

**Township of Lawrence
County of Mercer**

Resolution No. 217-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE LEASE OF
THE LAWRENCE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER LOCATED AT 295 EGGERTS CROSSING ROAD,
LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Township of Lawrence (“Township”) is the owner of certain municipal property and improvements commonly known as the Lawrence Neighborhood Center located at 295 Eggerts Crossing Road, Lawrence Township, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the facility was previously occupied and utilized by HomeFront, Inc. and is currently vacant and available for future use; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents to solicit proposals from qualified nonprofit organizations for the lease, operation, and programming of the facility for community-oriented purposes and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to ensure that the facility continues to serve Lawrence Township residents through programming, services, and community engagement opportunities consistent with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Township has prepared a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) entitled “Request for Proposals (RFP) – Lease of Municipal Facility (Lawrence Neighborhood Center – Eggerts Crossing Road)” dated June 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the RFP establishes a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq., and includes proposal requirements, evaluation criteria, statutory compliance forms, and proposed lease terms; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to authorize the issuance and advertisement of the RFP in accordance with applicable New Jersey law, including but not limited to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 et seq.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Township Council hereby authorizes the issuance of the Request for Proposals (“RFP”) entitled “Request for Proposals (RFP) – Lease of Municipal Facility (Lawrence Neighborhood Center – Eggerts Crossing Road)” substantially in the form presented to the Township Council.**

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- 2. The Municipal Manager, Municipal Clerk, Municipal Attorney, and such other Township officials as may be necessary are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to advertise, publish, distribute, and administer the RFP process.**
- 3. The Township Council authorizes the public advertisement of the RFP and further authorizes the Township to receive proposals from qualified nonprofit organizations in accordance with the terms and conditions contained therein.**
- 4. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive immaterial defects or informalities, request clarifications, conduct interviews, and negotiate lease terms in the best interests of the Township.**
- 5. The award of any lease agreement resulting from the RFP process shall be subject to future approval by resolution or ordinance of the Township Council and execution of a formal lease agreement approved by the Township Attorney.**
- 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.**

Adopted: June 16, 2026

CERTIFICATION

I, Tonya D. Carter, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Lawrence Township Council on the 16th day of June, 2026.

Tonya D. Carter

Tonya D. Carter, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Ms. Farmer	X						X
Ms. Giglio	X						
Mr. Kownacki	X						
Ms. Santos	X					X	
Mayor Bobbitt	X						