NOTICE TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR

ONE (1) PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by Resolution 2025-112 adopted April 10, 2025 ("Resolution") the Township of Little Egg Harbor resolved to issue **One** (1) **Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License** by public sale to the highest qualified Bidder and invites bids therefore. The Bids will be opened on **Friday, May** 30, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the meeting/court room of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, 665 Radio Road, Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087. The minimum acceptable bid for the Plenary Retail Consumption License is \$400,000.

The Township reserves the right to reject all bids where the highest bid is not accepted. In addition, the Township of Little Egg Harbor reserves the right to postpone or cancel this sale at any time prior to the opening of the bid. Bids shall be accepted only from those bidders who qualify to hold a plenary retail consumption license under the standards set forth in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, *N.J.S.A.* 33:1-1 *et seq.*, the regulations promulgated thereunder at *N.J.A.C.* 13:2-1.1 *et seq.*, and all applicable municipal ordinances and the Resolution.

Interested bidders may obtain copies of the forms necessary to qualify to be a bidder and for the submission of bids from the office of the Township Purchasing Agent, (609) 296-7241 and may be obtained Monday through Friday, except holidays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All prospective bidders must complete the forms, all paperwork associated therewith, and be determined to be a qualified bidder to have their bids considered and accepted. All prospective bidders must submit to the Qualified Purchasing Agent (or Qualified Purchasing Agent's Designated Representative) a full and complete Alcoholic Beverage Control license application form, long form, Certification of Proof of Compliance, respective certified check of 10% deposit and separate sealed bid packet by the applicant that it meets any and all conditions or requirements contained in this Notice and knows of no reason why he or she would be disqualified from having an interest in a retail license in New Jersey. Along with their pre-qualification forms and separate sealed bid packet submissions, all prospective Bidders must submit the bid deposit fee.

All Bids must be submitted and enclosed in a **separate**, **sealed envelope** from pre-qualification documents. All Bids must be marked appropriately and have the **NAME AND ADDRESS** of the bidder on the outside of the envelope. Bids may be hand delivered or mailed by certified mail to the above-mentioned address. No other forms will be accepted. No bid shall be considered which does not contain proof of pre-qualification (full and complete ABC license application, long form, Certification of Proof of Compliance and certified check in the amount of 10% of the minimum acceptable bid).

Pre-Qualification documents, bid packets, deposit and associated materials shall be accepted until <u>Friday, May 23, 2025 at 11:00 am</u> at the office of the Township Purchasing Agent, 665 Radio Road, Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey. All potential bids must be submitted with a deposit of 10% of the minimum acceptable bid price by the Pre-Qualification date, in the form of a certified check made payable to the Township of Little Egg Harbor. Bids of applicants who do not preliminarily qualify will be returned.

On <u>Friday, May 23, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.</u> or shortly thereafter, in the Municipal Courtroom, 665 Radio Road, Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, the Township Purchasing Agent or Designated Representative shall publicly announce those applicants who preliminarily meet the qualifications for bidding as fixed by law, rules, regulations, ordinances and the Resolution.

On <u>Friday, May 30, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.</u> in the meeting/court room of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, 665 Radio Road, Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087, the sealed bids of the preliminarily qualified bidders shall be opened by the Qualified Purchasing Agent or the Qualified Purchasing Agent's Designated Representative. By Resolution of the Township Committee, the bids from the highest preliminarily qualified bidders will be accepted, and within 30 days of the adoption of the resolution, the balance of the bid amount shall be paid to the Township by cash or certified check (which monies shall be kept in an interest bearing account with interest payable to the Township until such time as the licensing process is complete.) Completion of said process includes payment of the State application fee, the annual municipal retail license fee, satisfactory outcome of municipal background checks to investigate the source of funds used to purchase the license, the receipt of favorable State and/or Federal criminal background checks; and the compliance with the publication, hearing and resolution requirement under *N.J.A.C.* 13:2-2.1 *et seq.* for the issuance of a license.

BY ORDER of the Township Committee of the Township of Little Egg Harbor.

KASEY KIRSCHENBAUM, QPA Township Purchasing Agent Little Egg Harbor Township