

**RESOLUTION 2015-254**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING A MOUNT LAUREL SUBCOMMITTEE TO ASSIST THE TOWNSHIP IN ADDRESSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING ISSUES**

**WHEREAS**, on June 8, 2015, the Township Committee adopted a Resolution in which the Township reaffirmed its voluntary commitment to satisfy its affordable housing obligations, however they may be defined by COAH or a court; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate the Township's efforts to comply voluntarily with its Mount Laurel obligations and to enable the Township to make informed decisions, the Township Committee finds it prudent to create a Mount Laurel Subcommittee which will meet, as needed, and will provide informed recommendations to the Township Committee and Planning Board; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township hereby creates a "Mount Laurel Subcommittee" to work with the Township's professionals to facilitate the production of affordable housing and to address the ever changing laws that determine what the Township's responsibilities are and how the Township may address them.

2. In particular, the Mount Laurel Subcommittee shall assist the professionals in (a) investigating the facts and all the issues relevant to the Township's affordable housing obligations; (b) reviewing and discussing all draft ordinances, resolutions and other relevant documents associated with the Township's affordable housing complaint plan and all related planning documents; (c) discussing any issues relevant to the Township's

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efforts to address future obligations as defined by the courts, the legislature, and/or various state agencies and (d) making recommendations to the Township Committee and the Township's Planning Board.

3. The initial chairman of the Mount Laurel Subcommittee shall be Township Clerk, Michele Rivers.

4. The Township hereby designates the following persons to the Mount Laurel Subcommittee:

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(iv) Special Mount Laurel Counsel, Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esquire and Erik C. Nolan, Esquire

(v) Affordable Housing Planner, Jennifer Beahm, P.P./A.I.C.P.

5. The Mount Laurel Subcommittee shall meet periodically to discuss the current status of the law and to take such steps as may assist the Township in meeting its objective of creating affordable housing.

6. The Township authorizes and directs the Mayor, Township Clerk and Township Administrator to execute any and all necessary documents in order to implement the intent of this Resolution.

7. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:

(a) Honorable Susan McCabe, Mayor;

(b) Kathleen Janeski, CFO;

(c) Jerry J. Dasti, Esquire;

(d) Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esquire, Mount Laurel Counsel

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(e) Sean Kean, Esquire, Township Attorney

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Michele Rivers, 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 of Barnegat at a meeting held on August 17, 2015, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

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**Michele Rivers, RMC**  
**Municipal Clerk**

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