \$1,596.94 for the partial payment of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2023 be issued to Justin Koo and the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the balance of taxes for 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$1,596.94 from account 01-1059 and made payable to: Justin Koo and mailed to 389 Dwight Place, Ridgefield, NJ 07657.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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Ramundo				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 22, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

RESOLUTION NO. 72-2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that

RYAN PARENTE  
SAMI ABIRAFEH  
GEORGE YAKOUBIAN

be hired as full time DPW/Sanitation employees at the annual salary of \$35,000 effective January 25, 2024.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Dorsett				
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Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 22, 2024

Presented by Councilman Dorsett

RESOLUTION NO. 73-2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that salary increases of 2.50% be granted to the Borough Administrator/Director of Parks and Recreation/Pool Director, Superintendent of DPW, Municipal Court Administrator, Deputy Court Administrator, Program Director, Planning Board Secretary, Recycling Coordinator, Full-Time Fire Inspector effective January 1, 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the salary increases of 2% be granted to the Fire Sub-Code Official, Housing Inspector, Zoning Official, Electrical Sub-Code Official and Plumbing Sub-Code Official effective January 1, 2024.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
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Ramundo				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 22, 2024

Presented by Councilman Dorsett

RESOLUTION NO. 74-2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the hourly rate for Special Police Officers and Community Center attendants be increased to \$18 per hour, the hourly rate for the part-time Deputy Fire Official increased to \$32 per hour and the hourly rate for the part-time Fire Official increased to \$37 per hour effective January 25, 2024.

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
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Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD**  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 22, 2024

Presented by Councilman Kontolios

**RESOLUTION NO. 75-2024**

WHEREAS, there is a need for Professional Services in connection with the review and preparation of amendments to the land use and development ordinances within the Borough of Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, DMR Architects, PC, 777 Terrace Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604, has submitted a proposal dated January 18, 2024 for such Services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield wishes to award a Professional Service Agreement with DMR Architects, PC for Professional Services in connection with the review and preparation of amendments to the land use and development ordinances for an amount not to exceed \$4,300.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute the Professional Services Agreement with DMR Architects, PC as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding is available in the current temporary budget within the Planning Board 01-2010-21-1802-028 in an amount not to exceed \$4,300.00 as certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and that a duly executed copy of this resolution will be filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**COUNCIL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Kontolios				
Dorsett				
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Kim				
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Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk



January 18, 2024

Ray Ramirez, Borough Administrator  
Borough of Ridgefield  
Borough Hall  
700 Shaler Boulevard  
Ridgefield, NJ 07657

**Re: Proposal to Amend the Ridgefield Zoning Ordinance**

Dear Mr. Ramirez,

Kindly accept this letter proposal to prepare amendments to the land use and development ordinance verbally requested by the Mayor in November of 2023. Per that request, the amendments included in this scope of work would be limited to:

- 1. Prohibiting or regulating the location of smoke shops;
- 2. Regulating signage relating to Cannabidiol (C.B.D.) or other cannabis related products and display of smoking paraphernalia in windows.

**A. Scope of Services:** The scope of this work will consist of:

- 1. Drafting preliminary language;
- 2. Research in coordination and consultation with Borough and Planning Board counsel, particularly to verify that the proposed amendments are permitted by law and the constitution;
- 3. One (1) meeting or call to review draft ordinance language with the client and its legal counsel;
- 4. One (1) round of revisions based upon review from the client and professionals;
- 5. Appearance at one (1) Planning Board meeting and one (1) governing body meeting as may be requested to present the amendments.

**B. Exclusions:**

- 1. Meetings beyond those identified;
- 2. Changes after the initial review and comments;
- 3. Any work not specifically stated herein;

**C. Fee Schedule:**

Services will be billed hourly, not to exceed **\$4,300**. Attendance or participation in any meetings in excess those listed above, and any services beyond the scope in this proposal, including but not limited to testimony and related work resulting from a legal challenge, will be charged above the not-to-exceed aforementioned not to exceed amount. Hourly rates will be as follows:

Hourly Rates

Professional Planner / General Counsel.....	\$180.00
Administration .....	\$85.00



**D. Additional Services:**

1. Any additional services will be authorized by the Owner in advance based on either a fee or hourly rates. DMR will provide rates in the event additional services are requested.

**E. General Terms:**

1. DMR Architects and their consultants will be paid for actual services performed under this contract in the event of cancellation.
2. Payments are to be made in proportion to services provided for each phase on a monthly basis.
3. Payments to DMR will be due at time services are performed.
4. Payment is a direct obligation and is not contingent upon any other schedule or other contracts or financial arrangements. In the event that Owner disputes an invoice, it shall advise DMR Architects in writing within 20 days of receipt of the invoice stating the reason for the disputed service / charge. In the event that said letter is sent / received, the parties mutually agree to resolve the issue as expeditiously as possible. Said dispute shall not relieve the Owner from paying the undisputed portion of the invoice. Payment for actual services rendered is due despite suspension or termination unless services are causes of the termination of these agreements by either party.

**F. Agreement:**

Execution of this proposal and payment of the initial fee installment shall serve to have DMR initiate the project and proceed with the agreed services and shall bind the Parties to the terms and conditions hereof.

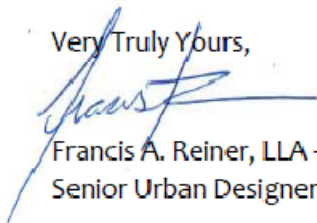
**G. Acceptance:**

This Proposal is entered into, effect as of the last date this proposal is executed by one of the parties. By executing below, the individuals represent that they are legally empowered and authorized to execute this Proposal.

Should you have any questions regarding the above proposal, please contact my office at 201-288-2600.

Should you have any questions regarding the above proposal, please contact my office at 201-288-2600.

Very Truly Yours,



Francis A. Reiner, LLA - PP  
Senior Urban Designer

Planner: **DMR Architects**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Name/Title:

Project Owner/Client: **Borough of Ridgefield**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title:



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.

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Francis J. Elenio,  
Chief Financial Officer

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 22, 2024

Presented by Councilman Dorsett

RESOLUTION NO. 76-2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that warrants totaling **\$4,043,725.03**  
be drawn on the following accounts:

CURRENT	\$3,746,193.11
TRUST	\$166,278.80
CAPITAL	\$131,249.52
DOG LICENSE	\$3.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,043,725.03</b>

COUNCIL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kontolios				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
Congalton-Hali				
Kim				
Ramundo				
Mayor Jimenez				

Approved:

Attest:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting January 22, 2024

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
Kontolios				
Dorsett				
Ryu				
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Ramundo				
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:

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Hugo Jimenez, Mayor

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Linda M. Silvestri,  
Borough Clerk