TOWNSHIP OF VERONA COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION No. 2024-035

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland that the following resolution be adopted:

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION FOR NONCONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona ("Township") believes that economic growth and development is an important priority for the future of the Township; and

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, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, the Governing Body of Verona is authorized to direct the Planning Board of the Township of Verona to undertake a preliminary investigation in order to determine whether an area within the Township is an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the criteria set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desire the Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the proposed property fronting on Bloomfield Avenue and Church Street "Study Area," as described in the attached boundary map and identified as Block 704, Lots 18 and 20 in the Township's Tax Maps, qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to designate a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area and will not exercise the power of eminent domain if the Township Council determines the area, or any portion of the area, qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the Verona Township Planning Board is hereby directed to conduct the necessary preliminary investigation, including the holding of a public hearing, to determine whether the study area is or is not an area in need of redevelopment under the criteria set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 et. seq.

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 supporting documentation.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

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 A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2024.

JENNIFER KIERNAN MUNICIPAL CLERK

