



Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

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Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 02/09/26 07:00 PM

2026 RESOLUTION BOARD APPOINTMENTS

B26 2-01

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MAYOR'S CLERGY ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Township of Bloomfield recognizes the vital role that faith-based leaders and institutions play in fostering community cohesion, promoting understanding, and supporting residents in times of crisis and calm alike; and

WHEREAS, clergy throughout Bloomfield regularly interface with residents, families, and vulnerable populations, offering guidance, support, and resources that enhance the social, emotional, and spiritual well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office seeks to strengthen communication and partnership with the Township's diverse religious leaders in order to better understand community needs, coordinate outreach, and enhance governmental responsiveness; and

WHEREAS, establishing a formal advisory structure will provide consistent lines of communication between clergy and municipal leadership, thereby promoting greater collaboration on matters relating to community welfare, social concerns, and public unity; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Office of Emergency Management ("OEM") recognizes, in its emergency response frameworks, the important supportive role that clergy may play in assisting residents, disseminating accurate information, coordinating community stabilization efforts, and ministering to affected individuals during emergencies or significant community events; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Clergy Advisory Council will assist in strengthening Bloomfield's preparedness, resilience, and community support networks by creating an organized forum through which clergy may receive updates, provide feedback, and offer guidance to municipal officials; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds that such a council will advance the public interest, promote collaboration between government and the faith community, and help ensure that Bloomfield's residents receive coordinated and compassionate support; and

WHEREAS, the creation of an advisory council does not establish a department of government, does not confer regulatory or voting authority, does not provide compensation, and is therefore properly established by resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that there is hereby established the Mayor's Clergy Advisory Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the Mayor’s Clergy Advisory Council shall be to:

1. Serve as a structured communication channel between the Mayor’s Office and clergy serving Bloomfield residents;
2. Provide insight, advice, and recommendations on matters affecting the community’s social, emotional, and spiritual well-being;
3. Assist, when appropriate, the Township’s Office of Emergency Management with communication, community outreach, and coordination during emergencies or significant events;
4. Aid in organizing and ministering to groups of individuals as may be requested by the Mayor’s Office; and
5. Promote unity, understanding, and cooperation among Bloomfield’s diverse faith communities and municipal government;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Mayor’s Clergy Advisory Council shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall serve in an advisory capacity, without compensation, at the will and pleasure of the appointing authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years; provided, however, that continued service shall be contingent upon the member’s ongoing status as clergy serving Bloomfield residents or representing a faith-based organization serving the Township, and members may be reappointed at the discretion of the Mayor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any vacancy occurring on the Mayor’s Clergy Advisory Council shall be filled by mayoral appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor’s Clergy Advisory Council shall meet as necessary at the call of the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee, and members may request meetings through the Mayor’s Office; such meetings shall include the participation of the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee and shall serve as a forum for collaboration and the sharing of municipal updates and public information relevant to community welfare.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Mayor, the Office of Emergency Management, and such clergy or organizations as may be designated by the Mayor.

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.


 Director of Law-Township Attorney

I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.

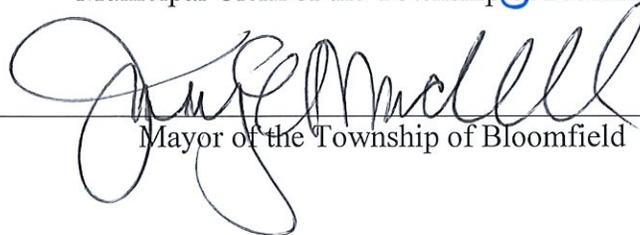


Chief Financial Officer

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on February 09, 2026.



Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield



Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record – Resolution						
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