ORDINANCE 2025-08C

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SHIP BOTTOM, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, (1997)" AND AMENDING TITLE 2, WHICH PERTAINS TO ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL, AND ADDING CHAPTER 2.30, WHICH PERTAINS TO THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Ordinance adds Chapter 2.30 to clarify and confirm the position and authority of the Qualified Purchasing Agent.

SECTION I

Chapter 2.30 Qualified Purchasing Agent

§2.30.010 Position and appointment.

The Borough previously created and hereby codifies the position of Qualified Purchasing Agent, who shall possess all authority and duties set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9 and act and be designated as a Qualified Purchasing Agent, provided the required certification from the state pursuant to the statutory requirements have been satisfied. In the event the requirements are not satisfied, the position shall be designated as Purchasing Agent.

§2.30.020 Authority and responsibilities.

The Qualified Purchasing Agent, shall work with the Borough Administrator, if the positions are separate and shall have the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) to prepare public advertising for and to receive bids and requests for proposals for the provision or performance of goods, services and construction contracts; to award contracts pursuant to New Jersey law in accordance with the regulations, forms and procedures promulgated by state regulatory agencies; and the establishment and enforcement of any and all local purchasing policies adopted by the governing body; and conduct any activities as may be necessary or appropriate to the purchasing function.

§2.30.030 Bid threshold; political contribution threshold.

A.   In the event there is a Qualified Purchasing Agent, the Borough shall take advantage of the highest statutory bid threshold established by the State, but the Borough may go to bid at a lower amount to encourage greater competition between vendors.

B.   The political contribution threshold (pay-to-play) of $17,500 remains in place and all procurement over $17,500 and less than the agency's new, higher bid threshold (window contracts) are subject to those laws, and such threshold shall be raised in the event raised by the State.

SECTION II

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION III

If any word, phrase, clause, section, or provision of this ordinance shall be found by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, illegal, or unconstitutional, such word, phrase, clause, section, or provision shall be severable from the balance of the ordinance and the remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Effective date.

This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ship Bottom, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Further public notice is hereby given that said ordinance shall be considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on August 26, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 1621 Long Beach Boulevard, Ship Bottom, New Jersey 08008.
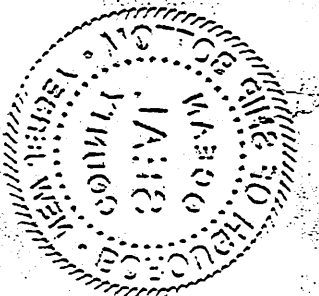
Kristy Correnti, RMC
Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, KRISTY CORRENTI, RMC, Municipal Clerk for the Borough of Ship Bottom do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance 2025-08 was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council at the meeting held on August 26, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Kristy Correnti, RMC
Municipal Clerk

William Huelsenbeck
Mayor