

RESOLUTION NO. 23-

**TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

Resolution Authorizing First Amendment To Contract For Township-Wide Solid Waste And Recycling Collection Services Including The Middletown Public Schools

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2022, pursuant to Resolution No. 22-318 the Township of Middletown (the "**Township**") awarded a contract for Township-Wide Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services including the Middletown Public Schools (the "**Contract**") to Interstate Waste Services of New Jersey, Inc. (the "**Contractor**"); and

WHEREAS, the Contract currently precludes the collection of solid waste and recycling before 6:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, changes in the operation of the Monmouth County Reclamation Center following privatization of that landfill have required adjustments in the schedule pursuant to which solid waste and recycling collection vehicles must transport solid waste and recycling from the Township to the Monmouth County Reclamation Center; and

WHEREAS, limiting the Contractor's collection times to the hours of 6:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. is exacerbating traffic conditions on certain Township roads that already experience increased traffic due to pedestrian, school vehicle, and passenger vehicle activity during high-traffic hours; and

WHEREAS, allowing the Contractor's collection vehicles to collect solid waste and recycling on certain high-traffic roads prior to 6:00 a.m. will promote public safety by lessening the number of slow-moving solid waste and recycling collection vehicles making frequent stops on high-traffic roads during periods of heavy traffic; and

WHEREAS, the collection schedule established pursuant to the Contract currently provides that bulk waste collection in the North Zone will take place every other Thursday; and

WHEREAS, changing the service day in the North Zone from Thursday to Friday would enable the Contractor to dispatch additional collection vehicles for bulk waste collection through additional staffing that is available on Friday but is not available on Thursday; and

WHEREAS, additional trucks and staffing for bulk waste collection in the North Zone on Friday would prevent collection vehicles from reaching capacity and better enable the Contractor to comply with State of New Jersey Department of Transportation restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the need to ensure appropriate levels of solid waste and recycling collection service for all residents, while protecting public safety, alleviating increased traffic, and enabling compliance with State regulations, warrant an amendment to the Contract regarding permitted collection times and days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to the Contract that allows for modifications to be made to the collection schedule and routing in consideration for a \$25,000 per year credit to the Township under the Contract pursuant to the terms and conditions of the First Amendment to the Contract attached hereto and made part hereof.