

RESOLUTION 2010-352

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S-744 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A-2598, AMENDING THE FARMLAND ASSESSMENT ACT

Whereas, there is now pending in the New Jersey State Legislature Senate Bill S-744 and Assembly Bill A-2598, which would amend the Farmland Assessment Statute: and

Whereas, the New Jersey Farmland Assessment allows for reduced property taxes for property that qualifies, however minimally, as a farm; and

Whereas, the pending legislation would help ensure that the Farmland Assessment Act would benefit true farmers and not those who are using the law to avoid real estate taxes by doing the minimum amount of “farming activity” to receive a tax reduction; and

Whereas, the pending legislation would raise from \$500. to \$1,000. of minimum gross sales qualifying standard for the Farmland Assessment on the first five acres of land; and

Whereas, this amount would also be reviewed every three years to make the assessment applicable to true farming; and

Whereas, the pending legislation would establish new and more stringent standards for land to qualify for farmland assessment; and

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, strongly believes that in light of the fiscal constraints that exist in the State of New Jersey, farmland assessment should be revised so that only land that is truly farmland be given the benefit of the reduced tax assessment.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, do hereby support the passage of S-744 and A-2598 for the aforesaid reasons; and

Be it further resolved that the Township Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the following:

- A. Governor Chris Christie;
- B. New Jersey State Legislature
- C. 9th, 10th and 30th Legislative Districts;
- D. Ocean County Municipalities

- E. Ellen Kelleher, Tax Assessor'
- F. Ocean County Board of Taxation;
- G. All other parties in interest

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen T. West, RMC, Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a regular Township Committee Meeting held on the 16th day of August, 2010 in the Municipal Court Room, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey

Kathleen T. West, RMC
Township Clerk