

**EXPLANATION:** This Ordinance authorizes the Township of Bedminster to temporarily extend the term of the Lease Agreement dated June 21, 1999, between the Township, as landlord, and The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House a New Jersey not-for-profit corporation, as tenant, relative to the property known as a portion of Lot 34 in Block 41, Bedminster Township for an additional four (4) months through October 21, 2024.

**TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER  
ORDINANCE No. 2024-005**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 21, 1999, BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER AND THE FRIENDS OF THE JACOBUS VANDERVEER HOUSE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS “THE FRIENDS OF THE VANDERVEER/KNOX HOUSE”) FOR A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 41, LOT 34.

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Bedminster is the owner of the property identified as Block 41, Lot 34 in the Township of Bedminster, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, commonly known as River Road Park; and

**WHEREAS,** within the Township of Bedminster’s River Road Park a portion of the property is also commonly known as the historic Jacobus Vanderveer House; and

**WHEREAS,** by Ordinance No. 99-18, adopted June 21, 1999, the Township Committee authorized the Lease Agreement of a portion of Block 41, Lot 34 dated May 28, 1999, with The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House (formerly known as “The Friends of the Vanderveer/Knox House”), a non-profit/tax exempt organization under both State and Federal law, for a term of twenty-five (25) years (the “Lease”) expiring on June 21, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House in accordance with Section 2 (page 2) of the lease, have indicated in writing ninety (90) days before the expiration of the term, their desire to renew the lease for an additional twenty-five (25) year term; and

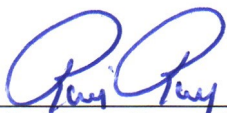
**WHEREAS,** the Township of Bedminster has determined that it is in the best interests of the Township and its citizenry to temporarily extend the lease agreement for a four (4) month period until such time the Township and The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House have mutually agreed upon any plans for future development on the leased premises, and the conditions of an amended lease agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bedminster, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, as follows:

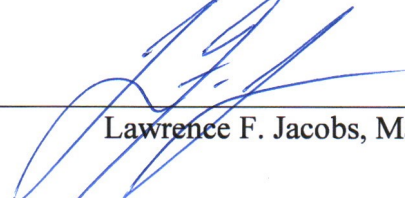
1. The Township of Bedminster is hereby authorized to grant the temporary extension of the term of the Lease for an additional four (4) months, with a new termination date of October 21, 2024.
2. The Township Clerk/Administrator, Township Attorney, and other appropriate Township officials are authorized and directed to take all required actions to complete the Township's grant of the temporary extension of the term of the Lease, as amended, for an additional four (4) months.
3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, adoption and publication according to law.
4. If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

Introduced by: Cw Mareski  
 Passed: May 6, 2024  
 Published: May 9, 2024  
 Adopted: May 20, 2024

**ATTEST:**

By:   
 Robin A. Ray, Municipal Clerk

**BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:**

By:   
 Lawrence F. Jacobs, Mayor

Introduced	Seconded	Township Committee	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
		Lawrence F. Jacobs, Mayor	✓			
		Douglas A. Stevinson	✓			
✓		R. Colin Hickey	✓			
		Renee M. Mareski				✓
	✓	Gina Lisa-Fernandez	✓			