

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX**

ORDINANCE NO. O-2026-00010 AUTHORITY FOR ORDINANCE: **N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(n)**

PROPOSED BY: COUNTY EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY FOR ACTION: **N.J.S.A. 40:41A-36(i)**

SUBJECT:

**AMENDMENT TO COUNTY ORDINANCE #O-2023-00002 - APPROVING THE
CREATION OF THE ESSEX COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, the optional County Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:41A-1 et. seq. ("Act") authorizes counties established thereunder to determine the manner in which governmental functions are to be organized and provided; and

WHEREAS, as Act and N.J.S.A. 11 AA-16 and N.J.A.C. 4A:4-7.11 of the Civil Service Act and regulations authorize the restructuring and transfer of governmental functions between County Offices, Divisions and Agencies; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2023 the Essex County Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance #O-2023-00002 - The Creation of the Essex County Office of Public Health Management as a Division of the Essex County Department of Health and Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Essex County Executive has requested Commissioner approval to amend Ordinance #2023-00002 and restructure the Essex County Organizational Chart placing the Office of Public Health Management as a Division of the Office of the County Executive and that there be an amendment to the Essex County Administrative Code placing the Essex County Office of Public Health Management as a Division of the Office of the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the board approves the Amendment to Ordinance #2023-00002 placing Essex County Office of Public Health Management as a Division of the Office of the County Executive; now, therefore, be it

ORDAINED, by the Essex County Board of Commissioners:

1. That the Essex County Office of Public Health Management will be placed as a Division of the Office of the County Executive.
2. That the Essex County Administrative Code, established by Ordinance 00089, as amended and said Ordinance are hereby Amended, as follows:

- a. Section 2-70 is hereby amended to place the Essex County Office of Public Health Management as a Division of the Office of the County Executive
3. That the County Administration shall take such other and further action as may be necessary and appropriate to implement and effectuate said addition.
4. That a public hearing shall be held on this Ordinance on September 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Hall of Records, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Newark, New Jersey, 07102.
5. That the Clerk of the Board shall publish and distribute this Ordinance in accordance with the provisions of the Optional County Charter Law.
6. That is Ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
7. That the Clerk of the Board shall forward certified copies of this Ordinance, upon adoption, to Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr., County Executive, Maya Lordo, Essex County Health Officer, Robert D. Jackson, County Administrator and Jerome St. John, Essex County Counsel.

**Approved as to form and legality Jerome St. John
County Counsel**

Record of Vote (X = Vote N.V. = Abstention ABS = Absent)

FIRST READING

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SEBOLD
SECONDDED BY COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON

COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	N.V	ABS
COOPER				X
GILL				X
LUCIANO	X			
MERCADO	X			
MURRAY-THOMAS, V.P.	X			
RICHARDSON	X			
SEBOLD	X			
SERMONS				X
POMARES, PRES.	X			

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was
(x) adopted ()defeated () tabled by a roll call vote at a Regular
meeting of the Commissioner of the County of Essex, New Jersey,
held on August 12, 2026

Carlos M. Pomares, President

SECOND READING

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER Luciano
SECONDDED BY COMMISSIONER Sebold

COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	N.V	ABS
COOPER				X
GILL	X			
LUCIANO	X			
MERCADO	X			
MURRAY-THOMAS, V.P.	X			
RICHARDSON	X			
SEBOLD	X			
SERMONS				X
POMARES, PRES.	X			

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was
(x) adopted ()defeated () tabled by a roll call vote at a Regular
meeting of the Commissioner of the County of Essex, New Jersey,
held on September 2, 2026

Carlos M. Pomares, President

The foregoing Ordinance has been duly presented to me on September 3, 2026 I hereby (X) approve ()
disapprove the same on September 8, 2026. Returned and filed September 8, 2026.

Kathy R. Brown, Deputy Clerk

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, County Executive

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