## **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-261**

## RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM ON SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

WHEREAS, over the last several years the Township has been inundated with lawn signs and other types of signs, being placed on public property; and

WHEREAS, these signs include but are not limited to political signs, messaging signs, signs for private interests placed on public property; and

WHEREAS, the signs are placed on public property and left there, and as a result the Township has to incur significant cost and expel and significant manpower to remove the signs; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to allow the voters of Barnegat Township to decide whether an ordinance should be adopted prohibiting the placement of signs on public property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2022 by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 et seq., the Mayor and Township Committee hereby request the County Clerk of the County of Ocean to print upon the official general election ballot at the next general election to be held on November 8, 2022, the following question:

"Should the Township of Barnegat adopt regulations prohibiting the placement of signs on public property and within the public right-of-way within the Township?"

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"The Township has been inundated with private signs being placed on public property, resulting in significant cost and expense to the Township to remove. If the referendum question passes, Barnegat Township may amend its Township Code to prohibit signs being placed on public property."

3. The Ocean County Clerk is hereby authorized to print the above question and interpretive statement on the official ballots for the general election to be held on November 8, 2022.

4. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the Clerk of Ocean County.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the forgoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Barnegat at a meeting held on August 2, 2022, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

Donna M. Manno, RMC Municipal Clerk

Prepared by:

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