

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

RESOLUTION No. 2022-079

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

**IN SUPPORT OF THE ABILITY OF MUNICIPALITIES TO ADOPT REGULATIONS
TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE FROM THREATS OF
FLOODING**

WHEREAS, in recent years, residents have experienced more frequent and severe storms, which have caused increased flooding and flood damage in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the increase of flooding events and flood damage threatens the public health, safety, and welfare, imposes economic damages to residents, and taxes municipal services that are forced to respond to increased flooding; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.5(a)*, municipalities are permitted to impose additional or more stringent stormwater management requirements than the model ordinance promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"); and

WHEREAS, each municipality has unique situations that may require additional or more stringent regulations in order to be in full compliance with the controlling state and federal statutes, regulations, and permits, and in order to protect their residents from threats of flooding and flooding related damage; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs ("NJDECA") is considering proposed regulations amending Residential Site Improvement Standards that would further curtail a municipality's ability to protect its residents from the threat of flooding and flood related damage.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that it supports regulations that provide flexibility to municipalities to adopt additional and/or more stringent stormwater regulations, in order to allow municipalities to protect its residents from threats of flooding and flood damage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Verona opposes the continuation of any Residential Site Improvement Standard regulations that would limit a municipality's ability to establish more protective flood prevention and stormwater management regulations than the model ordinances promulgated by the NJDEP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Verona requests the Governor and the state legislature take action to ensure that the Residential Site Improvement Standards do not limit a municipality's ability to protect its residents from the threat of flooding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Verona requests the NJDEP take whatever legal action available to ensure that a municipality's ability to protect its residents from flooding is not in any way impeded or restricted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Governor Phil Murphy, Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Shawn LaTourette, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

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 APRIL 25, 2022.


JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

