## RESOLUTION 25:154 BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AUTHORIZE BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE TO RECEIVE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)s FOR 2026 PROFESSIONALS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq. was created to regulate "Pay-To-Play" in the branches of NJ government including counties and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the contractor can be awarded a contract even though he may have reportable contributions, if the award is made through a "fair and open" process; and

WHEREAS, to be "fair and open" the contract should be advertised to give notice in advance of the contract, and publicly opened and announced when awarded; and

WHEREAS, the minimum requirements of a "fair and open" process are:

- o Publicly advertised with sufficient time of 10 calendar days to give notice
- o Awarded under a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals
- o Established on the basis of an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to any solicitation, and

## WHEREAS, the notice should include:

- A description of the requested goods or services
- o The time, date, and place proposals must be submitted
- o Contract information for obtaining the proposal document
- o The name of the agency requesting the proposal
- o A statement that the proposal is being solicited through fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.

WHEREAS, RFQs do not have to be opened and awarded at the same time, do not have to be opened at a public meeting, and can be awarded at a separate time by resolution by the Governing Body with wording stating to a "fair and open" process or a "non-fair and open process"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Mayor and Council to authorize the Borough Clerk to advertise to receive proposals for the 2026 year under the "fair and open process" of the pay-to-play law, and have resolutions to awards ready for the Governing Body's Reorganization Meeting for the following services:

BOROUGH ENGINEER
BOROUGH SOLICITOR
BOROUGH AUDITOR
REDEVELOPMENT PLANNER
RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT
AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

**FURTHERMORE**, the following services for the 2026 year will also be included and forwarded to the appropriate Boards such as the Joint Land Use Board to take action at their Reorganization Meeting for the following service:

## BOARD ENGINEER BOARD SOLICITOR

## CERTIFICATION

I, John Keenan, RMC, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on October 9, 2025.

JOHN KEENAN, RMC