

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**Legal Publication**

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance(s) were introduced at the regular council meeting of Stockton Borough held on June 15, 2026. A public hearing for adoption will be held on July 13, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. via: ZOOM Meeting, whereas Zoom information is posted to the boroughs website at: <http://www.stocktonboronj.us/>

**ORDINANCE 2026-10**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON AMENDING ORDINANCE 2026-03, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON ESTABLISHING LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR RENTAL DWELLING UNITS”**

**WHEREAS**, by Ordinance 2026-03, the Borough of Stockton adopted regulations, procedures and standards for the completion of inspections for lead-based paint in rental dwelling units, in order to conform to and ensure compliance with applicable provisions of State law; and

**WHEREAS**, at this time the Borough seeks to amend Ordinance 2026-03 to extend the commencement date for initial compliance of the Ordinance.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, as follows:

**Section 1.** §5 of Section 1 of Ordinance 2026-03, “An Ordinance of the Borough of Stockton Establishing Lead-Based Paint hazard Inspection Requirements for Rental Dwelling Units,” is hereby amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions [bracketed]):

**LEAD-BASED PAINT INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR RENTAL DWELLING UNITS**

**§5. Timing for required inspection.**

- a. The initial inspection for rental dwelling units subject to this ordinance shall take place upon tenant turnover or within three years of the effective date of P.L. 2021, c. 182, whichever is earlier. If, upon the effective date of this ordinance, an owner has not completed the required initial inspection, then the owner shall not be in

violation of this provision as long as the owner completes the initial inspection for rental dwelling units subject to this ordinance within one-hundred eighty [ninety] days of the effective date of this ordinance.

- b. After initial inspection, all such dwelling units shall be inspected for lead-based paint hazards each time there is tenant turnover, or at least once every three years, whichever occurs earlier. However, if the dwelling unit owner has obtained a valid lead-safe certification for the dwelling unit, then inspection of that dwelling unit shall not be required at each tenant turnover during the three-year period the certification is valid.
- c. Each subsequent periodic lead-based paint inspection shall be counted from the most recent inspection which resulted in a valid lead-safe certification.

**2. Repealer.** All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.

**3. Severability.** If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this ordinance shall be valid and enforceable.

**4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication as provided by law.

## **ORDINANCE 2026-11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON IN HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO BRIDGE STREET AND RAILROAD AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$282,400.00 THEREFOR FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$139,796.00 AND A FY2025 NJDOT LOCAL AID GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$142,604.00 FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton in the County of Hunterdon as follows:

### **SECTION ONE:**

The Borough of Stockton, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, (the “Borough”) is hereby authorized to make road improvements to Bridge Street and Railroad Avenue (the “Work”), which Work shall include professional engineering services.

**SECTION TWO:**

The following sums are hereby appropriated for the payment of the cost of the Work authorized and described in Section One hereof:

- \$139,796.00 from the General Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough and
- \$142,604.00 from a FY2025 NJDOT Local Aid Grant.

**SECTION THREE:**

Said Work described in Section One includes improvements that are lawful capital improvements of the Borough having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said Work shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against the property specially benefited.

**SECTION FOUR:**

The following matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated: The said purposes described in Section One of this ordinance are not a current expense and are the property of and the improvement of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey.

**SECTION FIVE:**

This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication according to law.

Introduced: June 15, 2026

Public Hearing/Adoption: July 13, 2026

A hearing on the said Ordinances will be held via zoom on July 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm at which time and place for public hearing to said Ordinance may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.