

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 25-2114
BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER
AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS FOR THE
WATER/SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF
HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000
THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
\$1,500,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO
FINANCE THE COST THEREOF**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the 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 Highland Park, in the County of Middlesex, State of New
Jersey (the "Borough"). Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h) and 40A:2-11(c)
of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Local
Bond Law"), no down payment is required as the Water/Sewer Utility of the Borough is self-
liquidating.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes
described in Section 3 hereof, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be
issued in a principal amount not exceeding \$1,500,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In
anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or
purposes, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$1,500,000
are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

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

to, the replacement or repair, as applicable, of various sewer mains and various water mains, including pipes, valves, and hydrants, located at Woodbridge Avenue, Raritan Avenue, and South Third Avenue within the Borough. Such improvements or purposes shall include all engineering and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and all work, materials, labor, accessories, appurtenances and equipment necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and available for public inspection.

(b) The estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$1,500,000.

(c) The maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$1,500,000.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Middlesex 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 Middlesex. 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 Middlesex 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. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough 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 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8.1. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough 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 of the Borough 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, the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein

are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

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 or purposes which the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements or purposes, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The 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 twenty (20) 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 in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, 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 \$1,500,000, 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 \$225,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes hereinbefore described.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Borough solely for purposes described in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h). The obligations authorized herein are to be issued for purposes that are deemed to be self-liquidating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-2-47(a) and are deductible from gross debt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-2-44(c).

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 property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of the bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Borough's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations §150-2. All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than any bonds or notes authorized herein is paid, or (ii) the date the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof are "placed in service" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the expenditure is paid.

SECTION 10. The Borough covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended of the interest on all tax-exempt bonds and notes issued under this bond ordinance.

SECTION 11. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough 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, which are authorized herein, and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough 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, which are authorized herein, 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 12. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Administrator, and any other official/officer of the Borough are each hereby authorized and directed to execute, deliver and perform any agreement necessary to undertake the improvements or purposes set forth herein and to effectuate any transaction contemplated hereby.

SECTION 13. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication of this bond ordinance after final adoption and approval by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING

DATED: May 6, 2025

JENNIFER SANTIAGO,
Borough Clerk

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

DATED: May 20, 2025

JENNIFER SANTIAGO,
Borough Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

ELSIE FOSTER,
Mayor