

**NOTICE**  
**TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD**

Public Notice is hereby given that **Ordinance, 2020-011**, the title of which is listed below, was introduced, upon first reading, at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Lakewood, in the County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, on March 5, 2020. Said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Township Committee in the Municipal Building, 231 Third Street, Lakewood, New Jersey at 5:30 PM on March 19, 2020, or any time or place to which said meeting may be adjourned, where all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard. A copy of this ordinance in its entirety may be obtained at the Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building, 231 Third Street, Lakewood, New Jersey.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
LAKEWOOD, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX  
COLLECTOR TO CANCEL ANY AND ALL TAXES  
FOR THE TAX YEARS 2016 & 2017, DUE ON BLOCK  
124 LOT 3, ST. JOHN A.M.E. ZION CHURCH OF  
LAKEWOOD NJ, INC. PURSUANT TO AND IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6c**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6c permits a municipality, upon a showing of good cause as to why a timely claim was not filed, return all taxes collected on property owned by one or more associations or corporations organized exclusively for charitable or religious purposes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Lakewood, in order to clear title, authorizes the cancellation of any and all taxes, due on the property aforesaid for tax years, 2016 & 2017; and,

**WHEREAS**, the property owner has demonstrated good cause for not filing a tax appeal for the property for the tax years, 2016 & 2017; and,

**WHEREAS**, the taxpayer filed an appeal at the Ocean County Tax Board ("County Tax Board") for the 2018 tax year, with a judgment being rendered by the County Tax Board confirming the property to be exempt for the 2018 tax year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the property is being used for a charitable or religious purpose as required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6c to qualify for exemption; and,

**WHEREAS**, no more than three years have passed since the last date for filing a timely application; and,

**WHEREAS**, no interest shall be paid by the municipality on any refund made pursuant to the aforesaid statute.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby authorizes the cancellation of any and all taxes, for the years previously specified, due on Block 124 Lot 3 and authorizes the refund of any taxes, paid on the property for tax year 2016 & 2017 in the amount of \$13,536.48.
2. That the Tax Collector of Lakewood Township is hereby authorized to cancel any and all reference to taxes due as set forth above; and,
3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with all reference to taxes due as set forth above and refund any taxes paid as set forth above.