

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION No. 2019-150

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan; seconded by Councilman Giblin that the following resolution be adopted:

**IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES'
PETITION FOR RULEMAKING TO AMEND THE UNIFORM
CONSTRUCTION CODE**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has adopted a Uniform Construction Code ("UCC") with the purpose to provide for uniform construction standards to insure healthy, safe, and sanitary construction but also less expensive construction for the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") has been granted authority to amend or alter provisions of the UCC to insure the intent and purposes of the UCC continue to be fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, municipal construction officials act as the enforcing agency tasked with administering and enforcing all provisions of UCC for construction within municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, permits and inspections form the foundation for the safe building environment; and

WHEREAS, the DCA made amendments to N.J.A.C. 5:23-1.4, 2.7, 2.14, & 2.17A, commonly referred to as the "Minor Work" and "Ordinary Maintenance" provisions of the UCC that took effect on March 5, 2018, which undermine the UCC's intent and purpose; and

WHEREAS, unless these amendments are retracted or further remedial amendments are made to the UCC, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the State will be jeopardized and residents could see overall construction expenses increase if work is not properly performed; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities along with New Jersey's six professional code official associations has filed a petition for rulemaking with the DCA requesting necessary and appropriate amendments be made to ensure the intent and purpose of the UCC is reinforced and preserved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey supports the rulemaking petition submitted by the League and the six professional code official associations and requests that the DCA work to expeditiously adopt the measures offered by the petition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Phil D. Murphy and Lieutenant Governor/Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Shelia Y. Oliver, Senator Joseph Pennacchio, Assemblywoman Bettylou DeCroce, Assemblyman Jay Weber, the Director of the Division of Codes and Standards Edward M. Smith, and the President of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Colleen Mahr.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

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 AUGUST 19, 2019


JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

