TOWNSHIP OF VERONA COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION No. 2019-30

A motion was made by Councilman McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Roman that the following resolution be adopted:

AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER BLOCK 2301 LOTS 1-19 QUALIFIES FOR DESIGNATION AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 et seq., provides a mechanism to empower and assist local governments in efforts to promote programs of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to explore whether the real properties located at the intersection of Pine Street & Depot Street more commonly known as Block 2301, Lots 1-19 on the Township of Verona Tax Map, inclusive of any and all streets, "paper" streets, private drives and right of ways (the "Study Area") may be an appropriate area for consideration for the program of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law sets forth a specific procedure for establishing an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, prior to the Township Council making a determination as to whether the Study Area qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area, the Township Council must authorize the Planning Board, by resolution, to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria of an area in need of redevelopment set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to direct the Township Planning Board to undertake such preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria for designation as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5 and in accordance with the investigation and hearing process set forth at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby authorizes and directs the Township of Verona Planning Board to conduct the necessary investigation and to hold a public hearing to determine whether the Study Area defined hereinabove qualifies for designation as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area under the criteria and pursuant to the public hearing process set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1, et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Township Council in the form of a Resolution with supportive documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Planning Board and Planning Board Secretary.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2019.

JENNIFÉR KIERNAN MUNICIPAL CLERK