

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE

No. **21-007**

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TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

TITLE

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF PRIOR BONDS ISSUED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED \$12,750,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$12,750,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Mercer (the "**Township**"), on June 12, 2014, issued its \$14,687,000 Sewer Utility Improvement Bonds, Series 2014B (the "**2014 Tax Exempt Bonds**") and its \$2,300,000 Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 2014C (Federally Taxable) (the "**2014 Taxable Bonds**") and together with the 2014 Tax Exempt Bonds, the "**2014 Bonds**") to permanently finance sewer utility capital improvements undertaken by the Township; and

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2021, there were \$10,837,000 in 2014 Tax Exempt Bonds outstanding which mature on June 1, 2023 through June 1, 2039 (the "**2014 Tax Exempt Bonds to be Refunded**"), which are callable at 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed (the "**Redemption Price**") on or after June 1, 2022 (the "**Redemption Date**"); and

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2021, there were \$1,175,000 in 2014 Taxable Bonds outstanding which mature on June 1, 2023 through June 1, 2028 (the "**2014 Taxable Bonds to be Refunded**" and together with the 2014 Tax Exempt Bonds to be Refunded, the "**2014 Bonds to be Refunded**"), which are callable at the Redemption Price on or after the Redemption Date; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to authorize, under the Local Bond Law, an issue of refunding bonds to (i) refund, on a taxable basis, the 2014 Bonds to be Refunded and (ii) to pay the costs to be incurred through the issuance of the Refunding Bonds (as hereinafter defined);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Township is hereby authorized to refund the 2014 Bonds to be Refunded at the Redemption Price due on the Redemption Date, together with interest due thereon from the defeasance date (as defined below) through the Redemption Dates and to pay the costs related to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds (as defined below) and the expenses related to refunding the Refunded Bonds.

Section 2. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$165,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51(b) has been included in the aggregate principal amount of refunding bonds authorized herein.

Section 3. In order to finance the cost of the project described in Section 1 hereof, negotiable refunding bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not in excess of \$12,750,000 (the "**Refunding Bonds**") pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

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Section 4. In anticipation of the issuance of the refunding bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. All refunding bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one 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 notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations.

All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time, but all such notes including renewals shall mature and be paid no later than the fifth anniversary of the date of the original notes; provided, however, that no notes shall be renewed beyond the first or any succeeding anniversary date of the original notes unless an amount of such notes, at least equal to the first legally payable installment of the bonds in anticipation of which the notes are issued, determined in accordance with the maturity schedule for the bonds approved by the Local Finance Board, is paid and retired on or before such anniversary date; and provided, further, that the period during which the bond anticipation notes and any renewals thereof and any permanent bonds are outstanding, shall not exceed the period set for the maturity of the bonds by the Local Finance Board.

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 purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest 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 ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. 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 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 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 6. The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, 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. 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 and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$12,750,000, and the obligations authorized herein have been authorized in accordance with that Law.

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Section 7. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 8. A certified copy of this refunding bond ordinance as adopted on first reading has been filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey prior to final adoption, together with a complete statement in the form prescribed by the Director and signed by the chief financial officer of the Township as to the indebtedness to be financed by the issuance of the refunding bonds authorized herein.

Section 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law, provided that the consent of the Local Finance Board has been endorsed upon a certified copy of this ordinance as finally adopted.

PRESIDENT

MUNICIPAL CLERK

RECORD OF VOTE													
First Reading							Second Reading						
COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC	COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC
ANTHONY P. CARABELLI, JR.	✓						ANTHONY P. CARABELLI, JR.						
RICHARD L. TIGHE, JR.	✓						RICHARD L. TIGHE, JR.						
CHARLES F. WHALEN	✓				✓	✓	CHARLES F. WHALEN						
NANCY PHILLIPS	✓					✓	NANCY PHILLIPS						
PASQUALE "PAT" PAPERIO, JR.	✓						PASQUALE "PAT" PAPERIO, JR.						

X - Indicates Vote A.B. - Absent N.V. - Not Voting RES. - Moved SEC. - Seconded

REJECTED _____

JEFFREY S. MARTIN, MAYOR

DATE

APPROVED _____

RECONSIDERED BY COUNCIL _____

OVERRIDE VOTE AYE _____ NAY _____