## **RESOLUTION 2014-314**

## RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REQUESTING THE OCEAN COUNTY SOILS DISTRICT WAIVE ITS FEES FOR SANDY VICTIMS

WHEREAS, many property owners in Barnegat Township have experienced substantial damage as a result of Super Storm Sandy that required them to perform work on their structures; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19, the State of New Jersey and the Township waived its fees for permits and inspections to repair damage from Hurricane Sandy, in recognition of the severity of the damage and the financial toll it would take on those affected by the storm; and

**WHEREAS**, many property owners will also need to pay fees relative to zoning, to repair damage sustained from Hurricane Sandy; and

**WHEREAS,** many property owners and developers will need to pay mandatory development fees associated with affordable units to repair said damage; and

**WHEREAS**, even though the Township could use these funds for its various departments, it has chosen to reduce the financial burden on its residents in an effort to get them home faster; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Barnegat has learned that while the Township and the State have waived their fees, its property owners have been charged fees by the Ocean County Soils District; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the Township's understanding that the on site visits that are required by the Ocean County Soils District are actually performed by the Township's professionals, but the fee is collected by the Soils District; and

**WHEREAS,** as the Township performs the work and has waived its fees, it believes the Ocean County Soils District should also waive its fees for Sandy victims.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, and requests that the Ocean County Soils District waive its fees for any work associated with repairs from Super Storm Sandy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Ocean County Soils District.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Sharon L. Auer, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at their regular meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2014 in the Municipal Complex, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ 08005

Sharon L. Auer Acting Municipal Clerk