

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE #2026-13

Title: **AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY AMENDING CHAPTER 475, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, ARTICLE IV, FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS, SUBSECTION 14, RECREATION FEE SCHEDULE, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER TO REDUCE CERTAIN MUNICIPAL POOL FEES FOR THE 2026 SUMMER SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Lower owns and operates a municipal pool facility for the use and enjoyment of Township residents and members of the public, subject to the rules, regulations, and fees set forth in the Township Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is in the process of renovating the existing pool clubhouse located on site at the municipal pool facility; and

**WHEREAS**, construction-related issues arose during the course of the clubhouse renovation project, resulting in the Township's decision to temporarily close the pool while the Township evaluated available options to address the circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has evaluated available options and has agreed upon a course of action intended to ensure that the pool will be open during the 2026 summer season; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the construction-related circumstances and the reduced or impaired use of the pool facility, the Township Council has determined that it is reasonable and appropriate to temporarily reduce certain pool fees for the 2026 summer season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council desires to adopt this Ordinance to temporarily amend the applicable pool fee provisions of the Township Code for the 2026 summer season only, after which the existing fee schedule shall be reinstated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.** § 475-14 of the Code of the Township of Lower, governing municipal pool pass fees, is hereby temporarily amended for the 2026 summer season only to reduce the following fees:

| Fee Category                                           | Current Fee | Temporary 2026 Fee |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Seasonal Pass, Single                                  | \$30        | \$15               |
| Seasonal Pass, Family                                  | \$30        | \$15               |
| Daily Pool Pass, individuals 16 years of age and older | \$5         | \$3                |
| Daily Pool Pass, children under 16 years of age        | \$3         | \$2                |

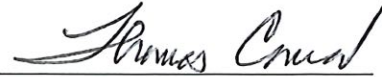
**Section 3.** The temporary pool pass fees established by this Ordinance shall apply only to the 2026 summer season and only to the fee categories expressly identified herein. All other municipal pool fees, rules, regulations, eligibility requirements, application requirements, and operational provisions shall remain unchanged unless otherwise amended by ordinance.

**Section 4.** This temporary Ordinance amending pool pass fees shall expire automatically at the conclusion of the 2026 summer season, or on December 31, 2026, whichever occurs first, unless extended or modified by subsequent ordinance. Upon expiration of this Ordinance, the pool fees in effect immediately prior to this temporary amendment shall be reinstated without further action by the Township Council.

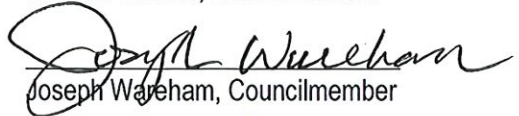
**Section 5.** All other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

**Section 6.** Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provision of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**Section 7.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.



Thomas Conrad, Councilmember



Joseph Wareham, Councilmember



Roland Roy, Jr., Councilmember



Kevin Coombs, Deputy Mayor



Frank Sippel, Mayor

First Reading: June 15, 2026

Adopted: July 6, 2026

Attest:   
Karen S. Fournier, Township Clerk