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THE PROVIDING FOR BOND **ORDINANCE** IMPROVEMENT OF THE SANITARY SEWERAGE AND STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS (CSO PROJECT) IN AND OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN BERGEN. JERSEY, NEW COUNTY OF THE THEREFOR AND APPROPRIATING \$8,000,000 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$8,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE VILLAGE FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than twothirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by The Village of Ridgefield Park, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$8,000,000 said sum, except with respect to certain previously incurred planning, design and other initial costs thereof, being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose, including for the purposes of applicable United States Treasury regulations the reimbursement of expenditures heretofore or hereafter made therefor, and to meet the said \$8,000,000 appropriation, negotiable bonds of the Village are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$8,000,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Village in a principal amount not exceeding \$8,000,000 are hereby authorized to be issued to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the improvement of the sanitary sewerage and storm water drainage systems in and of the Village including, without limitation, the separation of combined sewers throughout the Village for the largest drainage area possible including the replacement of existing storm and sanitary sewer structures and pipes, the construction of new separated storm and sanitary sewer structures and the installation of green infrastructure water quality treatment measures where applicable, together with all financial planning and fiscal sustainability evaluation, infrastructure conditional assessment via closed circuit television inspection, property acquisition for new storm and sanitary sewer facilities, and all site work, structures, equipment, appurtenances, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Village Clerk and hereby approved.

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(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose pursuant to this bond ordinance is \$8,000,000.

(c) The estimated cost of said purpose is \$8,000,000, said amount being exclusive of certain previously incurred planning, design and other initial costs thereof.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the Village may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is forty (40) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Village Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Village as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$8,000,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

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(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$2,075,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs and other items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

Section 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer, the acting chief financial officer or the treasurer of the Village (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that, except as may be otherwise provided for and authorized by N.J.S.A. §58:11B-9(e) relating to interim loans from the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8 and N.J.S.A. §58:11B-9(e). The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale at not less than par and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the

Village at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. The full faith and credit of the Village are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Village, and the Village shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Village for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 7. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Village is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Village Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

Commissioner Gerken

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Adopted on August 17, 2023-

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