ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

ORDINANCE NO. O-2026-00014_ 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:

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2024-00015 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE #2025-00012 - ESTABLISHING THE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE ESSEX COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER FOR HOUSING JUVENILES FROM SENDING COUNTIES WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Essex County had agreements with other ("sending") Counties within the State of New Jersey to provide secure detention at the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center for their juveniles remanded by the courts; and

WHEREAS, the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center had requested a fee schedule to provide secure detention for juveniles remanded by the courts from sending Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Essex County Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance #2024-00015 on December 4, 2024 establishing the fee schedule for housing juveniles from sending Counties within the State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, additionally, Ordinance #2024-00015 was amended on September 3, 2025 by Ordinance #2025-00012 updating the fee schedule for housing juveniles from sending Counties withing the State of New Jersey for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amended per diem rate will be $475.00 for sending Counties within fifty (50) miles of the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center and $950.00 for sending Counties that are greater than fifty (50) miles from the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center effective January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the per diem rates, sending Counties will pay their proportionate share of medical and education costs for their juveniles; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive through the Department of Citizen Services, Division of the Juvenile Detention Center, has submitted for Commissioner approval, a schedule of fees for the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center; now, therefore, be it

ORDAINED, by the Essex County Board of County Commissioners:

1. That the Ordinance Amendment establishes the fee schedule for the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center is hereby approved effective January 1, 2027.

2. Any provision of any prior Ordinances/Resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

3. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to publish and distribute this Ordinance in accordance with law.

4. A public hearing on this Ordinance shall be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 5:00 PM, at the Hall of Records, Room 506, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Newark, NJ 07102

5. Upon adoption, the Clerk of the Board shall forward certified copies of this Ordinance to the Juvenile Detention Center, the Office of County Counsel, the Office of the County Administrator and the County Treasurer.

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 MURRAY-THOMAS

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LUCIANO

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 October 21, 2026

Carlos M. Pomares, President

SECOND READING

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER Murray-Thomas

SECONDED 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
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Carlos M. Pomares, President

The foregoing Ordinance has been duly presented to me on November 6 2026 I hereby (X) approve ( ) disapprove the same on November 6, 2026. Returned and filed November 6, 2026.

Kathy R. Brown, Deputy Clerk Joseph N. DiVincenzo, County Executive

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