

BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER
ORDINANCE NO 2025-015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE HUDSON RIVER WATERFRONT WALKWAY PROJECT, APPROPRIATING \$2,600,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING \$1,100,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER TO FINANCE THE SAME

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Edgewater, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough"), as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,600,000, including a \$1,500,000 New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Lake, Ponds and Other Waterfront Improvements 2025 grant. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c), no down payment is required as this bond ordinance involves a project to be funded by a State grant.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not otherwise provided for hereunder, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,100,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued is for the construction of the Hudson River Walkway Project, including, without limitation, the rehabilitation of the Hudson River Walkway in the Borough with infrastructure for walkways and the installation of lighting fixtures, and including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All 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 bond 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 subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time, at not less than 99% of par and accrued interest, 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 bond 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 capital budget or temporary capital budget (as applicable) of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency and amendment, the resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget or amended temporary capital budget (as applicable) and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough 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 Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,100,000, and the issuance of the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$431,600 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

(e) The Borough reasonably expects to commence acquisition and/or construction of the project described in Section 3 hereof, and to advance all or a portion of the costs in respect thereof, prior to the issuance of bonds or notes hereunder. To the extent such costs are advanced, the Borough further reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures from the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance, in an aggregate not to exceed the amount of bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof.

Section 7. Except as provide in Section 8 below, any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are applied to the payment of obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance.

Section 8. As a portion of the total appropriation of \$2,600,000 made in Section 1 hereof, there is appropriated herein a \$1,500,000 New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Lake, Ponds and Other Waterfront Improvements 2025 grant.

Section 9. The full faith and credit of the Borough is 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 Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 10. The Borough Council of the Borough hereby covenants on behalf of the Borough to take any action necessary or refrain from taking such action in order to preserve the tax-exempt status of the bonds and notes authorized hereunder that are issued as tax-exempt bonds, as is or may be required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Code"), including compliance with the Code with regard to the use, expenditure, investment, timely reporting and rebate of investment earnings as may be required thereunder.

Section 11. The chief financial officer of the Borough 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 Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough 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 Borough 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 Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 12. To the extent that any previous ordinance or resolution is inconsistent herewith or contradictory hereto, said ordinance or resolution is hereby repealed or amended to the extent necessary to make it consistent herewith.

Section 13. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

COUNCILPERSON	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
GUTIERREZ						
LAWLOR						
MONTE						
VIDAL						
MARTIN						
BARTOLOMEO						
MAYOR						

Introduced: July 14, 2025
 Adopted: August 18, 2025

 Michael J. McPartland, Mayor

 Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk