

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-6
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO
CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OWNERS**

SECTION I.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5), the following real property has been determined to be not needed for public use, is land locked and unimproved, and shall be offered for sale to all contiguous property owners, as determined by the Township's Tax Assessor:

Block 11, Lot 29

Block 11, L 30

Block 11, Lot 29.01

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that each property shall be sold to the highest bidder from among all such owners who shall submit sealed letter offers of purchase to the Municipal Clerk clearly marked as Offers of Purchase for the property for which an offer is being made. Offers shall be opened at its next regularly scheduled meeting on October 5, 2026, at the Township of Franklin Municipal Building. Closing of title shall be accomplished within thirty (30) days, and each property shall be merged with the property of the contiguous property owner that submits the highest bid. The Township shall convey title by way of Quitclaim Deed; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that each lot shall have a minimum bid of \$10,000.00. The Township shall reserve the right to reject all bids; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that pursuant to statutory requirement, a copy of this Ordinance shall upon second reading, public hearing and approval, be posted on the bulletin board or other conspicuous space, in the Township of Franklin municipal building, and the Ordinance shall be published in the Township's official legal notice webpage within five (5) days following adoption of the Ordinance.

SECTION III. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision(s) shall be deemed severable and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION V. Codification. This Ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the Township of Franklin as though codified and fully set forth therein. The Township Clerk shall have this ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The Township Clerk and the Township Attorney are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the Township of Franklin in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

SECTION VI. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Committee of the Township of Franklin held on July 6, 2026, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on September 14, 2026 at 7 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Denise L. Becton

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

On motion by Deputy Mayor Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Herzer the aforementioned Ordinance 2026-6 be adopted as read. Final reading and adoption to take place on July 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. or near that hour.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
Bonnie Butler	X			
Rich Herzer	X			
David Guth	X			
Mike Toretta	X			
Sarah Payne, Mayor	X	(5) Yes	(0) No	(0)Absent Motion Carried

On motion by Deputy Mayor Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Guth the aforementioned Ordinance 2026-6 be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
David Guth	X		
Mike Toretta	X		
Sarah Payne, Mayor	X	(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent/Abstained

Motion Carried

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Registered Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at their regular meeting held on July 6, 2026. Second reading, a public hearing will be held on September 14, 2026, at or near 7:00 p.m. in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Becton

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk