

BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 23-221

AUTHORIZING BONDS AGGREGATING THE PRINCIPAL SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$8,036,736
AUTHORIZED BY SIX BOND ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED TO FINANCE PART OF THE
COST OF VARIOUS GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, COUNTY OF
MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY INTO ONE CONSOLIDATED ISSUE OF BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR
THE FORM, MATURITIES, SALE AND OTHER DETAILS OF SAID CONSOLIDATED ISSUE

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey (the "Borough"), has heretofore adopted six bond ordinances authorizing bonds to finance part of the cost of various general improvements in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to issue bonds pursuant to said ordinances in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,036,746 and it is deemed advisable and in the best interests of the Borough, for the purpose of the orderly marketing of said bonds and for other financial reasons, to combine the bonds authorized under said six ordinances into one consolidated issue in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,036,736 pursuant to the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined to finance said improvements over a term of approximately twenty (20) years through participation in the Governmental Pooled Loan Program of The Monmouth County Improvement Authority (the "MCIA"), through which various municipalities and other public entities (including the Borough) will issue their bonds to the MCIA (collectively, the "Local Unit Bonds"), and the MCIA will issue its Governmental Pooled Loan Revenue Bonds, Series 2023_ (the "MCIA Bonds") to the public, secured by payments to be received under the Local Unit Bonds (including the hereinafter-defined Bonds) and additionally secured, indirectly, by the guaranty of the County of Monmouth, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough now desires to authorize the issuance of said consolidated issue of bonds and to provide for the form, maturities, interest rates and other details thereof and for the sale thereof to the MCIA; and

WHEREAS, the MCIA intends to market the MCIA Bonds through the circulation of a Preliminary Official Statement and a final Official Statement of the MCIA, each of which will include, inter alia, certain financial information and operating data relating to the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that:

Section 1. There shall be issued bonds of the Borough in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,036,736 pursuant to the following bond ordinances:

A. An amount not to exceed \$1,637,543, being a portion of the bonds authorized collectively, by the following ordinances (Ordinance No. 09-28 as supplemented by Ordinance 12-20 and Ordinance 14-8), each entitled:

09-28

"BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$446,000 FOR DESIGN AND PERMITTING FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$423,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION";

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 15 years.

12-20

"BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING APPROPRIATION OF \$1,200,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STORMWATER PUMP STATION AND OTHER STORMWATER SYSTEM AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,200,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION";

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 40 years.

14-08

"BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$3,154,00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STORMWATER PUMP STATION AND OTHER STORMWATER SYSTEM AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,154,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF"

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 40 years.

B. An amount not to exceed \$3,420,000, being a portion of the bonds authorized collectively, by the following ordinances (Ordinance No. 21-28 as supplemented by Ordinance 23-13), each entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING, APPROPRIATING \$10,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,750,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY",

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 30 years.

23-13

"BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO. O-21-28 ADOPTED ON JUNE 16, 2021, PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDS AND NOTES TO BE ISSUED TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF BY \$3,420,000 FOR A TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION OF \$8,170,000, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY",

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 30 years.

C. An amount not to exceed \$2,979,193, being a portion of the bonds authorized by the following ordinance entitled:

Ordinance No. 23-10

"BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$3,035,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,979,193 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY",

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 10.7168 years.

Section 2. The bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof are hereby combined into one consolidated issue of bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,036,736 and are sometimes hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Bonds". The average period of usefulness for the general improvements financed by the Bonds is 24.88935 years. The bonds shall be designated "General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023" and shall be numbered from one (1) consecutively upward with a prefix designating the series. The bonds of said consolidated issue shall be dated the date of delivery of the Bonds and will be issued in fully registered form. The Bonds of said issue (i) shall be dated the date of delivery of the Bonds, (ii) shall mature not later than their stated average period of usefulness, (iii) shall bear interest at the interest rates per annum as determined by the Chief Financial Officer, (iv) shall be sold at such price or prices as

determined by the Chief Financial Officer, and (v) may be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities as determined by the Chief Financial Officer, as shall be set forth in the proposal for the purchase of the Bonds acceptance of which is authorized pursuant to Section 5 hereof. The Bonds shall be numbered one consecutively upward, and will be issued in fully registered form.

The Bonds shall bear interest at the respective interest rates per annum as Section 3. determined by the Chief Financial Officer and as required by the MCIA, payable (unless otherwise provided in the hereinafter-defined Bond Purchase Agreement) on each June 1 and December 1, commencing on June 1, 2024. The Bonds will mature not later than their stated average period of usefulness and shall mature (unless otherwise provided in the Bond Purchase Agreement) on December 1 in each year in the respective amounts as determined by the Chief Financial Officer and as required by the MCIA. Unless otherwise provided in the Bond Purchase Agreement, (i) the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable to the trustee for the MCIA Bonds (the "MCIA Bond Trustee") at the corporate trust office of the MCIA Bond Trustee, (ii) the principal of the Bonds shall be payable to the MCIA Bond Trustee on the November 15 prior to each December 1 principal payment date, (iii) interest on the Bonds shall be payable to the MCIA Bond Trustee on the May 15 and November 15 prior to each June 1 and December 1 interest payment date, in the respective amounts accruing to each June 1 and December 1 interest payment date, and (iv) interest on the Bonds shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year or twelve 30-day calendar months. The Bonds may be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities as determined by the Chief Financial Officer, on such terms as shall be set forth in the MCIA's proposal for the purchase of the Bonds, the acceptance of which by the Chief Financial Officer on behalf of the Borough is authorized pursuant to Section 5 hereof.

Section 4. The Bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer, by their manual or facsimile signatures, and the corporate seal of the Borough shall be affixed thereto, or imprinted or reproduced thereon and shall be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk of the Borough.

Section 5. The Bonds are hereby sold and awarded to the MCIA at an aggregate purchase price determined by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms of the hereinafter-defined Bond Purchase Agreement, which may provide for a purchase price equal to the par amount of the Bonds, plus original issue premium (if any), less original issue discount (if any), and subject to netting to reflect the Borough's share of the costs of issuance of the MCIA (including but not limited to the County guaranty premium and the underwriters' discount). The terms and conditions of such sale will be set forth in a Bond Purchase Agreement between the Borough and the MCIA (the "Bond Purchase Agreement"), in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and which by this reference is made a part hereof as if set forth in full herein. The Mayor, Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer, or any of them (the "Authorized Officers"), are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Bond Purchase Agreement on behalf of the Borough in substantially such form, with such changes as the officer(s) of the Borough executing same may approve (such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such officer's execution

thereof). The Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to same and to affix the official seal of the Borough thereto. Such execution and delivery shall constitute the acceptance by the Borough of the MCIA's offer to purchase the Bonds. Settlement for the Bonds will be made in immediately available funds on or about December 21, 2023, or on such other date as may be agreed to by the Borough and the MCIA.

Section 6. The Borough hereby consents to the inclusion of financial information and operating data relating to the Borough, with such changes as may be approved by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough, within a Preliminary Official Statement and a final Official Statement of the MCIA for use in marketing the MCIA Bonds. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to deem the Borough Information "final" within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and to execute and deliver a certificate to that effect.

Section 7. The execution and delivery by an Authorized Officer of a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, if any, to be dated as of the date of closing of the MCIA Bonds, between the Borough and the trustee for the MCIA Bonds, in such form as shall be approved by such officer, is hereby authorized, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such officer's execution thereof.

Section 8. The Bonds and the registration provisions endorsed thereon shall be in substantially the following form, with such changes as may be approved by the Authorized Officers executing same, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by their execution thereof:

No.			

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF NEW JERSEY COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2023

DATE O)F	
ORIGIN	AL	
ISSUE:	December	, 2023

The Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, hereby acknowledges itself indebted and for value received promises to pay to

	THE MONMOUTH COUNTY IMPROVEMENT	
	AUTHORITY (the "Authority")	
c/o		
	(the "Trustee")	

the principal sums on the dates and in the amounts set forth on Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof and to pay interest on such sum from the DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE of this bond until payment in full at the interest rates per annum and in the amounts shown on Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof. Interest is payable to the Authority at the corporate trust office of the Trustee on the May 15 and November 15 prior to each June 1 and December 1, commencing June 1, 2024, in an amount equal to the interest accruing to each such June 1 and December 1. This bond as to principal will be payable on the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the due date therefor at the corporate trust office of the Trustee. Amounts not paid when due hereunder shall bear interest at the Late Payment Rate until paid. This bond shall be prepayable as set forth in Section 1303 of the bond resolution adopted by the Authority on November 9, 2023 (as the same may be supplemented and amended, the "Bond Resolution").

Both principal of and interest on this bond is payable in lawful money of the United States of America and in immediately available funds.

As used herein, "Business Day" shall mean any day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday in the State of New Jersey or the State of New York or a day on which the Trustee is legally authorized to close. "Late Payment Rate" shall mean a rate per annum equal to the lower of (i) three percent above the interest rate that JP Morgan Chase publicly announces from time to time as its prime lending rate, such interest rate to change on the effective date of each announced change in such rate and (ii) the maximum interest rate allowed by law.

[The Bonds maturing on or prior to December 1, 20__ are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Bonds maturing on or after December 1, 20__ are subject to redemption at the option of the Borough on or after December 1, 20__ upon notice as described in a bond resolution adopted by the Authority on November 9, 2023, either in whole or in part by lot within a single maturity from maturities selected by the Borough, on any date, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof (the "Redemption Price"), plus in each case accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.]

This bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds and is issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey, and is one of the Bonds referred to in a resolution of the Borough of Highlands adopted on November 1, 2023 and entitled "_______," and the bond ordinances referred to therein, each in all respects duly approved and published as required by law.

The full faith and credit of the Borough of Highlands are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on, and all other amounts due under, this bond according to its terms.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened or to have been performed precedent to or in the issuance of this bond exist, have happened and have been performed and that the issue of bonds of which this is one, together with all other indebtedness of the Borough of Highlands, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by such Constitution or statutes.

The Borough of Highlands agrees to pay (i) all costs and expenses (including legal fees) in connection with the administration and enforcement of this bond, which includes but is not limited to costs in connection with the enforcement of the County Guaranty (as defined in the Bond Resolution) and (ii) its share of the amounts payable pursuant to Section 9(vi)(B) of the Bond Purchase Agreement between the Borough of Highlands and the Authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey has caused this bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signatures of its Mayor and its Chief Financial Officer, its corporate seal to be hereunto imprinted or affixed, this bond and the seal to be attested by the manual signature of its Borough Clerk, and this bond to be dated the DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE as specified above.

BOROLIGH OF HIGHLANDS

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	Ву:
ATTEST:	Mayor
	Ву:
Borough Clerk	Chief Financial Officer

(Assignment Provision on Back of Bond)

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED	
bond and irrevocably appoints	(Please Print or Type Name and Address of Assignee) the within as Attorney to transfer this bond e with full power of substitution and
	NOTICE The signature of this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears on the face of the within bond in every particular.
Dated:	
Signature of Guarantee:	

SCHEDULE A

BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2023

Schedule of Principal and Interest Payments

Section 9. Any Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed (a) to cause a copy of the written opinion with respect to the Bonds which is to be rendered by the firm of Dilworth Paxson LLP (complete except for omission of its date) to be printed or referred to on the Bonds, and at the time of the original delivery of payment for the Bonds and when such written opinion is rendered, to cause the Borough Clerk to certify to the truth and correctness of such copy of opinion by executing on each of said Bonds, by manual or facsimile signature, a certificate subjoined to each such copy, and to file a signed duplicate of such written opinion in such Borough Clerk's office and at each place at which the Bonds are payable, (b) to cause the applicable CUSIP number (if any) assigned for each of said Bonds by the CUSIP Service Bureau of Standard & Poor's Corporation of New York, New York, to be printed on each of the Bonds, and (c) to cause, in the event that the Bonds shall qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance at the option of the purchaser thereof, such legend or reference (if any) of such insurance to be printed (at the expense of such purchaser) on the Bonds.

Section 10. Upon the date of issue of the Bonds, being the date of delivery of the Bonds to the MCIA and the payment of the purchase price thereof in accordance with the Bond Purchase Agreement, any Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed as of said date of issue, to execute and deliver to said purchaser (a) an arbitrage certification with respect to the Bonds under and for the purpose of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (b) an accompanying opinion of Dilworth Paxson LLP as of said date of issue with respect to said arbitrage certification for the purposes of said Section 148.

Section 11. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be applied in the amounts and for the purposes provided in Section 1 hereof, and to pay and fund any bond anticipation notes theretofore issued for such purpose and then outstanding.

Section 12. The Authorized Officers are hereby authorized and directed, as is the Borough Clerk, to execute all documents and certificates, necessary for the sale and delivery of said Bonds. Any action which has been taken prior to the date hereof by the officers, employees, consultants and agents of the Borough with respect to the sale of the Bonds, and the offering and sale of the MCIA Bonds, are hereby ratified and approved on behalf of the Borough

Section 13. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

EXHIBIT A

FORM OF BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT

December, 2023
of
, New Jersey
To Members:
The undersigned, The Monmouth County Improvement Authority (the "Authority"), offers to enter into the following Bond Purchase Agreement with you (the "Borrower") which, upon your acceptance of this offer, will be binding upon you and upon the Authority. This offer is made subject to acceptance of this Bond Purchase Agreement by the Borrower on or before the date of Closing (as hereinafter defined), and, if not so accepted, will be subject to withdrawal by the Authority upon notice delivered to the Borrower at the address set forth above at any time prior to the acceptance hereof by the Borrower.
The Borrower acknowledges that the Authority is purchasing the bonds described below with the proceeds of the Authority's Governmental Loan Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 (Monmouth County Guaranteed) (
terms thereof (the "Bond Resolution"). The Authority agrees to use its best efforts to issue and deliver its Authority Pooled Bonds no later than December, 2023. The Borrower agrees to comply with the provisions of the Authority's Bond Resolution as applicable to it.
1. Upon the terms and conditions and upon the basis of the representations, warranties, and covenants set forth herein, the Authority hereby agrees to purchase from the Borrower, and the Borrower hereby agrees to sell to the Authority, \$ principal amount of the Borrower's \$ general obligation bonds (the "Borrower Bonds"), on the date on which the Authority initially issues its Authority Pooled Bonds. The Borrower Bonds shall be dated the date of Closing, shall mature not later than forty years from the date of Closing and shall bear interest at the interest rates per annum as shall be approved by an Authority representative and as shall be approved by the Borrower pursuant to the proceedings taken to authorize and issue

2. The	purchase	price for	the Bo	orrower	Bonds	shall	be e	qual t	o \$	
(representing	the principa	ıl amount	of the B	orrower	Bonds	plus th	ne orig	ginal is	sue prer	nium of
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contemplated	hereby to ta	ake place a	nt the tir	ne of suc	ch paym	nent ar	nd del	ivery, ł	nerein ca	lled the
"Closing," and	as hereinaft	ter further	describe	ed in para	agraph :	7 here	of.			

The Borrower hereby requests that its share of the costs of issuance of the Authority, \$______, including but not limited to the County guaranty premium and the underwriter's discount, be netted against the purchase price for the Borrower Bond.

- 3. The Borrower Bonds shall be as described in, and shall be issued and secured under, the Local Proceedings.
- 4. It shall be a condition (i) to the obligations of the Borrower to sell and to deliver the Borrower Bonds to the Authority, and (ii) to the obligations of the Authority to purchase, to accept delivery of and to pay for the Borrower Bonds, that the entire issue of Borrower Bonds to be sold pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof shall be sold and delivered by the Borrower and purchased, accepted and paid for by the Authority at the Closing. The Authority has pledged such Borrower Bonds, when issued, as security for the repayment of the Authority Local Unit Bonds.
- 5. By virtue of the execution of this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Borrower represents and warrants to, and agrees with, the Authority (and it shall be a condition of the obligation of the Authority to purchase and to accept delivery of the Borrower Bonds that the Borrower shall so represent and warrant as of the date of Closing) that:
 - (a) The Borrower was duly created and organized as a political subdivision of the State of New Jersey (the "State"), the Borrower is authorized to execute and deliver this Bond Purchase Agreement, to issue the Borrower Bonds, to adopt the Local Proceedings and the Details Resolution and to perform its respective obligations under such instruments and proceedings, the Borrower has the authority to levy *ad valorem* property taxes on all the taxable real property within the geographic area or jurisdiction of the Borrower to provide for the payments required under the Borrower Bonds, and the Borrower Bonds will constitute full faith and credit obligations of the Borrower;
 - (b) The officers of the Borrower are the duly qualified and presently acting officers of the Borrower;

- (c) The Borrower has complied with the provisions of all laws of the State relating to the issuance of the Borrower Bonds and has full power and authority to issue the Borrower Bonds and to carry out and consummate all transactions contemplated to be performed by it pursuant to this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Borrower Bonds, the Local Proceedings and the Details Resolution, and any and all other agreements relating hereto and thereto;
- (d) The Borrower will not take any action, or fail or omit to take any action (or to the extent it exercises control or direction, permit any action), with respect to the proceeds of the sale of the Borrower Bonds to the Authority (i) which would result in any of the Borrower Bonds becoming an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Section 148(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or (ii) which could adversely affect the exclusion from federal gross income of interest on the Borrower Bonds or the Authority Pooled Bonds pursuant to Section 103 of the Code;
- (e) At the time of the Borrower's acceptance of this Bond Purchase Agreement and at all times subsequent thereto up to and including the date of the Closing, the financial and other information supplied by such Borrower to the Authority does not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required or necessary to be stated therein in order to make the statements made therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;
- (f) The Borrower has duly authorized all necessary action to be taken by it for (i) the issuance and sale of the Borrower Bonds upon the terms set forth herein; (ii) the adoption, delivery and due performance of the Local Proceedings and, as of the date of Closing, the Details Resolution; and (iii) the execution, delivery and performance by the Borrower of this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Borrower Bonds, an arbitrage certificate, and any and all other agreements and instruments that may be required to be executed, delivered and received by the Borrower in order to carry out, give effect to and consummate the transactions contemplated by each of said documents and the Local Proceedings;
- (g) Between the date of this Bond Purchase Agreement and the Closing, the Borrower will not, without advising the Authority, issue any bonds, notes or other obligations, other than the Borrower Bonds sold hereby;
- (h) To the knowledge of any official of the Borrower, after due inquiry, there is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation at law or in equity or before or by any court, public board or body pending or, to the knowledge of any official of the Borrower, threatened affecting the Borrower wherein an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding would adversely affect (i) the corporate existence or organization of the Borrower or the title to office of any officer of the Borrower or any power of the Borrower, (ii) the validity or enforceability of the Borrower Bonds, the Local Proceedings and, as of the date of Closing, the Details Resolution, this Bond Purchase Agreement, or any agreement or instrument to which the Borrower is a party and which is used or contemplated for use

in consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Bond Purchase Agreement, (iii) the financial position of the Borrower, or (iv) the tax-exempt status of the Borrower or the exclusion from federal gross income of interest on the Borrower Bonds;

- (i) The execution, delivery and performance by the Borrower of the events and documents provided for in this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Local Proceedings, the Details Resolution, and the Borrower Bonds and compliance with the provisions hereof and thereof, will not violate any provision of any law of the State or any applicable judgment, order or regulation of any court or any public or governmental agency or authority of the State and will not conflict with, or result in any breach of any of the provisions of, or constitute a default under, any agreement or instrument to which the Borrower is a party or by which the Borrower or any of its properties is or may be bound, nor will such action result in any violation of the Constitution or laws of the State relating to the establishment of the Borrower or its affairs, or any statute, order, rule or regulation of any court or of any federal, state or other regulatory agency or other governmental body having jurisdiction over the Borrower, and all consents, approvals, authorizations and orders of any governmental or regulatory agency, including but not limited to, the New Jersey Local Finance Board, which are required for the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby have been obtained or will be obtained prior to the delivery of the Borrower Bonds, and are or will be in full force and effect;
- (j) When delivered to and paid for by the Authority in accordance with the terms of this Bond Purchase Agreement, except insofar as the enforcement thereof may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, reorganization or similar laws relating to the enforcement of creditors' rights generally, the Borrower Bonds will be duly authorized, executed, authenticated (if applicable), issued and delivered by the Borrower, and will constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Borrower enforceable in accordance with their terms and will be entitled to the benefit of the Local Proceedings and the Details Resolution;
- (k) Any certificate which is executed on behalf of the Borrower by any authorized officer of the Borrower, or by any duly appointed agent of the Borrower, and delivered to the Authority shall be deemed to be a representation by the Borrower to the Authority as to the truth of the statements made therein;
- (I) If, between the date of this Bond Purchase Agreement and the date of the Closing, an event occurs affecting the Borrower, of which any official of the Borrower has knowledge, which would cause the financial and other information supplied by the Borrower to contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required or necessary to be stated therein in order to make the statements made therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, the Borrower shall notify the Authority, and, if in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, such event requires an amendment or supplement to such information, the Borrower

will amend or supplement such information, at the expense of the Borrower, in a form and in a manner approved by the Authority; and

- (m) All approvals, consents and orders of any governmental authority or agency having jurisdiction in any matter, including but not limited to the New Jersey Local Finance Board, which would constitute a condition precedent to the performance by the Borrower of its obligations hereunder have been obtained and are in full force and effect.
- 6. As a condition to the effectiveness of this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Borrower is required to deliver at or prior to the Closing: (A) an opinion of counsel, dated the date of the acceptance hereof and addressed to the County of Monmouth, New Jersey (the "County") and the Authority, to the effect that (i) the Borrower has the right and power to enter into and carry out its obligations under this Bond Purchase Agreement, (ii) the Borrower has duly authorized, executed and delivered this Bond Purchase Agreement, and (iii) this Bond Purchase Agreement is a valid and binding agreement of the Borrower enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to (x) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, debt adjustment, reorganization or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, and (y) the availability of any particular remedy; and (B) certified copies of the Local Proceedings.
- 7. At or prior to 2:00 P.M., New York time, on December ___, 2023, or at such earlier or later time on such date as may be mutually agreeable to the Authority and the Borrower, the Borrower will deliver the Borrower Bonds to the Authority in substantially the form provided in Exhibit A to this Bond Purchase Agreement, duly executed, and the Authority will accept delivery, at which time the Authority will, upon receiving the documents hereinafter mentioned, and, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, pay the purchase price for the Borrower Bonds as set forth in Paragraph 2 hereof. Delivery of the Borrower Bonds as provided above shall be at the offices of Bond Counsel to the Authority, or at such other place as shall have been mutually agreed upon by the Borrower and the Authority.
- 8. The Authority has entered into this Bond Purchase Agreement in reliance upon the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Borrower contained herein and to be contained in the documents and instruments to be delivered at the Closing and upon the performance by the Borrower of its obligations hereunder at or prior to the date of the Closing. Accordingly, the Authority's obligation under this Bond Purchase Agreement to purchase, to accept delivery of and to pay for the Borrower Bonds shall be subject to the performance by the Borrower of its obligations to be performed hereunder and under the documents and instruments described herein, at or prior to the Closing, and such obligation shall also be subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) The representations and warranties of the Borrower contained herein shall be true, complete and correct on the date of the acceptance hereof, and on and as of the date of the Closing with the same effect as if made on the date of the Closing;

- (b) At the time of the Closing, the Local Proceedings and the Details Resolution shall be in full force and effect, and shall not have been rescinded, amended, modified or supplemented;
- (c) On the date of the acceptance hereof, and on and as of the date of the Closing, there shall have been taken in connection with the issuance of the Borrower Bonds all such actions as shall, in the opinion of the Authority, Bond Counsel to the Authority, and Bond Counsel to the Borrower, be necessary and appropriate in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby;
- (d) On and as of the date of Closing, (i) no Event of Default or condition, event or act which with notice or lapse of time or both shall result in an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing under the Bond Resolution or the Borrower Bonds and (ii) sufficient funds shall be available to the Authority in the Loan Fund under the Bond Resolution to purchase the Borrower Bonds;
- (e) At or prior to the Closing, the Borrower shall have performed all of its obligations required under or specified in this Bond Purchase Agreement and under the Local Proceedings and the Details Resolution to be performed at or prior to the date of the Closing, and the Authority shall have received each of the following documents:
- (1) A certified copy of the record of the Local Proceedings and the Details Resolution;
- (2) An unqualified final approving opinion, dated the date of the Closing and addressed to the Borrower, the County, the Underwriter and the Authority, of Bond Counsel to the Borrower, which shall be a firm satisfactory to the Authority, to the effect that (a) the Local Proceedings and the Details Resolution have been validly adopted and are in full force and effect, (b) the Borrower Bonds are legal, valid and binding general obligations of the Borrower enforceable in accordance with their terms and the terms of the Local Proceedings and the Details Resolution and, unless paid from other sources, are payable from *ad valorem* taxes levied upon all the taxable property located within the jurisdiction of the Borrower, without limitation as to rate or amount, and (c) the interest on the Borrower Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and interest on the Borrower Bonds and any gain on the sale thereof is not includable as gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act;
- (3) An opinion or opinions, dated the date of the Closing and addressed to the Borrower, the County, the Underwriter and the Authority, of Bond Counsel to the Borrower, to the effect that (a) the Borrower Bonds have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Borrower, (b) the Borrower Bonds are exempt securities within the meaning of Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 304(a)(4) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, respectively, to the extent provided in such acts, and that it is not necessary in connection with the sale of the Borrower Bonds to the public to register the Borrower Bonds under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or to qualify the Local Proceedings or the Details Resolution under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, (c) this Bond Purchase Agreement

has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by, and constitutes a legal, valid and binding agreement of the Borrower enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws or equitable principles affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally, and (d) nothing has come to such counsel's attention which would cause them to believe that the statements and information relating to the Borrower contained in the Official Statement under the captions "SECURITY FOR THE SERIES 2023 BONDS – Obligation of the Borrowers," "SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE BORROWER BONDS AND BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS - Obligation of the Borrowers," and "SECONDARY MARKET DISCLOSURE - Obligated Borrower Obligation to Provide Continuing Disclosure (except for the last paragraph)" as of its date and as of the date of Closing, contained or contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. Such letter may state that it is solely for the benefit of the Authority, the Underwriter, the Borrower and the County.

- (4) An opinion, dated the date of the Closing and addressed to the Borrower, the County, the Underwriter and the Authority, of counsel to the Borrower, to the effect that (A) there is no litigation pending or, to such counsel's knowledge, threatened against the Borrower wherein an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding would adversely affect (i) the corporate existence or organization of the Borrower or the title to office of any officer of the Borrower or any power of the Borrower, (ii) the validity or enforceability of the Borrower Bonds, the Local Proceedings, the Details Resolution, this Bond Purchase Agreement, or any agreement or instrument to which the Borrower is a party and which is used or contemplated for use in consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Bond Purchase Agreement, (iii) the financial position of the Borrower, or (iv) the tax-exempt status of the Borrower or the exclusion from federal gross income of interest on the Borrower Bonds; and (B) nothing has come to such counsel's attention which would cause him to believe that the statements and information relating to the Borrower contained in the Official Statement under the caption "LITIGATION-The Borrowers" and as of its date and the date of Closing, contained any untrue statement of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;
- (5) A certificate or certificates, satisfactory in form and substance to the Authority and the County, of a duly authorized officer of the Borrower, dated as of the date of the Closing, to the effect that (i) each of the representations and warranties of the Borrower set forth in this Bond Purchase Agreement is true, accurate and complete as of the date of the Closing; (ii) the executed copies of this Bond Purchase Agreement and the certified copies of the Local Proceedings and the Details Resolution are true, correct and complete copies of such documents and have not been modified, amended, superseded or rescinded, and remain in full force and effect as of the date of the Closing; (iii) the Borrower Bonds have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Borrower; (iv) this Bond Purchase Agreement and any and all other agreements and documents required to be executed and delivered by the Borrower in order to carry out, give effect to and consummate the transactions contemplated hereby have each been duly authorized, executed and delivered by or on behalf of the Borrower, and as of the date of

the Closing, each is in full force and effect; (v) no litigation is pending or, to such authorized officer's knowledge, threatened to restrain or enjoin the issuance or sale of the Borrower Bonds or in any way contesting the validity or affecting the authority for the issuance of the Borrower Bonds, the authorization, execution or performance of the Local Proceedings, the Details Resolution, the Bond Purchase Agreement or the existence or powers of the Borrower; (vi) no further authorization, approval, consent or other order of any governmental authority or agency, or of any other entity or person (or persons) is required for the valid authorization, execution and delivery of the Borrower Bonds or the Local Proceedings, the Details Resolution, the Bond Purchase Agreement or any other agreement or instrument to which the Borrower is a party and which is used in the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Bond Purchase Agreement; (vii) the authorization, execution and delivery of the Borrower Bonds, the Local Proceedings, the Details Resolution, the Bond Purchase Agreement and any other agreement or instrument to which the Borrower is a party and which is used in the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Bond Purchase Agreement and the fulfillment of the terms and provisions of said agreements and instruments by the Borrower will not, to the best of his knowledge (a) conflict with, violate or result in a breach of any law any administrative order, regulation or decree applicable to the Borrower, or (b) conflict with, or result in a breach of, or constitute a default under, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, agreement or other instrument to which the Borrower is a party, or by which it is bound or any order, rule or regulation applicable to the Borrower of any court or other governmental body; (viii) such officer has reviewed the Official Statement dated December 8, 2023 relating to the Authority Pooled Bonds (the "Official Statement"); (ix) to the best of such officer's knowledge, the information contained in the Official Statement relating to the Borrower is true and correct, and the Official Statement, solely with respect to the information relating to the Borrower, does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; (x) there are no facts known to such officer that the Borrower has failed to disclose to the County that, in such officer's opinion, individually or in the aggregate, materially adversely affect or will materially adversely affect the operations, affairs, properties, conditions (financial or otherwise) or prospects of the Borrower and (xi) no event has occurred and is continuing that constitutes or that with notice or the lapse of time or both would constitute a default under the Local Proceedings;

- (6) An unqualified opinion of Bond Counsel to the Authority addressed to the Authority to the effect that the purchase of the Borrower Bonds by the Authority, the use of the proceeds thereof by the Borrower as represented by the Borrower to such Bond Counsel and the pledge of the Borrower Bonds under the Local Unit Bond Resolution complies in all respects with the Local Unit Bond Resolution and does not adversely affect the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of the interest on the Authority Pooled Bonds;
- (7) An arbitrage certificate, in form and substance satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the Authority, executed by an authorized officer of the Borrower;

- (8) A certificate, dated the date of the Closing, signed by official representatives of the Borrower (i) consenting to the use by the Underwriter in the Official Statement of the financial and other information relating to the Borrower and (ii) regarding the "deemed final" nature of certain information concerning the Borrower set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement, in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12;
- (9) If the Authority shall determine that the Borrower is or will be an "obligated person" with respect to the Authority Pooled Bonds within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, an executed Continuing Disclosure Agreement in substantially the form appended hereto as Exhibit B; and
- (10) Such additional legal opinions, certificates, instruments and other documents as the Authority or the County may reasonably request to evidence the truth and accuracy, as of the date hereof and as of the date of the Closing, of the Borrower's representations, warranties and covenants contained herein and the due performance or satisfaction by the Borrower, at or prior to the Closing, of all agreements then to be performed and all conditions then to be satisfied by the Borrower.

If the Borrower shall be unable to satisfy, after good faith efforts on its part, the conditions to the obligations of the Authority contained in this Bond Purchase Agreement to purchase, to accept delivery of and to pay for the Borrower Bonds, or if the obligations of the Authority to purchase, to accept delivery of and to pay for the Borrower Bonds shall be terminated for any reason permitted by this Bond Purchase Agreement, this Bond Purchase Agreement shall immediately terminate and neither the Authority nor the Borrower shall be under further obligation hereunder except as set forth in Section 9 hereof. No failure to purchase Borrower Bonds hereunder due to a failure to satisfy any condition precedent (whether or not within the control of the Borrower) shall give rise to any liability of the Authority to such Borrower.

9. The Authority shall be under no obligation to pay, and the Borrower shall pay (whether or not Borrower Bonds are purchased hereunder), all expenses incidental hereto and to the performance of the Borrower's obligations hereunder, including but not limited to: (i) the cost of the preparation of the Local Proceedings and the Details Resolution; (ii) the cost of the preparation and printing of the Borrower Bonds; (iii) the fees and disbursements of Bond Counsel to the Borrower; (iv) the fees and disbursements of the Borrower's counsel, financial advisor, independent auditor, and advisers, if any, and of any other experts or consultants retained by the Borrower; (v) the fees and disbursements of any paying agent or bond registrar for the Borrower Bonds; (vi) the Borrower's proportionate share of (A) the Authority's Cost of Issuance (as defined in the Bond Resolution) to the extent not paid from proceeds of the Authority Pooled Bonds and (B) the ongoing fees that the Trustee, Paying Agent and Registrar under the Bond Resolution and the Local Unit Bond Resolution charge in connection with the Bond Resolution and the Local Unit Bond Resolution; (vii) the cost of preparing, mailing and delivering any financial or other information about the Borrower; (viii) any applicable taxes or fees for issuance and purchase of any Borrower Bonds or other related expenses; and (ix) all costs and expenses

(including legal fees) in connection with the administration and enforcement of the Borrower Bonds, which includes but is not limited to costs in connection with the enforcement of the County Guaranty (as defined in the Bond Resolution). The Borrower's proportionate share of the costs and fees referenced in clause (vi) (A) of the immediately preceding sentence shall be \$________; provided, however, that to the extent that the Borrower is solely responsible for the incurrence of any payments referenced in clause (vi)(B), the Borrower shall be obligated to make all such payments.

- 10. Any notice or other communication to be given to the Borrower under this Bond Purchase Agreement may be given by delivering the same in writing at the Borrower's address set forth above, and any notice or other communication to be given to the Authority under this Bond Purchase Agreement may be given by delivering the same in writing to The Monmouth County Improvement Authority, Hall of Records, 1 East Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey 07728, attention: Joseph R. Iantosca, Secretary.
- 11. This Bond Purchase Agreement is made solely for the benefit of the Borrower, the County and the Authority (including the successors or assigns of each), and no other person shall acquire or have any right hereunder by virtue hereof. All of the Borrower's representations, warranties and covenants contained in this Bond Purchase Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect subsequent to the delivery of and payment for the Borrower Bonds pursuant to this Bond Purchase Agreement.
- 12. This Bond Purchase Agreement shall not be amended nor shall any provision hereof be waived by either party hereto without the prior written consent of the Borrower, the County and the Authority.
- 13. This Bond Purchase Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey.
- 14. This Bond Purchase Agreement shall become effective upon the execution of the acceptance hereof on behalf of the Borrower by such officer authorized by resolution to so execute it, shall be valid and enforceable as of the time of such acceptance and consent and shall remain in full force and effect until the Borrower Bonds shall have been fully paid in accordance with their terms and all payments due and owing pursuant to paragraph 9 hereof shall have been paid in full.

paid in full.	
	THE MONMOUTH COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
	By:
	William C. Barham
	Chairman
Accepted:	
Thisth day of December 2023	
of, New Jers	sey:
Ву	
Title	

EXHIBIT A

No	
	INITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF NEW JERSEY COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
[GE	ENERAL OBLIGATION] BOND
DATE OF	<u>-</u>
ORIGINAL	
ISSUE: December, 2023	
	in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, herel
acknowledges itself indebted and fo	for value received promises to pay to
THE MONMOUTH COUNTY IMPROV	VEMENT
AUTHORITY (the "Authority")	
c/o	
(the "Trustee")	

Both principal of and interest on this bond is payable in lawful money of the United States of America and in immediately available funds.

As used herein, "Business Day" shall mean any day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday in the State of New Jersey or the State of New York or a day on which the Trustee is legally authorized to close. "Late Payment Rate" shall mean a rate per annum equal to the lower of (i) three percent above the interest rate that JP Morgan Chase publicly announces from time to time as its prime lending rate, such interest rate to change on the effective date of each announced change in such rate and (ii) the maximum interest rate allowed by law.

[The Bonds maturing on or prior to	1, 20 are	not subject to redemption prior
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described in a bond resolution adopted by the A		
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pledged for the punctual payment of the princi	pal of and the int	terest on, and all other amounts
due under, this bond according to its terms.		
It is hereby certified and recited that		
Constitution or statutes of the State of New Je	•	• •
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Constitution or statutes.		
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in connection with the administration and enfo	orcement of this	bond, which includes but is not
limited to costs in connection with the enforce	ement of the Cou	inty Guaranty (as defined in the
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Bond Purchase Agreement between the		
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the	OF	. in the County of
Monmouth, New Jersey has caused this bond		
facsimile signatures of its		
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signature of its Clerk, and this bo	Jilu to be dated t	THE DATE OF ORIGINAL 1330E as
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(Assignment Provision on Back of Bond)

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED	hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto
•	(Please Print or Type Name and Address of Assignee) the within
bond and irrevocably appoints	as Attorney to transfer this
bond on the registration books	of the with full power of
substitution and revocation.	
	NOTICE
	The signature of this assignment must
	correspond with the name as it appears on
	the face of the within bond in every
	particular.
Dated:	
Signature of Guarantee:	

SCHEDULE A

	OF	
[0	GENERAL OBLIGATION BO	OND]
Schedule	e of Principal and Interes	t Payments
Maturity Date	Principal Amount	<u>Coupon</u>

EXHIBIT B