

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE
BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2651-21**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION
OF VARIOUS PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO THE
DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, BY AND IN THE
TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, IN THE COUNTY OF
ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING
\$13,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF \$13,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF**

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2003, the Township Council (the “Council”) of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the “Township”) adopted by ordinance the Downtown Redevelopment Plan, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “Redevelopment Law”); and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Redevelopment Plan was amended by the Council by first amendment, adopted by ordinance on August 16, 2006, second amendment, adopted by ordinance on March 7, 2007, and third amendment, adopted by ordinance on March 8, 2011 (collectively, as amended, referred to herein the “Redevelopment Plan”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7(a)(4) of the Redevelopment Law, the Redevelopment Plan identifies various properties described in “Schedule A” attached hereto (collectively, the “Properties”), including any structures, buildings, improvements, personal property, fixtures, easements, rights-of-way or other property rights currently located thereon, to be acquired in connection with implementation of the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is necessary to acquire the Properties in furtherance of the Redevelopment Plan, as authorized under the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, in order to finance the acquisition of all or a portion of the Properties and other costs related thereto, including, but not limited to, as applicable, appraisal fees, environmental testing and remediation, surveys, title work, and fees and expenses related to condemnation of the Properties (collectively, the “Project”), the Council desires to issue general obligation bonds or notes in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$13,000,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”) and the Redevelopment Law.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, 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 Township. For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$13,000,000. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-37(c)(2) of the Redevelopment Law, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 11 of the Local Bond Law, no down payment is required as this bond ordinance authorizes obligations for the purpose of aiding a redevelopment project located in the Township.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the \$13,000,000 appropriation, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$13,000,000 pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”). In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Township in the principal amount not exceeding \$13,000,000 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 bonds or notes are to be issued is to finance the Project, which includes the acquisition of, and the payment of the purchase price for, all or a portion of the Properties identified in the Redevelopment Plan and described in “Schedule A” attached hereto, including any structures, buildings, improvements, personal property, fixtures, easements, rights-of-way or other property rights currently located thereon and other costs related thereto, including, but not limited to, as applicable, appraisal fees, environmental testing and remediation, surveys, title work, and fees and expenses related to condemnation of the Properties, including all work and materials necessary therefore and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvement or purpose is \$13,000,000.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvement or purpose is \$13,000,000.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Essex make a contribution or grant in aid to the Township, for the improvement and purpose authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Township 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 Essex. 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 Essex, shall be received by the Township 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 Township 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 Township, 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. 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 and the Redevelopment 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, if applicable, 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 Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township 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 and is on file with the Township Clerk.

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 Township 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) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-37(c), the obligations authorized herein shall mature in annual installments commencing not more than two (2) and ending not more than forty (40) years from the date of issuance.

(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 Township 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 Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$13,000,000 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 \$500,000 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 purpose or improvement hereinbefore described.

(e) The obligations of the Township authorized by this bond ordinance shall bear interest at a maximum rate of not to exceed six (6.00%) per centum per annum, without further authorization of the Township Council, which authorization may be by resolution.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Township 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 Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Chief Financial Officer of the Township 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 Township, which are authorized herein, and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township 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 Township, 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 Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 10. The Township is hereby authorized to acquire the Properties and to negotiate an agreement or agreements of sale for the acquisition of said Properties. The Mayor, Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Township Attorney and Township Clerk are each hereby authorized, as applicable, to negotiate, approve, execute, attest, deliver and perform said agreement or agreements of sale and any and all documents necessary to acquire said Properties.

SECTION 11. The Township 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 11 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Township'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 §1.150-2. 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 is “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 12. If tax-exempt bonds or notes are issued under this bond ordinance, the Township 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 such tax-exempt bonds and notes issued under this bond ordinance.

SECTION 13. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication hereof after final adoption as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**ADOPTED ON FIRST READING
DATED: July 13, 2021**

**KAREN J. CARNEVALE, R.M.C.
Township of West Orange**

**CINDY MATUTE-BROWN, Council President
Township of West Orange**

**ADOPTED ON SECOND READING
DATED: September 14, 2021**

KAREN J. CARNEVALE, R.M.C.
Township of West Orange

CINDY MATUTE-BROWN, Council President
Township of West Orange

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 14th DAY OF September, 2021.

ROBERT D. PARISI, Mayor
Township of West Orange

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE
IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY**

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, on July 13, 2021. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a virtual meeting of the Township Council to be held on August 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Information regarding remote access to the meeting may be found on the Township's website at www.westorange.org. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$13,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$13,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

Purpose(s): The bond ordinance authorizes the acquisition of and the payment of the purchase price for the Properties identified in the Redevelopment Plan and described in "Schedule A" attached thereto, including any structures, buildings, improvements, personal property, fixtures, easements, rights-of-way or other property rights located thereon and other costs related thereto, including, but not limited to, as applicable, appraisal fees, environmental testing and remediation, surveys, title work, and fees and expenses related to condemnation of the Properties, including all work and materials necessary therefore and incidental thereto.

Appropriation: \$13,000,000

**Bonds/Notes
Authorized:** \$13,000,000

Down Payment: None

Section 20 Costs: \$500,000

Useful Life: 40 years

**KAREN J. CARNEVALE,
Clerk of the Township of West Orange**

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE
IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF BOND ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND SUMMARY**

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey on August 17, 2021 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

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Purpose(s): The bond ordinance authorizes the acquisition of and the payment of the purchase price for the Properties identified in the Redevelopment Plan and described in "Schedule A" attached thereto, including any structures, buildings, improvements, personal property, fixtures, easements, rights-of-way or other property rights located thereon and other costs related thereto, including, but not limited to, as applicable, appraisal fees, environmental testing and remediation, surveys, title work, and fees and expenses related to condemnation of the Properties, including all work and materials necessary therefore and incidental thereto.

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Clerk of the Township of West Orange**

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE
IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY**

CERTIFICATE OF INTRODUCTION OF BOND ORDINANCE

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Township of West Orange (the "Township"), in the County of Essex (the "County"), State of New Jersey, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is an extract from the Minutes of a meeting of the Township Council of the Township duly called and held on July 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 66 Main Street, West Orange, or via a virtual meeting, as applicable, and that the following was the roll call:

Present:

Absent:

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the foregoing extract has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of the governing body and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of the original minutes so far as they relate to the subject matters referred to in the extract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Township as of this ____ day of _____, 2021.

(SEAL)

KAREN J. CARNEVALE,
Clerk of the Township of West Orange

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE
IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY**

CERTIFICATE OF FINAL ADOPTION OF BOND ORDINANCE

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Township of West Orange (the "Township"), in the County of Essex (the "County"), State of New Jersey, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is an extract from the Minutes of a meeting of the Township Council of the Township duly called and held on September 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 66 Main Street, West Orange or via a virtual meeting, as applicable, and that the following was the roll call:

Present:

Absent:

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the foregoing extract has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of the governing body and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of the original minutes so far as they relate to the subject matters referred to in the extract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Township as of this ____ day of _____, 2021.

(SEAL)

**KAREN J. CARNEVALE,
Clerk of the Township of West Orange**

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE
IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY**

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE AS TO ADOPTION OF BOND ORDINANCE

I, KAREN J. CARNEVALE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the Clerk of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "Township"), a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and that as such I am duly authorized to execute and deliver this certificate on behalf of the Township. In such capacity, I have the responsibility to maintain the minutes of the meetings of the governing body of the Township and the records relative to all resolutions and ordinances of the Township. The representations made herein are based upon the records of the Township. I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT:

1. Attached hereto is the bond ordinance introduced on July 13, 2021 and finally adopted on September 14, 2021.

2. After introduction, the bond ordinance was published as required by law on March __, 2021 in the (insert name of newspaper).

3. Following the passage of the bond ordinance on first reading, and at least seven (7) days prior to the final adoption thereof, I caused to be posted in the principal municipal building of the Township at the place where public notices are customarily posted, a copy of said bond ordinance or a summary thereof and a notice that copies of the bond ordinance would be made available to the members of the general public of the Township who requested copies, up to and including the time of further consideration of the bond ordinance by the governing body. Copies of the bond ordinance were made available to all who requested same.

4. After final passage, the bond ordinance was duly approved by the Mayor on September 14, 2021 and was duly published as required by law on September 23, 2021 in the (insert name of newspaper). No protest signed by any person against making any improvement or incurring the indebtedness authorized therein, nor any petition requesting that a referendum vote be taken on the action proposed in the bond ordinance has been presented to the governing body or to me or filed in my office within twenty (20) days after said publication or at any other time after the final passage thereof.

5. The bond ordinance has not been amended, added to, altered or repealed and said bond ordinance is now in full force and effect.

6. A certified copy of the bond ordinance and a copy of the amended capital budget form have been filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, as applicable.

7. The official seal of the Township is the seal, an impression of which is affixed opposite my signature on this Certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Township as of this ____ day of _____, 2021.

(SEAL)

KAREN J. CARNEVALE,
Clerk of the Township of West Orange

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE
IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY**

**CERTIFICATE OF SUPPLEMENTAL DEBT STATEMENT
FOR BOND ORDINANCE**

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the attached Supplemental Debt Statement was prepared, executed and sworn to by John Gross, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township, as of July 13, 2021, that such Supplemental Debt Statement was filed in my office on or by July 13, 2021 and with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs on _____, 2021.

**KAREN J. CARNEVALE,
Clerk of the Township of West Orange**