

Resolution of the Demarest Governing Body

Resolution No. 056-26

February 9, 2026

Council Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Slowikowski			✓			
Carmeli			✓			
Collins			✓			
Fox	✓		✓			
Marks			✓			
Reiss		✓	✓			

TITLE: DESIGNATING A QUALIFYING ONLINE NEWS SOURCE FOR THE REQUIRED BI-MONTHLY LEGAL NOTICE AND FOR USE BY PRIVATE ENTITIES AS PERMITTED BY LAW

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WHEREAS, P.L. 2025, c. 72 establishes new requirements for the publication of legal notices by public entities, including mandatory publication on a public entity’s official Internet website beginning March 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, section 5 of P.L. 2025, c. 72 requires that, from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, a public entity provide an advertisement at least twice per month in an eligible online news publication stating that the complete text of each legal notice may be obtained or viewed on the public entity’s official Internet website beginning March 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the same law further provides that corporations, individuals, and other private entities required by law or court order to publish legal notices shall do so in an eligible online news publication meeting the statutory criteria; and

WHEREAS, an “eligible online news publication” is defined by statute and must meet specific requirements relating to accessibility, searchability, archival retention, geographic circulation, and free public access; and

WHEREAS, northjersey.com represents that it meets the statutory requirements to qualify as an eligible online news publication under P.L. 2025, c. 72; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Demarest desires to designate a qualifying online news source to ensure compliance with the bi-monthly notice requirement and to provide clarity and consistency for both public and private legal notice publication within the municipality.

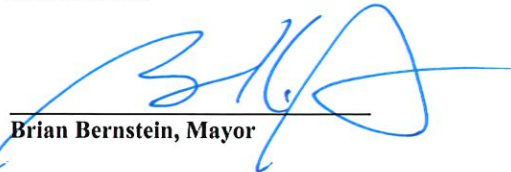
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Demarest, that for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, the Borough shall publish the required bi-monthly legal notice in northjersey.com, which is hereby designated as a qualifying online news source for that statutory purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that northjersey.com is hereby recognized as a qualifying online news source that may also be utilized by private entities, including corporations and individuals, when required by law or court order to publish legal notices, subject to compliance with all applicable statutory requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this designation shall not be construed to require publication of any legal notice in an online news publication except as expressly required or permitted by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Sherrill, members of the Legislature representing the 39th Legislative District and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

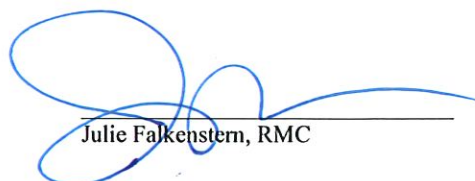
APPROVED:



Brian Bernstein, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Julie Falkenstern, Registered Municipal Clerk, of the Borough of Demarest, in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the original resolution duly passed and adopted by the Governing Body at the meeting on February 9, 2026.



Julie Falkenstern, RMC