

**BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE  
NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION  
ORDINANCE 2026-6**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, and that said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration and final passage at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same. A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board upon which notices are customarily posted in the municipal building of the Borough and a copy is available at no cost up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the Borough who shall request such copies at the office of the Clerk in said municipal building in Wood-Ridge, New Jersey.

Gina Affuso, Borough Clerk  
Borough of Wood-Ridge

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-6**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 123, ENTITLED PURCHASING, BY ESTABLISHING A NEW SECTION 6, ENTITLED PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 123, entitled purchasing, of the Code of the Borough of Wood-Ridge is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Create a new section 6 (§123-6), entitled Project Labor Agreements, as follows:

**§ 123-6.** Project Labor Agreements

- A. The use of a Project Labor Agreement (“PLA”) may be included in any public works project undertaken by the Borough, pursuant to New Jersey Revised Statutes C52:38-1 et. seq., on a project-by-project basis, as determined by the Mayor and Council by the adoption of a Resolution. Said resolution may also include provisions accepting the designs, plans, and specifications, as prepared by a licensed engineer or architect, for the project and authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise for bids for the project.
- B. When the Mayor and Council determine to include the use of a Project Labor Agreement for a public works project, the bid specifications for said project shall include the following:
  - 1) A statement that the Borough has determined to include the use of a Project Labor Agreement for the project.
  - 2) A statement that a Project Labor Agreement shall be a mandatory component of the contract awarded to the successful bidder and shall be included as an addendum to said contract.
  - 3) The form of Project Labor Agreement.
  - 4) A Letter of Assent affirming that the bidder accepts and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Project Labor Agreement.
- C. The Letter of Assent must be signed by the bidder and included with the bidder’s bid submission. Failure to include the properly signed Letter of Assent in the bid submission shall constitute a material defect in the bid submission and shall be grounds for the Mayor and Council to reject the bidder’s submission.
- D. When the Mayor and Council have determined by Resolution to include the use of a Project Labor

Agreement for a public works project, said PLA shall be a mandatory component of the contract awarded to the successful bidder and shall be included as an addendum to said contract. Should the successful bidder refuse, fail, or otherwise not properly execute the Project Labor Agreement pursuant to the terms of said PLA and the requirements of the project's bid specifications and Letter of Assent, the Borough shall not execute a contract with the bidder, any and all enabling resolutions authorizing the award shall be null and void, and the Mayor and Council may award a contract to the next highest rated, or next lowest priced, qualified and responsive bidder, as applicable.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** If any part, sections, provisions, or the total of any of the abovementioned publications are held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court, the findings or judgments of which court are applicable in the State of New Jersey, that the balance and remainder of such publication shall remain in full force and effect as an Ordinance of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

**Certification:**

I, GINA AFFUSO, Wood-Ridge Borough Clerk, who being duly sworn, certify the above notice and annexed hereto is a true copy and has been posted on the Borough website at <https://www.njwoodridge.org/> on February 19, 2026.