

RESOLUTION 2013-213

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PERMIT CITIZENS TO APPEAL THE ADVISORY BASE FLOOD MAPS IMMEDIATELY

WHEREAS, Super Storm Sandy struck the State of New Jersey, inflicted unprecedented damage throughout the state, and caused catastrophic flooding and damage to communities across the state, including the township of Barnegat; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFE) and Advisory Flood Hazard Maps (AFHM) to the community in December 2012; and

WHEREAS, FEMA indicated that the ABFE and AFHM were determined without taking into account Super Storm Sandy and without taking into account obstructions in the bay that would deter wave action; and

WHEREAS, Super Storm Sandy can be categorized as a 1 in 100 year storm and a vast majority of homes suggested to be classified into the new "V" zone never had waves, let alone three (3) foot waves, as required for a "V" zone designation or those being classified into "A" zone never saw any flooding; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2013 Governor Christie announced an emergency rule that mandates the ABFE and AFHM be the standard for new construction and substantial improvement throughout the entire state; and

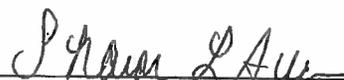
WHEREAS, normally residents may not appeal the FEMA Flood Hazard Maps until the coastal flood study is completed and the Preliminary Flood Insurance Map (PFIRM) are adopted; and

WHEREAS, due to the immediate impact of the Advisory Flood Hazard Maps on properties within Flood Hazard Areas, the Governing Body of the Township of Barnegat requests that the Federal Government allow citizens to appeal the Advisory Flood Hazard Maps immediately, rather than in August, when the preliminary maps are expected to be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the following: President Barack Obama, U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, U.S. Congressman Frank LoBiondo 2nd District, U.S. Congressman Jon Runyan 3rd District, U.S. Congressman Christopher H. Smith 4th District, U.S. Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. 6th District, U.S. Congressman Rush Holt 12th District, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and all Ocean County Mayors.

CERTIFICATION

I, Sharon L. Auer, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey 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

