

RESOLUTION 2013-212

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF S2487/A1280 WHICH REVISED THE DEFINITIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

WHEREAS, there is currently in the New Jersey Legislature S2487/A1280 which would amend and supplement the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) to include e-mail addresses on the list of confidential items that must be redacted from any public record disclosed under the provisions of the act; and

WHEREAS, in this advanced technological age, e-mail addresses have become as confidential as telephone numbers. Individuals use e-mail to correspond information on confidential topics on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, if e-mail addresses are not redacted, they can fall into the hands of individuals who would use them to send potentially dangerous information or harass the recipient; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Records has a list of what is considered a "confidential item" under the provisions of the act that requires the item to be redacted from any public record disclosed under the act; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat that releasing this information would constitute invasion of privacy to its residents; and

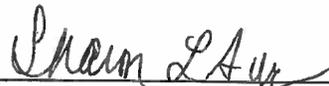
WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat has reviewed the legislation in question; and supports S2487/A1280 as written.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat that it supports S2487/A1280 and agrees that e-mail addresses should be included in the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) as a "confidential item" and should be redacted from any public record disclosed under the provisions of the act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to the; NJ Legislature, Senator James Beach 6th Legislative District, NJ 10th Legislative District, All Ocean County Mayors.

CERTIFICATION

I, Sharon L. Auer, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at their regular meeting held on the 6th day of May 2013, in the Municipal Courtroom, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ 08005.



Sharon L. Auer
Acting Municipal Clerk

