

**RESOLUTION NO. 194-2024**  
**AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE  
BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS FOR MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES**

Councilmember Leckstein introduced and offered the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq. allows a local unit to enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any services that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, including services incidental to primary purposes of any of the participating local units; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(c) allows two or more municipalities to provide jointly for courtrooms, chambers, equipment, supplies and employees for their municipal courts without establishing a joint municipal court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Sea Bright and the Borough of Highlands wish to encourage inter-municipal cooperation and are desirous of entering into a Shared Services Agreement for municipal court services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Highlands and the Borough of Sea Bright find that it would be in the best interest of both municipalities to allow Sea Bright to utilize the Highlands Municipal Building's courtroom, court offices, and to share employees, facilities and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Sea Bright shall appoint a municipal judge to sit in its court, a municipal prosecutor and public defender.

**WHEREAS**, the term of the Shared Services Agreement shall commence on March 1, 2025 and shall continue for a period of three (3) years or until February 29, 2028; and

**WHEREAS**, for the use of the facilities and services provided, Sea Bright shall pay to Highlands the following amounts on or before the dates referenced:

March 1, 2025 - \$90,000.00 (for the one (1) year period through February 28, 2026)  
March 1, 2026 - \$91,800.00 (for the one (1) year period through February 28, 2027)  
March 1, 2027 - \$93,636.00 (for the one (1) year period through February 29, 2028)

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS**

I, Michael J. Bascom, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Sea Bright, do hereby certify that funds not to exceed \$90,000.00 will be provided for this purpose in the 2025 Budget appropriation entitled Court #5-01-42-490-235. This award is subject to the continued appropriation of necessary funds in the local municipal budget beyond the current budget year.

  
MICHAEL J. BASCOM, CFO

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Sea Bright and the Borough of Highlands for the aforesaid municipal court services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the fully executed Shared Services Agreement shall be filed for informational purposes with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A :65-4(b).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

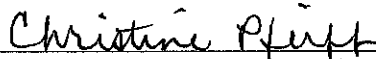
1. Finance Manager
2. Municipal Judge
3. Assignment Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey
4. New Jersey Office of Administrative Courts
5. Borough of Highlands

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Bieber,	Catalano,	Gorman,	Keeler,	Lamia,	Leckstein
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

December 17, 2024

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Christine Pfeiffer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, at a Council Meeting held on December 17, 2024.

  
Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk