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Hank Dziemian
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BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER
MIDDLESEX COUNTY
48 WASHINGTON STREET
SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882-1247

August 6th, 2024

Mrs. Nancy Pinkin, County Clerk
Middlesex County
75 Bayard Street
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

Re: 2024 General Election Referendum

Dear Mrs. Pinkin,

Enclosed, please find Ordinance 2024-31 that was approved on second and final reading by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River on August 5th, 2024.

Please have the Non-binding Referendum question placed on the November 5th, 2024, General Election ballot.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 732-257-1999 ext. 525 or ahager@southrivernj.org.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Borough Clerk

Enc.

ORDINANCE 2024 –31

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A NONBINDING REFERENDUM QUESTION
BE PLACED ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR 2024 RELATIVE TO
ESTABLISHING A JOINT LAND USE BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South River is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:13-1 to submit a question or policy concerning municipal government to the voters in the municipality at a general election to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters on the question or policy; and

WHEREAS, the results of the election are non-binding on the Borough but may be followed by the governing body in its discretion; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Law, at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-25c(2) provides that any municipality with a population in excess of 15,000 may establish a consolidated land use board by voter referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River considered the feasibility of establishing a joint land use board for the Borough of South River and believes it be in the best interest of the Borough to consolidate the land use boards; and.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River have determined that it would be in the public interest to place a non-binding referendum question on the November 5, 2024 general election ballot.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Clerk of the County of Middlesex is hereby requested to print upon the official ballots to be used at the November 5, 2024 general election the following question:

Shall the Borough Code of the Borough of South River be amended to create a Joint Land Use Board?

SECTION 2. The Clerk of the County of Middlesex is hereby requested to print upon the official ballots to be used at the November 5, 2024 general election the following Interpretative Statement:

This question asks the voter to decide whether the Borough of South River should amend the Code to dissolve the Zoning Board of Adjustment and permit the Planning Board to exercise all of the powers and duties of a zoning board of adjustment, in addition to the duties of the planning board. This creates a joint land use board and provides for a single board, professionals and staff for all planning and zoning applications within the Borough.

A “yes” vote will result in the adoption of the ordinance amending the Borough Code to establish the joint land use board in accordance with the statutes of the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Clerk of the Middlesex County.

SECTION 4.

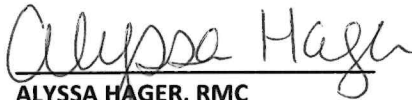
This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on July 8th, 2024, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 5th day of August, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building located at 61 Main Street, South River, New Jersey, and/or virtually via Zoom meeting code 826 6082 9597: password: 000000 at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.

Introduced 7-8-24

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>						X
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Frost</i>						X
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President Krenzel</i>		X	X			



ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

Adopted 8-5-24

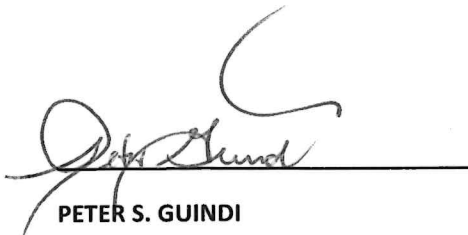
COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		✓	✓			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	✓		✓			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			✓			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>					✓	
<i>Council President Krenzel</i>			✓			

Councilman Desantis



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BOROUGH CLERK

SIGNED BY:



PETER S. GUINDI

ATTESTED BY:



ALYSSA HAGER, RMC