Introduced On: June 20, 2024				
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Yoon			X	
Suh		X	X	
Drumgoole			X	
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BOROUGH OF FORT LEE 309 Main Street Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024

ORDINANCE # 2024-13

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 4457, LOTS 1 AND 2 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, Block 4457, Lot 1, 475 Main Street and Block 4457, Lot 2, 2020 Edwin Avenue as shown on the Tax Map of the Borough of Fort Lee (Referred to as "the properties") are owned by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT); and

WHEREAS, these properties were obtained by NJDOT; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has submitted an Excess Land Request form to the NJDOT Property Management Section in order to obtain ownership of this property; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are authorized to acquire real property as stated in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-3; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT has offered this property to the Borough and the Borough and NJDOT are formulating the terms through which the NJDOT shall convey the property to the Borough for Twenty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$24,888.00) and any mutually agreed upon terms and conditions, provided the properties are specifically used for the public use and benefit of the Borough of Fort Lee; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 provides for the acquisition of real property by municipalities by ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-3 and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee is hereby authorizes the purchase of the properties located at Block 4457, Lots 1 and 2 as shown on the Tax Map of the Borough of Fort Lee in consideration for the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$24,888.00). This purchase shall be made in accordance with the terms set forth in an Agreement of Sale and shall be specifically used for public use and benefit, with the understanding that any use of the properties other than for public purposes shall result in the ownership of the properties automatically reverting to the NJDOT.

Section 2. The Mayor and Borough clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all such documents and undertake any and all such acts as necessary and prudent to effectuate the terms of this ordinance, including the execution of an Agreement of Sale with NJDOT pursuant to the terms hereof and as approved by the Borough Attorney as to form and substance.

Section 3. If any section, paragraph, sub-section, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Borough heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage, publication and as required by law. And upon effective passage the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute any required conveyance documents on behalf of the Borough.

ATTEST:

Evelyn Rosario, RMC, CMC, MMC

Municipal Clerk

BOROUGH OF FORT LEE

Mark J. Sokolich, Mayor