

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF WHARTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY, THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY, AND THE JERSEY CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wharton is a municipal participant under the service contract with the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority ("RVRSA"); and

WHEREAS, disputes and issues have arisen between the RVRSA, the City of Jersey City ("JC") and the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority ("JCMUA") regarding JC/JCMUA's financial responsibilities moving forward; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of avoiding protracted, costly, and uncertain litigation, the RVRSA and JC/JCMUA have reached a tentative agreement to utilize Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) as a mechanism to resolve these outstanding financial issues; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2026, the RVRSA formally adopted a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the ADR Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the RVRSA has requested that each of its member municipalities adopt a resolution approving this ADR process and final agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Wharton have reviewed the proposed ADR Agreement and find that participating in the ADR process is in the best interest of the RVRSA, its member towns, and the taxpayers of the Borough of Wharton to achieve an efficient and equitable resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, in open public session on this 8th day of June, 2026, as follows:

- 1. Approval of ADR Process: The Borough of Wharton hereby approves the utilization of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process to resolve the ongoing issues regarding JC/JCMUA's financial responsibilities to the RVRSA.**
- 2. Authorization: The Mayor, Borough Clerk, and/or other appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized to execute any necessary documentation or acknowledgments signifying the Borough of Wharton's approval of the final ADR Agreement attached hereto.**

3. Distribution of Resolution: A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded immediately upon adoption to the Executive Director of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority.

4. Effective Date: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: June 8, 2026

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

**Cheryl Muzzillo,
Borough Clerk**

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,

Certification

I, Cheryl Muzzillo, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Governing Body at a public meeting held on June 8, 2026.

Cheryl Muzzillo, Municipal Clerk