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**October 10, 2025**

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Michael F. Cerra, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Loretta Buckelew, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

October 1, 2025

Closter Borough, Bergen  
Municipal Bldg, 295 Closter Dock Rd  
Closter, New Jersey 07624

Dear Mayor,

Enclosed is the League's Annual Audit Statement covering the League's financial activities for the fiscal year just closed (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025).

If you have any questions about the League's finances, do not hesitate to call me at (609) 695-3481 x120.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael F. Cerra". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Michael F. Cerra Executive Director

MFC/mlk

Enclosure

NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES  
ACTUAL REVENUES AND EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	<b>2025 Actual</b>
<b>Support and Revenues:</b>	
Membership Dues	739,200
Magazine	290,926
Annual Conference	3,285,543
Interest	195,814
Publications	23,573
Seminars	205,793
Misc. Receipts	801
Internet Advertising	327,125
Sub-Leases Base Rent	82,820
Sub-Leases Expense Rent	69,659
Sub-Leases Parking Space Rental	15,300
Corporate Supporters	36,427
Employee Medical Contributions	88,458
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>5,361,439</b>
 <b>Expenses:</b>	
Salaries	1,563,513
Social Security and Medicare	112,887
Pension Employer Portion	258,615
Disability Insurance	1,375
Medical Benefits	659,963
Workers Compensation Insurance	3,780
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	1,743
Magazine	210,070
Office Expense	33,266
Legislative	76,989
Conference	899,323
Meetings/Training	33,423
Postage	25,444
Equipment Payments	13,067
Maintenance on Equipment	4,314
Printing	7,201
Books, Subscriptions	3,148
Seminars	80,126
Telephone	13,776
Audit	11,400
Legal	37,115
Insurance and Bond Premium	51,796
National League of Cities	38,418
Technology	93,522
Internet Web Maintenance	0
Tuition Reimbursement	0
Scholarships	4,000
222 Base Rent	343,965
222 Expense Rent	275,113
Online Ordinance Shared Services	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,857,352</b>
 <b>Excess of Revenue Over Expenses</b>	 <b>504,087</b>

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# State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

P.O. Box 600

Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0600

PHILIP D. MURPHY  
*Governor*

FRANCIS K. O'CONNOR  
*Commissioner*

TAHESHA L. WAY  
*Lt. Governor*

October 07, 2025

Dear Mayor/County Commissioner/County Executive:

On behalf of Governor Phil Murphy, I am pleased to announce that applications will now be accepted for the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2026 Local Freight Impact Fund. We are committed to maintaining and improving New Jersey's local transportation system by providing financial assistance to counties and municipalities throughout the state. The Local Freight Impact Fund provides aid to counties and municipalities for transportation projects that address the impacts of freight travel in local communities and on local transportation infrastructure. Available funding for the Fiscal Year 2026 program is \$28.0 million.

The Local Freight Impact Fund is a competitive grant program. Projects submitted for consideration must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Projects must be within the jurisdiction of the applicant's municipality and/or county unless filed jointly with an adjacent municipality and/or county.
- Applicants must demonstrate that the project will provide access to a port, warehouse distribution center or any other freight node by providing a narrative and a map supporting their request.
- Projects must have a **minimum 10% large truck volume within the project limits**. A traffic study must be submitted to support this information.

Applicants of eligible projects can select from **six** project categories:

- **Roadway Preservation** - to improve pavement conditions in support of freight travel on municipal/county transportation infrastructure.
- **Truck Safety and Mobility** - to improve large truck access, routing and mobility along the municipal/county roadway system.
- **Bridge Preservation** - to improve bridge ratings/conditions in support of freight travel on municipal/county transportation infrastructure.
- **New Construction** - to promote new construction in support of freight travel on municipal/county transportation infrastructure.
- **Pedestrian Safety** - to improve pedestrian access to freight nodes, address pedestrian safety, and promote equity for those without the option to drive.

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- **Pavement Preservation** - to renew the road surface and correct irregularities while preserving and protecting the underlying pavement structure

The enclosed map provides contact information for each Local Aid District Office. I recommend that you consult with your Local Aid District Office to assist in preparing applications for funding. Please be advised that a separate application for each project must be completed and submitted on or **before December 17, 2025** online through the Department's electronic grants administration system, known by its acronym SAGE, at:

<https://njsage.intelligrants.com/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=NJSAGE>

Training and instructions on how to apply through SAGE can also be found online at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/sage.shtm>.

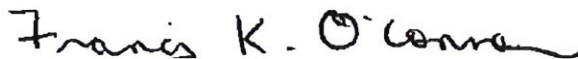
Additionally, an electronic resolution must be completed through the Local Aid Agreement Execution (LAAE) process in the Project Management and Reporting System (PMRS) within 30 days of application submission as required for all State Aid grant programs.

Please consider the following if you choose to apply: **NJDOT requires grant recipients to award their projects to construction within 36 months from the date of grant notification.**

Each program application will be evaluated independently, affording counties and municipalities the opportunity to receive funding in more than one category. A maximum of two applications are allowed for each Local Public Agency.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of NJDOT, and best wishes for success with your project applications.

Sincerely,



Francis K. O'Connor  
Commissioner

Enclosure

# New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid and Economic Development

## Division Office

1035 Parkway Avenue, PO Box 600  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0600  
Phone: (609) 963-2021  
Fax: (609) 530-8044  
Manager: Kyle Skala

## District 1

Roxbury Corporate Center  
200 Stierli Court  
Mount Arlington, NJ 07856  
Phone: (973) 810-9120  
Fax: (973) 601-6709  
Manager: Adam Iervolino

## District 2

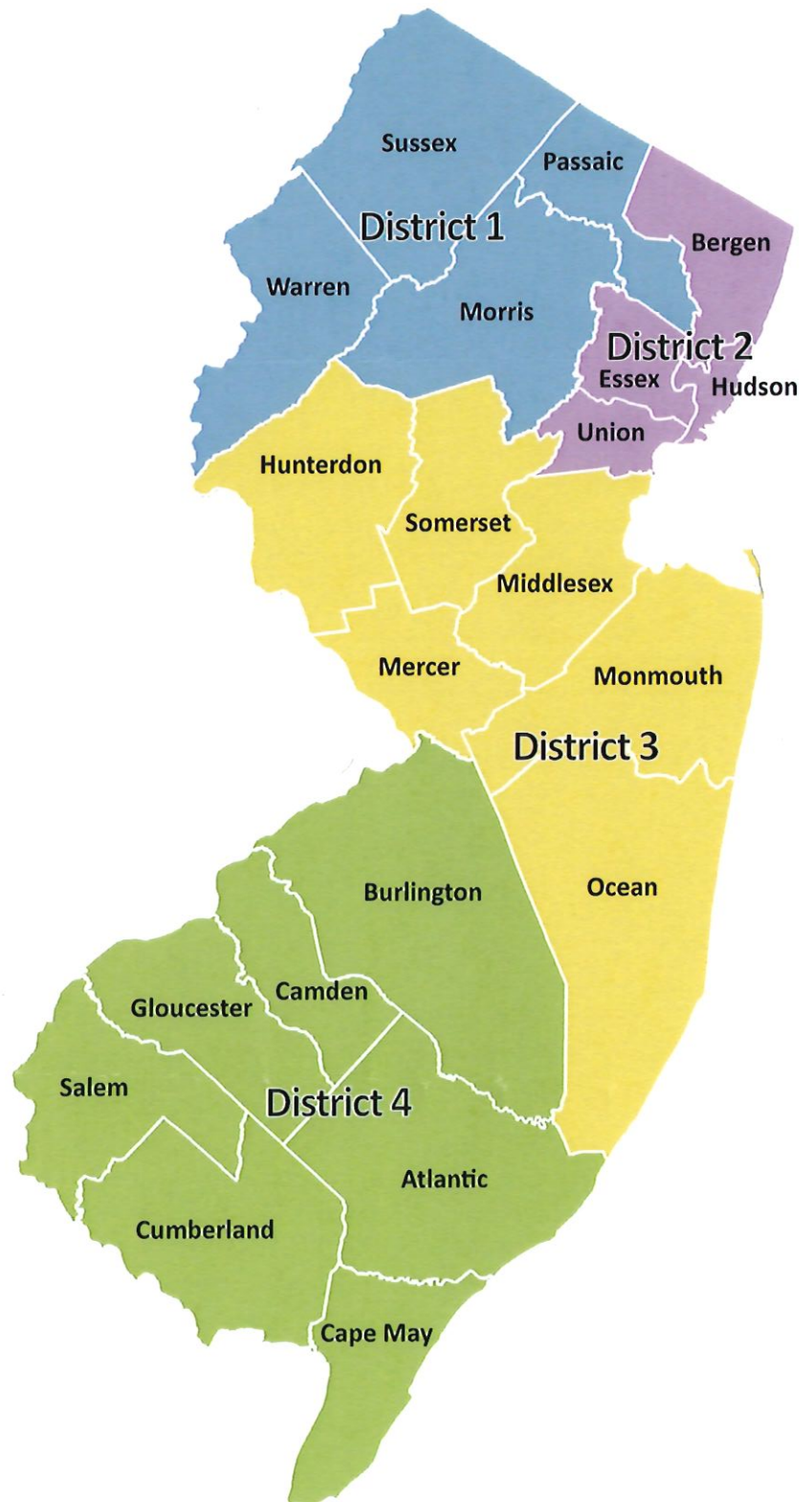
153 Halsey Street, 5th floor  
Newark, NJ 07102  
Phone: (862) 350-5730  
Fax: (973) 648-4547  
Manager: Ebony Johnson

## District 3

1035 Parkway Avenue, PO Box 600  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0600  
Phone: (609) 963-2020  
Fax: (609) 530-8044  
Manager: Komila Pandit

## District 4

One Executive Campus  
Route 70 West, 3rd Floor  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002  
Phone: (856) 414-8414  
Fax: (856) 486-6771  
Manager: Thomas Berryman



**Local Aid and Economic Development**



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

## Bergen County Celebrates Italian American Heritage Month

1 message

Sands, Derek <DSands@bergencountynj.gov>

Tue, Oct 7, 2025 at 1:23 PM

To: "Sands, Derek" <DSands@bergencountynj.gov>

Cc: "Pellicano, Breanne" <BPellicano@bergencountynj.gov>, "Lautz, Jared" <JLautz@bergencountynj.gov>, "Dorsett, Craig" <CDorsett@bergencountynj.gov>

Good afternoon - Please join Bergen County Executive Jim Tedesco and the Bergen County Board of Commissioners as we celebrate Italian American Heritage Month on **Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 12:30pm** in the Piazza of One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack.



**Derek Alan Sands** (*he/him/his*)

**Deputy Chief of Staff**

Office of County Executive James J. Tedesco III

County of Bergen

Office – 201.336.6979

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Bergen County Executive, James J. Tedesco, III  
& the Bergen County Board of Commissioners  
Invite you to celebrate



# *Italian American Heritage Month*

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Join us as we proudly raise the Italian Flag  
and celebrate our Italian American community with  
delicious food, music, and special guest speakers

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*Wednesday, October 15, 2025*  
*12:30PM*

Bergen County Administration Building  
The Piazza at One Bergen County Plaza  
Hackensack, NJ 07601



James J. Tedesco, III  
Bergen County Executive

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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

## Public Hearing on Transportation Funding for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities

1 message

Bergen County Division of Senior Services <seniors-co.bergen.nj.us@shared1.ccsend.com> Wed, Oct 8, 2025 at 11:03 AM  
Reply-To: seniors@co.bergen.nj.us  
To: boroclerk@closternj.us



# BERGEN NEW JERSEY *County*

*Bergen County Executive*

**James J. Tedesco III**

*and the*

**Bergen County Board of Commissioners**

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## **Public Hearing on Transportation Funding for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities**

The Bergen County Division of Community Transportation is applying for funding from NJ Transit, Inc. under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program. The funding will be used to provide transportation for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. A copy of the application will be available for viewing at the Johnson Public Library in Hackensack within two weeks after the hearing.

**Tuesday, October 28, 2025**

**10:00am**

**One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor  
Hackensack, New Jersey**

If you want to testify but cannot attend the meeting, send your written comments to:

Bergen County Division of Community Transportation

Attn: Dominick Azzolini

178 Essex Street

Lodi, NJ 07644

Phone: 201-368-5955, Fax: 201-845-4683

Email: [CommunityTransportation@BergenCountyNJ.gov](mailto:CommunityTransportation@BergenCountyNJ.gov)

Captioning will be available for the hearing impaired. Requests for transportation to this hearing and special accommodations should be made at least two weeks in advance.

## Connect with the Division of Senior Services:



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

## Federal Shut Down, Lame Duck, Drought Watch

1 message

NJLM Weekly Roundup <noreply@civicplus.com>

Wed, Oct 8, 2025 at 2:28 PM

Reply-To: noreply@civicplus.com

To: mmargiotta@closternj.us



## Weekly Roundup

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October 8, 2025

### State Issues

#### Discretionary Property Tax Grace Period During Federal Shutdown

The Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) issued a reminder that, due to the federal government shutdown, municipalities have the ability to extend a property tax grace period in certain circumstances.

[Read more: Discretionary Property Tax Grace Period During Federal Shutdown](#)

**Contact:** Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, [eknoedler@njlm.org](mailto:eknoedler@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x116.

#### Statewide Drought Watch Issued

A statewide drought watch was issued on October 1 in response to a prolonged dry period throughout the State.

[Read more: Statewide Drought Watch Issued](#)

**Contact:** Sadayah Q. DuRant-Brown, Legislative Counsel, [sdurantbrown@njlm.org](mailto:sdurantbrown@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x137.

## **New Jersey's Minimum Wage to Increase on January 1**

Effective January 1, 2026, New Jersey's statewide minimum wage rate will increase to \$15.92 per hour for most employees.

[Read more: New Jersey's Minimum Wage to Increase on January 1](#)

**Contact:** Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, [eknoedler@njlm.org](mailto:eknoedler@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x116.

## **Lame Duck Preview Lunch & Learn**

Please join us on October 31 at noon for a Lame Duck Preview Lunch & Learn, where we highlight bills of municipal interest that may be acted on during the remainder of the legislative term.

[Read more: Lame Duck Preview Lunch & Learn](#)

**Contact:** Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, [ppenna@njlm.org](mailto:ppenna@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x110.

## **NJHMFA Launches the State Tax Credit Subsidy Program**

On October 2, the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency approved the creation of the State Tax Credit Subsidy Program to Fund Affordable and Workforce Housing Development.

[Read more: NJHMFA Launches the State Tax Credit Subsidy Program](#)

**Contact:** Sadayah Q. DuRant-Brown, Legislative Counsel, [sdurantbrown@njlm.org](mailto:sdurantbrown@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x137.

## **Reminder - Best Practices Inventory Due Oct 24**

The Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) has issued Local Finance Notice 2025-13 regarding the Best Practices Inventory due on October 24 for all municipalities, including state fiscal year municipalities.

[Read more: Reminder - Best Practices Inventory Due Oct 24](#)

**Contact:** Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, [eknoedler@njlm.org](mailto:eknoedler@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x116.

## **Complete the BPPT Survey Questionnaire Today**

The League recently released the Business Personal Property Tax (BPPT) survey questionnaire. Please complete the League's BPPT Survey Questionnaire by October 31 to help the League with proposed legislative language.

[Read more: Complete the BPPT Survey Questionnaire Today](#)

**Contact:** Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, [eknoedler@njlm.org](mailto:eknoedler@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x116.

## **Resilient NJ Grant Program Open**

The submission due date for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Climate Resilience Resilient NJ program grant opportunity has been extended to October 29.

[Read more: Resilient NJ Grant Program Open](#)

**Contact:** Ciara Bradley, Research Associate, [cbradley@njlm.org](mailto:cbradley@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x128.

### **SFY2026 Clean Water Funding Available to Municipalities**

The New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (NJIB) has announced funding for the SFY2026 Clean Water programs.

[Read more: SFY2026 Clean Water Funding Available to Municipalities](#)

**Contact:** Ciara Bradley, Research Associate, [cbradley@njlm.org](mailto:cbradley@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x128.

### ***NJ Municipalities Blog: Accident Inspires Action on E-Bike Safety***

This week, [NJ Municipalities' blog](#) shares a report on actions underway to reform e-bike safety regulations. Leaders from Scotch Plains and Fanwood joined Senate President Nick Scutari and Union County officials in the aftermath of an e-bike accident that claimed the life of a 13-year-old resident to call for urgent reforms to New Jersey's e-bike regulations.

Want to share your local story? Please send in your 300- to 1,000-word items and photos to Editor Amy Spiezio at [aspiezio@njlm.org](mailto:aspiezio@njlm.org).

**Contact:** Amy Spiezio, Editor, [aspiezio@njlm.org](mailto:aspiezio@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x123.

## **Federal Issues**

### **Federal Government Shutdown Continues**

There has been no resolution to the federal government shutdown, which started on October 1.

[Read more: Federal Government Shutdown Continues](#)

**Contact:** Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, [ppenna@njlm.org](mailto:ppenna@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x110.

### **US Treasury Issues ARPA SLFRF Recoupment Letters**

The US Treasury has begun issuing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) recoupment letters to local governments that are out of compliance.

[Read more: US Treasury Issues ARPA SLFRF Recoupment Letters](#)

**Contact:** Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, [ppenna@njlm.org](mailto:ppenna@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x110.

## **NLC Webinar: Municipal Bonds to Support Natural Disasters**

The League's federal partner, the National League of Cities, is hosting a webinar on October 30 at 2:00 p.m., "When Disaster Strikes: Preparing Municipal Bonds to Support Infrastructure for Natural Disasters."

[Read more: NLC Webinar: Municipal Bonds to Support Natural Disasters](#)

**Contact:** Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, [ppenna@njlm.org](mailto:ppenna@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x110.

# Conference Connections

## **Block Closing Soon: Conference Hotel Deadline Oct. 10 Approaches**

The League's room blocks close on October 10! Book today for the best rates and shuttle bus service to the AC Convention Center, along with payment by purchase order. Ensure your best Conference experience, [book your housing for the Annual Conference now](#).

## **Conference Resolutions Due Date Approaches**

If you have ideas or resolutions for consideration for the Conference Resolutions committee, time is running out to have them included. The Resolutions Committee meets on Tuesday, November 18, at the committee meeting. Conference Resolutions will then be presented and voted on at the League's Business Meeting on Thursday, November 20, wrapping up the Conference. For more information and links to submission forms, [visit the League's Conference Resolutions webpage](#).

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## Municipal Beekeeping Information

1 message

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Scharko, Kostantinos [AG] <Kostantinos.Scharko@ag.nj.gov>

Thu, Oct 9, 2025 at 9:51 AM

Good morning Municipal Officials,

Please see the attached letter for information on municipal beekeeping.

Thanks!

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## State of New Jersey

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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EDWARD D. WENGRYN  
*Secretary*

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*Lieutenant Governor*

### **Municipal Regulation of Beekeeping Activities is Prohibited**

It has recently come to the attention of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) that some New Jersey municipalities have local ordinances that prohibit, restrict, or otherwise regulate apiaries and beekeeping activities throughout their town or in certain parts of their town (for example, in residential areas). Local beekeeping ordinances are not allowed. They are preempted by State law.

N.J.S.A. 40:48-1.5 provides, in pertinent part:

a. Except as otherwise provided in subsections b. and c. of this section, **no municipality may:**

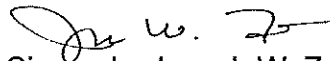
**(1) adopt an ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation concerning the breeding or keeping of honey bees or any activities related thereto**, including, but not limited to, the use of honey bees for pollination, the reproduction and sale of honey bees, or the production of honey or other apiary products from such bees; or

**(2) establish any restriction or requirement that would result in the prohibition of the breeding or keeping of honey bees**, the use of honey bees for pollination, or any activities related thereto, in the municipality. (Emphasis added.)

State law gives exclusive authority over the regulation of beekeeping activities to the NJDA; see N.J.S.A. 4:6-24 and 40:48-1.5; and the NJDA has established statewide apiary standards by regulation in N.J.A.C. 2:24-7. The NJDA may delegate its authority to monitor and enforce those

NJDA apiary standards to a municipality if the municipality has adopted by reference the Department's regulations at N.J.A.C. 2:24 "Diseases of Bees and Beekeeping Activities." See N.J.S.A. 40:48-1.5(b); N.J.A.C. 2:24-7.4. However, that delegated authority does not permit a municipality to change the statewide standards established by the NJDA regulations that govern apiaries and beekeeping activities or to otherwise affect NJDA's jurisdiction over apiary registration and the denial or revocation of apiary registration.

If you have any questions, contact the NJDA Division of Plant Industry at 609-406-6939.



Sincerely, Joseph W. Zoltowski  
Director, Division of  
Plant Industry



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

## BERGEN COUNTY ORDINANCES

1 message

Pollitt, Lara <LPollitt@bergencountynj.gov>  
To: "Pollitt, Lara" <LPollitt@bergencountynj.gov>

Fri, Oct 10, 2025 at 3:48 PM

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**LEGISLATION**

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**(1) ORDINANCE INTRODUCED AT FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE 25-41 is AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND AND REPLACE COUNTY OF BERGEN ORDINANCE NO. 93-47, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 3, 1993, EXPANDING ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES SET FORTH UNDER THE "COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT".**

*7:00 pm on October 15, 2025, at the Bergen County Public Meeting Room, Fifth Floor, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ is fixed as the time and place when and where any and all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the above ordinance*

**(2) ORDINANCES ADOPTED AFTER SECOND READING and PUBLIC HEARING**

Ordinance 25-39 is a "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG WYCKOFF AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF."

Ordinance 25-40 is a "AN ORDINANCE establishing weight limits on Westwood Avenue, Borough of Westwood."



**Lara Pollitt (she/her/hers)**

Clerk to the Board

Bergen County

Board of Commissioners

**Phone: 201-336-6536**

**One Bergen County Plaza**

Hackensack, NJ 07601

Please note that effective  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> my e-mail address  
has changed from:  
[lrodriguez@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:lrodriguez@co.bergen.nj.us) and  
[lpollitt@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:lpollitt@co.bergen.nj.us) to  
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**Ordinance: 25-41f**

**Agenda: 9/30/2025**

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**Ordinance 25-41**

**Meeting Date: 9/30/2025**

**Health Services/ Division of Environmental Health**

**Reading: First**

**Purpose: Ordinance to rescind and replace County of Bergen Ordinance No. 93-47, adopted November 3, 1993, expanding environmental law enforcement authority and providing additional financial resources for the responsibilities set forth under the "COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT".**

**Prepared By: RAP**

**Sponsored by County Commissioner Ortiz, seconded by County Commissioner Marte, and introduced on first reading by the following vote:**

**Yes: 6 -** Chairwoman Amoroso, Vice Chairman Tanelli, Chairwoman Pro Tempore Voss, County Commissioner Marte, County Commissioner Ortiz, and County Commissioner Silna Zur

**Absent: 1 -** County Commissioner Sullivan

I, Lara Pollitt, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 25-41f, introduced on first reading by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS on 9/30/2025.

**Attest:**

*Lara Pollitt*

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**COUNTY OF BERGEN**

ONE BERGEN COUNTY PLAZA  
HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

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**Ordinance: 25-41f**

**Agenda: 9/30/2025**

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**BERGEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE TO RESCIND AND REPLACE COUNTY OF BERGEN  
ORDINANCE NO. 93-47, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 3, 1993, EXPANDING  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING  
ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES SET FORTH  
UNDER THE "COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT".**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Bergen designated the Bergen County Department of Health Services as the County entity for administration of the County Environmental Health Act Program, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21, et seq. (CEHA) and, authorized preparation and submission to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) of a County Environmental Health Work Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, County of Bergen Ordinance No. 93-47, expanded environmental law enforcement authority and provided additional financial resources for the responsibilities set forth under the "COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT"

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey is now asking that all CEHA agencies update their current Cost Recovery Ordinances; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Bergen County Board of County Commissioners, that the County Emergency Response Cost Recovery Ordinance is amended as follows:

**Article I - Authority:**

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to and consistent with the County Environmental Health Act, N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21, et seq., and the Spill Compensation and Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11, et seq., and the rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

**Article II - Purpose:**

Unauthorized and unpermitted discharges of hazardous substances within the jurisdictional confines of the County of Bergen are prohibited. This Ordinance establishes procedures and protocols for emergency response and provides for the recovery of costs incurred by the County of Bergen and

its approved agents in an emergency response action to unauthorized and unpermitted discharges and, as such, supplements the provisions of the Bergen County Environmental Health Work Plan as approved by the NJDEP.

**Article III - Definitions:**

The words and terms used in this ordinance shall have the following meaning:

"Agents of the County" shall include, for purposes of this ordinance, a municipality, public entity, or other entity which executes a Uniform Shared Services agreement with the County pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., for the purpose of providing emergency response services within the geographical boundaries of the County, provided such agreement is incorporated into the County's Work Plan pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-33 and approved by NJDEP.

"County" means the County of Bergen, its employees, agents, officers, and officials.

"Department" or "NJDEP" means the New Jersey Department of Environment Protection.

"Discharge" means any intentional or unintentional action or omission resulting in the releasing, spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying or dumping of hazardous substances into the waters or onto the land of the County, or into waters outside the jurisdiction of the County when damage may result to the lands, waters or natural resources within the jurisdiction of the County.

"Emergency response action" means those activities conducted by a local unit to clean up, remove, prevent, contain, or mitigate a discharge that poses an immediate threat to the environment or to the public health, safety, or welfare.

"Emergency response action costs" means all costs reasonably incurred by the County of Bergen, its employees, Department approved agents, and contractors hired in connection with an emergency response action, including overtime costs for appropriately deployed emergency response personnel and expendable items. Excluded are costs to pay volunteer responders, and costs associated with firefighting and police support.

"Expendable items" means any items used to prevent, mitigate or contain any discharge or threatened discharge, which cannot be reused or replenished or replaced without cost after use or employment in an emergency response action. Expendable items shall include, but are not limited to, chemical extinguishing agents, absorbents and absorbent materials, sand, recovery drums, protective equipment and clothing, including such items as disposable chemical protective suits, gloves, boots, and goggles. Items not compensable include those items typically employed to fight fires and not to mitigate a discharge.

"Hazardous substances" means all substances included within the definition of "hazardous substances" under N.J.A.C. 7:1E-1.7, including all amendments and supplements thereto.

"Municipality" means any of the incorporated municipalities within the County of Bergen, including their employees, officers and officials.

"Owner" or "operator" means, with respect to a vessel, any person owning, operating or chartering by demise such vessel; with respect to any facility, any person or owner such facility, or operating it by lease, contract or any other form of agreement; with respect to abandoned or derelict facilities, the person who owned or operated such facility immediately prior to such abandonment; or the owner at the time of discharge.

"Person" means public or private corporations, companies, associations, societies, firms, partnerships, joint stock companies, individuals, the United States, the State of New Jersey and any of its political subdivisions or agents.

"Responsible party" means a person who is in any way responsible for a discharge, including each owner and operator and any other person obligated by law to clean up and remove contaminants.

**Article IV - Prohibition:**

The discharge of a hazardous substance is prohibited, except this prohibition shall not apply to discharges conducted in compliance with the conditions of valid Federal or State permit or otherwise authorized, by law.

**Article V - Notification:**

Any person who is in any way responsible for a discharge of a hazardous substance shall immediately notify the Department pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:1E-5.3.

**Article VI - Liability:**

Any person who is in any way responsible for the discharge of a hazardous substance is liable strictly, jointly and severally for all emergency response action costs reasonably incurred by the County, its agents, employees, and contractors, and any personal or property damage incurred by the county, its agents, employees and contractors.

**Article VII - Emergency Response:**

The County may initiate and conduct an emergency response action in response to a discharge that has occurred, is occurring or threatens to occur within the geographical boundaries of the County.

**Article VIII - Cost Recovery:**

A. The County may recover all costs reasonably incurred by the County, its employees,

Department approved agents, and contractors hired in connection with an emergency response action, including the overtime costs of appropriately deployed emergency response personnel, costs incurred by the County in the recovery of these costs, and the costs of expendable items.

B. Whenever the County seeks to recover costs pursuant to a., above, the County shall send by certified and regular mail a demand letter to the responsible party or parties, which shall contain the following information:

1. The date and time of the discharge;
2. The basis for liability;
3. A detailed narrative description of the costs incurred by the County, its employees, agents, contractors and authorized political subdivisions in responding to the discharge;
4. A calculation sheet, including hours and personnel charged, salary rates and any overhead rates;
5. An explanation of the procedures to be followed to pay the costs demanded or to appeal the demand.

**Payment shall be remitted within 45 days of receipt of the demand letter.**

C. Whenever the County issues a demand letter to a responsible party and the responsible party fails to remit payment within 45 days as prescribed herein, the County may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover the costs incurred in the emergency response action, reasonable litigation costs and interest on the outstanding amount due calculated from the 46th day following the receipt of the demand letter to the date judgment is rendered at the interest rate set forth in the Rules Governing the Courts of New Jersey.

#### **Article IX - Inspection, Right of Entry:**

Authorized representatives of the County shall have the same right as an authorized representative of the Department to enter and inspect any premises, facility, site, vessel, or building for the purpose of ascertaining compliance or non-compliance with the provisions of this ordinance and the provisions set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:1E-1, et seq.

#### **Article X - Construction and Severability:**

A. This Ordinance is to be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes herein described. Nothing herein is to be construed as repealing or abridging the emergency powers of any agency of government except to the extent expressly set forth herein.

- B. This Ordinance shall be implemented and enforced in accordance with the terms and conditions herein set forth.
- C. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word contained in this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.
- D. This Ordinance shall be deemed to include any additions or amendments that may be required by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection as a condition of approval.

**Article XI - Repealer:**

Any ordinance or portion thereof enacted by the County, any municipality, board of health, or other public entity within the County of Bergen that contains any subject matter governed by this ordinance, which is inconsistent with or which stands as an obstacle to the effective implementation of this ordinance shall be superseded by this Ordinance and is hereby repealed and set aside.

**Article XII - Effective Date:**

This Ordinance shall take effect after a public hearing and 90 days after final adoption by the County of Bergen Board of County Commissioners unless disapproved by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection within said period pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-27. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to publish and distribute this Ordinance in accordance with the law.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, on the recommendation of County Executive James J. Tedesco, III, the Board of County Commissioners and the Director of the Bergen County Department of Health Services, Hansel F. Asmar, that:

**Section I:** On or about **7:00 PM on October 15, 2025**, at the Bergen County Board of County Commissioners' Public Meeting Room, 5th Floor, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack New Jersey 07601, is fixed as the time and place when and where any and all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the ordinance.

**Section II.** Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:41A-101, this ordinance shall be published at least once in the manner provided in N.J.S.A. 40:41A-142, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and the time and place when and where it will be further considered for final passage. The publication shall be at least one (1) week prior to the time fixed for further consideration for final passage.

**Section III:** A copy of the proposed ordinance shall also be sent to the clerk of each municipality in the county not less than one (1) week prior to the date of hearing.

**Section IV:** Prior to the said second reading, a copy of the ordinance shall be posted on the bulletin board or other place upon which public notices are customarily posted in One Bergen County Plaza, and copies of the ordinance shall be made available to members of the general public who shall request such copies.

**Section V:** Upon the opening of the hearing, the ordinance shall be given a second reading, which reading may be by title, and thereafter, it may be passed by a majority of the whole number of the Board, with or without amendments, or rejected.

**Section VI:** One certified copy of the full text of every ordinance so adopted shall be filed with the clerk of each municipality within the County not later than ten (10) days after the date of final passage.

**Section VII:** All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section VIII:** If any section or provision of this ordinance shall be invalid in any court the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this ordinance except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remained or any portion thereof.



**COUNTY OF BERGEN**

ONE BERGEN COUNTY PLAZA  
HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

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**Ordinance: 25-40**

**Agenda: 9/30/2025**

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**Ordinance 25-40**

**Meeting Date: 9/30/2025**

**Planning & Engineering/ Division of Engineering**

**Reading: Second**

**Purpose: Establish Weight Limit - Westwood Avenue from Broadway to Kinderkamack Road -**

**Borough of Westwood**

**Prepared By: JAF:sa**

**Sponsored by Vice Chairman Tanelli, seconded by County Commissioner Ortiz, and adopted by the following vote:**

**Yes: 6 -** Chalwomano Amoroso, Vice Chairman Tanelli, Chalwomano Pro Tempore Voss, County Commissioner Marte, County Commissioner Ortiz, and County Commissioner Silna Zur

**Absent: 1 -** County Commissioner Sullivan

I, Lara Pollitt, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 25-40, adopted by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS on 9/30/2025.

**Attest:**

*Lara Pollitt*

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Ordinance: 25-40

Agenda: 9/30/2025

**BERGEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE** establishing weight limits on Westwood Avenue, Borough of Westwood. That appropriate weight class signs indicating a prohibition of commercial vehicles over thirteen (13) tons gross weight from Westwood Avenue (CR S114) between Broadway (CR 502) and Kinderkamack Road (CR 503).

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Bergen County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

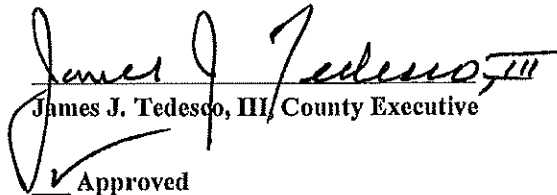
**SECTION I.** That upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, no person shall operate a vehicle whose Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) is in excess of the weight limits posted. Commercial vehicles exceeding the specified gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) are prohibited from using the designated streets or portions of streets, except for pick-up and delivery activities and exceptions that may apply as permitted by relevant laws and regulations:

Westwood Avenue (CR S114) Weight Limit: 13 Tons Between Broadway (CR 502) and Kinderkamack Road (CR 503)

**SECTION II.** That any prior ordinances or resolutions or portions thereof, in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION III.** On or about 7:00 PM on September 30, 2025, at the Bergenfield Borough Hall, 198 North Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621, is fixed as the time and place when and where any and all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the ordinance.

**SECTION IV:** The County of Bergen shall forward a certified copy of this ordinance to the NJ Department of Transportation and the Borough of Westwood upon adoption.

  
James J. Tedesco, III, County Executive

10-3-2025  
Date

Approved

Rejected



8- ML 10.10.2025

Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

## Bergen County Celebrates Diwali

1 message

Sands, Derek <DSands@bergencountynj.gov>

Fri, Oct 10, 2025 at 4:09 PM

To: "Sands, Derek" <DSands@bergencountynj.gov>

Cc: "Pellicano, Breanne" <BPellicano@bergencountynj.gov>, "Dorsett, Craig" <CDorsett@bergencountynj.gov>, "Lautz, Jared" <JLautz@bergencountynj.gov>

Good afternoon - Please join Bergen County Executive Jim Tedesco and the Bergen County Board of Commissioners as we celebrate Diwali on **Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 5:30pm** in the Conference Center of Two Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack.

Bergen County Executive  
James J. Tedesco, III  
and the  
Bergen County Board of Commissioners  
*Invite You to Celebrate Bergen County's*

# Diwali

*Festival of Lights*

**Thursday, October 16, 2025**  
**5:30 PM**

**Conference Center**  
**Two Bergen County Plaza**  
**Hackensack, NJ**

*Join us for an evening of culture and community.  
Enjoy traditional food and music as we light up the night together.*

James J. Tedesco, III  
Bergen County Executive

Bergen County Board of Commissioners  
Mary J. Amoroso, Chairwoman · Steven A. Tanelli, Vice Chairman · Dr. Joan M. Voss, Chair Pro Tempore  
Rafael Marté · Germaine M. Ortiz · Thomas J. Sullivan · Tracy Silna Zur

Derek Alan Sands (he/him/his)