

RESOLUTION 2023-98

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PURSUE PLAN ENDORSEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE MUNICIPAL SELF- ASSESSMENT REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF SMART GROWTH

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act recognizes that New Jersey requires sound and integrated land use planning and coordination of planning at all levels of government in order to conserve the state's natural resources, revitalize the urban centers, protect the quality of the environment, and provide needed housing and adequate public services at a reasonable cost while promoting beneficial economic growth, development and renewal; and

WHEREAS, Plan Endorsement is a voluntary review process developed by the State Planning Commission to provide the technical assistance and coordination of the State for municipalities, counties, and regional agencies to meet the goals of the State Planning Act and State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan Endorsement process is to increase the degree of consistency among municipal, county, regional and state agency plans with each other and with the State Plan and to facilitate the implementation of these plans and guide where and how development and redevelopment can be accommodated in accordance with the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines incorporate, and expand upon, the principles of the Municipal Land Use Law in order to help towns plan for a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines require the preparation and submission of a Municipal Self-Assessment Report as the means by which a municipality assesses the consistency of its existing community vision and planning documents with the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee of Barnegat Township desire to obtain Plan Endorsement from the State Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Barnegat Township has prepared a Municipal Self-Assessment Report pursuant to the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee has reviewed the Municipal Self-Assessment Report and recommends that the Mayor and Council approve it for submission to the State Planning Commission and the Office of Smart Growth towards the township pursuit of Plan Endorsement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee of Barnegat Township hereby expressly state the intention of Barnegat Township to pursue Plan Endorsement by the State Planning Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee of Barnegat Township approves the Municipal Self-Assessment Report and authorizes it be submitted to the Office of Smart Growth for consideration and review as part of the effort to pursue Plan Endorsement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Barnegat Township shall transmit a copy of this Resolution and the Notice as required by the State Planning Rules to the State Planning Commission and the Office of Smart Growth.

CERTIFICATION

I, Donna M. Manno 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 of the Township of Barnegat at their regular meeting held on the 7th day of February 2023, in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey.

Donna M. Manno, RMC
Municipal Clerk