

LINCOLN PARK GOVERNING BODY
WORK MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2026 - 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 34 CHAPEL HILL ROAD
AMENDED

I. CALL TO ORDER:

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

III. MAYOR'S AGENDA:

1. Request Resolutions Authorizing Escrow Releases (#2660, 2524, #'s 2594, 2595, and #2596, #2624, #2642)
2. Request Introduction of Ordinance Amending Water Rates for 2025
3. Request Resolution Authorizing Appointment to Two Bridges Sewerage Authority
4. Request Resolution Authorizing Entrance into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the County of Passaic
5. Request Resolution Authorizing Submission of 2026 Local Recreation Improvement Grant

IV. RESOLUTION:

R26-70 Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the Passaic County Cooperative Pricing System

R26-71 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Mediation Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center Regarding Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan

V. ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:

1-26 An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter 461, Water, of the Code Book of the Borough of Lincoln Park

VI. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VII. PUBLIC HEARING:

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION R26-70

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
PASSAIC COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM (ID# 38PCCP)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Passaic, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2026 the governing body of the Borough of Lincoln Park, County of Morris, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in the Passaic County Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Lincoln Park, County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Mayor of Lincoln Park is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.
2. The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Council President

ATTEST:

Courtney Fitzpatrick, RMC,CMC,MMC,CMR
Borough Clerk
Borough of Lincoln Park

I, Courtney Fitzpatrick, RMC,CMC,MMC,CMR, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Lincoln Park, County of Morris, do hereby Certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Governing Body at the January 5, 2026 Work Meeting.

Courtney Fitzpatrick, RMC,CMC,MMC,CMR
Borough Clerk
Borough of Lincoln Park

Cc: Perry Mayers
Fabiana Mello
Department of Public Works
Jennifer Postiglione
File Copy

RESOLUTION R26-71

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEDIATION AGREEMENT WITH
FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER REGARDING FOURTH ROUND HOUSING
ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN**

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed P.L. 2024, c.2., into law, which established a new framework for determining and enforcing municipalities' affordable housing obligations under the Mount Laurel doctrine and the Fair Housing Act (the "Amended Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lincoln Park (the "Borough" or "Lincoln Park") having filed a resolution of participation in the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the "Program") and a declaratory judgment action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et. seq. (the "Fair Housing Act") on January 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Court entered an order on April 29, 2025 setting the Borough's Fourth Round fair share obligations as a Present Need of 15 units and a Prospective Need of 175 units, which no party appealed, and ordering the Borough to file a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP") by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough having filed its HEFSP on June 20, 2025 on eCourts ("Adopted HEFSP"); and

WHEREAS, Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") and White Rock NJ, LLC having filed challenges pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(2)(b) regarding the Borough's Adopted HEFSP on September 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Borough and FSHC engaged in good faith negotiations regarding the Borough's Adopted HEFSP and, as a result of those negotiations, a Mediation Agreement between the Borough and FSHC has been prepared which resolves the issues raised in the FSHC challenge and which, if approved by the Program, will result in the issuance of a compliance certification to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Mediation Agreement includes the adoption of overlay zoning for a multi-family inclusionary development on the White Rock NJ, LLC property and resolves the challenge raised by White Rock NJ, LLC to the Borough's HEFSP as set forth on the record on December 19, 2025 by counsel for White Rock NJ, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to authorize the execution of the Mediation Agreement between the Borough and FSHC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Lincoln Park, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. All the terms and conditions of the Mediation Agreement by and between the Borough of Lincoln Park and Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") dated December 31, 2025, be and the same are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed by the Borough.

2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Mediation Agreement subsequent to the execution by FSHC and, together with other appropriate officers and employees of the Borough, are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

3. The Borough hereby authorizes and approves any non-substantive modifications to the Mediation Agreement as may be recommended and approved by the Borough Administrator and Special Counsel prior to execution

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Council President

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Borough Clerk
Borough of Lincoln Park

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Courtney Fitzpatrick, RMC,CMC,MMC,CMR
Borough Clerk
Borough of Lincoln Park

Cc: Perry Mayers
Fabiana Mello
Surenian, Edwards, Buzak, & Nolan LLC
Jennifer Postiglione
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ORDINANCE 1-26

**BOROUGH OF LINCOLN PARK
NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION**

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Lincoln Park held on January 5, 2026 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting of the Borough Council to be held on January 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Borough Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 34 Chapel Hill Road, Lincoln Park, New Jersey at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

ORDINANCE 1-26

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 461,
WATER, OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE BOROUGH OF LINCOLN PARK**

WHEREAS, Chapter 461 of the Code Book of the Borough of Lincoln Park ("Borough") currently provides a rate schedule which sets forth the water rates for all users; and

WHEREAS, the Borough regularly amends said schedule found at Chapter 461-31D of the Code Book of the Borough of Lincoln Park based upon wholesale water rate changes imposed by the Passaic County Water Commission ("PCWC"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Ordinance 4-16 calls for the Borough to set the applicable water rate at the rate of the increase from the PCWC plus one (1%) for water related infrastructure, maintenance, replacement and/or repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received notice from the PCWC that the effective rate for 2026 represented a 4.3% percent increase over the rates for the previous year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough pursuant to Ordinance 4-16 now sets forth the applicable water rate as set forth below which shall include the 4.3% increase from PCWC plus the one percent (1%) set aside as set forth above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Lincoln Park, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 461-31D of the Code Book of the Borough of Lincoln Park is hereby amended to read as follows:

D. Charges of rates for water consumption:

1. The following rates are hereby established:

METER SIZE	MINIMUM CHARGE	ALLOWED USAGE	USAGE CHARGE (PER 1,000 GAL)	APPLIED TO
0.75"	\$50.19	5,000	\$12.96	(5,001 to 100,000 gal)
1.00"	\$119.44	13,000	\$12.96	(13,001 to 100,000 gal)
1.50"	\$164.67	17,700	\$12.96	(17,701 to 100,000 gal)
2.00"	\$240.91	25,700	\$12.96	(25,701 to 100,000 gal)
3.00"	\$381.42	41,000	\$12.96	(41,001 to 100,000 gal)
4.00"	\$652.41	70,000	\$12.96	(70,001 to 100,000 gal)
6.00"	\$1,005.55	85,000	\$12.96	(85,001 to 100,000 gal)
8.00"	\$1,433.79	100,000	\$12.96	(100,001 gal)

All gallonage in excess of 100,000 gallons shall be billed at \$12.96 per 1,000 gallons.

SECTION 2. All ordinances of the Borough of Lincoln Park which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect starting with the next quarterly water bill period for 2022 and the increases, if any, shall continue thereafter on an annual basis as the case may be.

ATTEST:

Council President

Courtney Fitzpatrick, RMC,CMC,MMC,CMR
Borough Clerk
Borough of Lincoln Park

Mayor Dr. David Runfeldt

<u>INTRODUCED:</u>	January 5, 2026
<u>PUBLISHED IN DAILY RECORD:</u>	January 6, 2026
<u>PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:</u>	January 20, 2026
<u>PUBLISHED IN DAILY RECORD:</u>	January 21, 2026
<u>EFFECTIVE:</u>	February 9, 2026