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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AT BERLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL HALL
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Mayor Magazzu opened the meeting and stated that pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this meeting was advertised in the Courier Post, Record Breeze and posted on the bulletin board.

All in attendance joined in the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Magazzu, Council President Bodanza, Councilman McHenry, Councilman McHenry, Councilman Epifanio, Councilman Reid, excused himself from the meeting at 5:40 and did not return.

Also Present- Solicitor, Justin Strasser, CFO, Alex Davidson, Chief of Police, Louis Bordi Property Maintenance / Animal Control, Josh Shellenberger, Township Engineer / Public Works Director, Chuck Riebel

Absent

Departmental Reports

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2023-5 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN ENTITLED "BUILDING PERMIT FEES"

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin ("Township") is a municipal entity organized and existing under the law of the State of New Jersey and located in Camden County; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 156 of the Code of the Township of Berlin establishes the fees to be charged for certain services to be rendered and/or records maintained by the Township; and

WHEREAS, Section 156-28 of the Code establishes the fees for Building Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it advisable to amend the fee regarding "Building Permit Fees"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Governing Body is authorized to enact and amend ordinances as deemed necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the Township by law; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and the Township Council of the Township of Berlin, as follows:

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SECTION 1: Section 156-28 of the Code of the Township of Berlin entitled BUILDING PERMIT FEES from § 103-4 is hereby renamed “Building and Construction Permit Fees from §103-4 and § 103-9” and is further repealed and replaced as follows:

BUILDING PERMIT FEES.

- A. THE FEE FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SHALL BE A MINIMUM CHARGE IN THE SUM OF **SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00)** FOR A BASIC CONSTRUCTION PERMIT COVERING ANY OR ALL PERMITS FOR BUILDING, PLUMBING SYSTEMS, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND FIRE PROTECTION.
- B. UPON THE GRANTING OF ANY PERMIT FOR THE ERECTION OF A NEW STRUCTURE, FEES SHALL BE BASED UPON THE VOLUME OF THE STRUCTURE. THE NEW CONSTRUCTION FEE SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$0.050 PER CUBIT FOOT OF VOLUME** FOR BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES OF ALL USE GROUPS AND TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION.
- C. FEES FOR RENOVATIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS OR SITE CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATED WITH PRE-ENGINEERED SYSTEMS OF COMMERCIAL FARM BUILDINGS, PREMANUFACTURED CONSTRUCTION, AND THE EXTERNAL UTILITY CONNECTION FOR PREMANUFACTURED CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE BASED UPON THE ESTIMATED COST OF WORK. **THE FEE SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT \$40.00 PER \$1000.** FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING ESTIMATED COST, THE APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT SUCH COST DATA AS MAY BE AVAILABLE, PRODUCED BY THE ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER OF RECORD OR BY A RECOGNIZED ESTIMATING FIRM OR BY THE CONTRACTOR. A BONA FIDE CONTRACTOR'S BID, IF AVAILABLE, SHALL BE SUBMITTED. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION REGARDING THE ESTIMATED COST.
- D. FEES FOR ADDITIONS SHALL BE COMPUTED ON THE BASIS AS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR THE ADDED PORTION.
- E. FEES FOR COMBINATION RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS SHALL BE COMPUTED AS THE SUM OF THE FEES COMPUTED SEPARTELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEMS (C) AND (D) ABOVE.
- F. THE FEE FOR TENTS IN EXCESS OF 900 SQUARE FEET OR MORE THAN 30 FEET IN ANY DIMENSION SHALL BE **\$250.00.**
- G. THE FEE FOR ROOFING AND SIDING WORK COMPLETED ON STRUCTURES IN USE GROUP R-3 AND R-5 SHALL BE **\$75.00.**
- H. THE FEE FOR AN ABOVEGROUND POOL SHALL BE **\$200.00.** THE FEE FOR AN INGROUND SWIMMING POOL SHALL BE **\$300.00.**
- I. THE FEE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY FOR RESIDENTIAL R-3 AND R-5 SHALL BE **\$100.00.** THE FEE FOR ALL OTHER USE GROUPS THE FEE SHALL BE **\$250.00.**
- J. THE FEE FOR SOLAR IN THE USE GROUP R-3 AND R-5 STRUCTURES SHALL BE **\$300.00** THE FEE FOR **RESUBMISSION SHALL BE \$75.00** FOR EACH DISCIPLINE.
- K. THE FEE FOR DEMOLITION OR REMOVAL FOR STRUCTURES IN THE USE GROUP R-3 AND R-5 THE FEE SHALL BE **\$200.00** ALL OTHER USE GROUPS THE FEE SHALL BE **\$500.00.**

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- L. THE FEE FOR RETAINING WALL IN THE USE GROUP R-3 AND R-5 SHALL BE **\$75.00**, ALL OTHER USE GROUPS SHALL BE BASED ON THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION.
- M. THE FEE FOR PYLON SIGNS SHALL BE A FLAT FEE OF **\$200.00** EACH SIGN.
- N. THE FEE FOR GROUND SIGNS SHALL BE A FLAT FEE OF **\$100.00** EACH SIGN.

PLUMBING PERMIT FEES.

- A. THE FEE SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$20.00 PER FIXTURE**, PIECE OF EQUIPMENT, OR APPLIANCE CONNECTED TO THE PLUMBING SYSTEM AND FOR EACH APPLIANCE CONNECTED TO THE GAS PIPING OR OIL PIPING SYSTEM EXCEPT,
- B. THE FEE SHALL BE **\$91.00 PER SPECIAL DEVICE** FOR THE FOLLOWING: GREASE TRAPS, OIL SEPERATORS, REFRIGERATION UNITS, UTILITY SERVICE CONNECTION, BACKFLOW PREVENTERS EQUIPPED WITH TEST PORTS, STEAM BOILERS, HOT WATER BOILERS (EXCLUDING THOSE FOR DOMESTIC WATER HEATING), ACTIVE SOLAR SYSTEMS, SEWER PUMPS, AND INTERSEPTORS.
- C. FOR CROSS CONNECTIONS AND BACKFLOW PREVENTERS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL RETESTING THE FEE SHALL BE **\$75.00**.

ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES.

- A. THE FEES FOR THE FIRST BLOCK CONSISTING OF ONE (1) TO FIFTY (50) RECEPTACLES, FIXTURES, OR DEVICES, **THE FEE SHALL BE \$75.00**, FOR EACH ADDITIONAL BLOCK CONSISTING OF UP TO 25 RECEPTACLES, FIXTURES, OR DEVICES **THE FEE SHALL BE \$20.00**.
- B. FOR EACH MOTOR OR ELECTRICAL DEVICE RATED FROM ONE(1) HP OR ONE (1) KW TO 10 HP OR 10 KW; FOR EACH TRANSFORMER OR GENERATOR RATED FROM ONE(1) KW OR ONE (1) KILOVOLT-AMPS(KVA) TO 10 KW OR 10 KVA; FOR EACH REPLACEMENT OF WIRING INVOLVING ONE BRANCH CIRCUIT OR PART THERE OF, EACH STORABLE POOL OR HYDRO MASSAGE BATH TUB; FOR EACH UNDERWATER LIGHTING FIXTURE; FOR HOUSEHOLD ELECTRIC COOKING EQUIPMENT RATED UP TO 16 KW; FOR EACH FIRE, SECURITY, OR BUGLAR ALARM CONTROL UNIT; FOR EACH RECEPTACLE RATED FROM 30 AMPERES TO 50 AMPERES; FOR EACH LIGHT-STANDARD GREATER THAN 8 FEET IN HEHT INCLUDING LUMINARIES; AND FOR EACH COMMUNICATION CLOSET, **THE FEE SHALL BE \$30.00**.
- C. THE FEE FOR EACH MOTOR OR ELECTRICAL DEVICE RATED FROM; 10 HP OR 10 KW TO 50 HP OR 50 KW, AND 225 AMPERES OR LESS, THE FEE SHALL BE **\$130.00**. 50 HP OR 50 KW TO 100 HP OR 100 KW, AND 226 TO 1,000 AMPERES OR LESS, THE FEE SHALL BE **\$260.00**. GREATER THAN 100 HP-100 KW AND GREATER THAN 1,000 AMPERES, THE FEE SHALL BE **\$1280.00**.
- D. THE FEE FOR ELECTRICAL WORK FOR EACH PERMANENTLY INSTALLED PRIVATE SWIIMING POOL, SPA, HOT TUB OR FOUNTAIN SHALL CHARGED A FLAT FEE OF **\$150.00**.
- E. THE FEE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SINGLE AND MULTIPLE STATION SMOKE OR HEAT DETECTORS AND FIRE, BUGLAR OR SECURITY ALARM SYSTEMS IN ANY ONE- OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING SHALL BE A FLAT FEE OF **\$75.00**.

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F. THE FEE FOR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS;
ONE TO 50 KILOWATTS SHALL BE **\$130.00**; 51 TO 100 KILOWATTS THE FEE SHALL BE **\$260.00**;
GREATER THAN 100 KILOWATTS THE FEE SHALL BE **\$1280.00**.

G. FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND HAZARDOUS EQUIPMENT, SPRINKLERS, STANDPIPES, DETECTORS (SMOKE AND HEAT), PRE-ENGINEERED SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS, GAS AND OIL-FIRED APPLIANCES NOT CONNECTED TO THE PLUMBING SYSTEM, KITCHEN EXHAUST SYSTEMS, INCINERATORS, AND CREMATORIIUMS, THE FEE SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS

THE FEE FOR 20 OR FEWER HEADS SHALL BE \$150.00,
THE FEE FOR 21 TO AND INCLUDING 100 HEADS THE FEE SHALL BE **\$268.00**;
THE FEE FOR 101 TO AND INCLUDING 200 HEADS THE FEE SHALL BE **\$421.00**;
THE FEE FOR 201 TO AND INCLUDING 400 HEADS THE FEE SHALL BE **\$1100.00**;
THE FEE FOR 401 TO AND INCLUDING 1,000 HEADS THE FEE SHALL BE **\$2000.00**;
THE FEE FOR OVER 1,000 HEADS THE FEE SHALL BE **\$3000.00**.

THE FEE FOR ONE TO 12 DETECTORS SHALL BE **\$75.00**; FOR EACH 25 DETECTORS IN ADDITION TO THIS, THE FEE SHALL BE **\$30.00**.

THE FEE FOR EACH STANDPIPE SHALL BE **\$425.00**.

THE FEE FOR EACH INDEPENDENT PRE-ENGINEERED SYSTEM SHALL BE **\$240.00**.

THE FEE FOR EACH GAS OR OILED FIRED APPLIANCE THAT IS NOT CONNECTED TO THE PLUMBING SYSTEM THE FEE SHALL BE **\$90.00**.

THE FEE FOR EACH KITCHEN EXHAUST SYSTEM SHALL BE **\$90.00**.

THE FEE FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTRICAL INSPECTION PER SWIMMING POOL, SPA, OR HOT TUB SHALL BE **\$75.00**.

MECHANICAL PERMIT FEES.

A. MECHANICAL PERMIT FEES IN THE USE GROUP R-3 AND R-5 THE FEE FOR THE FIRST DEVICE IS **\$75.00** AND FOR EACH ADDITIONAL DEVICE THE FEE SHALL BE **\$25.00**.

SECTION 2: Section 156-31 of the Code of the Township of Berlin entitled "Construction permit fees from § 103-9" is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: Except as set forth in Sections 1 and 2 above, the balance of Chapter 156 of the Code of the Township of Berlin shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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SECTION 5: If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final adoption and publication as required by law.

Motion by Council President Bodanza, second by Councilman Epifanio to adopt Ordinance 2023-5 on first reading by title. Ordinance adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2023-6 AUTHORIZING AND ENCOURAGING ELECTRIC VEHICLESUPPLY/SERVICE EQUIPMENT (EVSE) AND MAKE-READY PARKING SPACES

This Ordinance sets forth procedures for the installation of Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment (EVSE) and Make-Ready parking spaces and establishes associated regulations and other standards within the Township of Berlin, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey

WHEREAS, supporting the transition to electric vehicles contributes to the commitment of Berlin Township to sustainability and is in the best interest of public welfare; and

WHEREAS, installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces encourages electric vehicle adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin encourages increased installation of EVSE and Make Ready parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this ordinance supports the State of New Jersey's goals to reduce air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector as outlined and supported by various programs related to NJ's 2019 Energy Master Plan, Global Warming Response Act (P.L.2007, c.112 (C.26:2C-37 et al.)), and EV Law (P.L. 2019, c. 362); and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2021, c.171, which Governor Murphy signed into law on July 9, 2021, requires EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces be designated as a permitted accessory use in all zoning or use districts and establishes associated installation and parking requirements; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this ordinance will support the Master Plan for Berlin Township adopted in concurrence with P.L. 1975 c. 291, s. 1 eff. Aug. 1, 1976, and is consistent with goals of the promotion of public health, safety and general welfare of the Master Plan as well as the land use, circulation, environmental, sustainability and conservation elements of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin encourages greater ownership and use of electric vehicles, thus the Township of Berlin is amending Chapter 200, Land Use and Development and Chapter 340, Zoning of the Township Code to establish standards and regulations for the safe and efficient installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces at appropriate locations.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

FIRST: ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY/SERVICE EQUIPMENT

A. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote and encourage the use of electric vehicles by requiring the safe and efficient installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces through municipal parking regulations and other standards. EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces will support the State's transition to an electric transportation sector, reducing automobile air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and storm water runoff contaminants. The goals are to:

1. Provide adequate and convenient EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces to serve the needs of the traveling public.
2. Provide opportunities for residents to have safe and efficient personal EVSE located at or near their place of residence.
3. Provide the opportunity for non-residential uses to supply EVSE to their customers and employees.
4. Create standard criteria to encourage and promote safe, efficient, and cost-effective electric vehicle charging opportunities in all zones and settings for convenience of service to those that use electric vehicles.

B. Definitions

Certificate of occupancy: The certificate provided for in N.J.A.C. 5:23-2, indicating that the construction authorized by the construction permit has been completed in accordance with the construction permit, the act and the regulations. See "State Uniform Construction Code Act," P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.) and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Charging Level: The amount of voltage provided to charge an electric vehicle varies depending on the type of EVSE as follows:

1. Level 1 operates on a fifteen (15) to twenty (20) amp breaker on a one hundred twenty (120) volt AC circuit.
2. Level 2 operates on a forty (40) to one hundred (100) amp breaker on a two hundred eight (208) or two hundred forty (240) volt AC circuit.
3. Direct-current fast charger (DCFC) operates on a sixty (60) amp or higher breaker on a four hundred eighty (480) volt or higher three phase circuit with special grounding equipment. DCFC stations can also be referred to as rapid charging stations that are typically characterized by industrial grade electrical outlets that allow for faster recharging of electric vehicles.

Electric vehicle: Any vehicle that is licensed and registered for operation on public and private highways, roads, and streets; and operates either partially or exclusively using an electric motor powered by an externally charged on-board battery.

Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment or (EVSE): The equipment, including the cables, cords, conductors, connectors, couplers, enclosures, attachment plugs,

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power outlets, power electronics, transformer, switchgear, switches and controls, network interfaces, point of sale equipment, and associated apparatus designed and used for the purpose of transferring energy from the electric supply system to a plug-in electric vehicle. "EVSE" may deliver either alternating current or, consistent with fast charging equipment standards, direct current electricity. "EVSE" is synonymous with "electric vehicle charging station."

Make-Ready Parking Space: means the pre-wiring of electrical infrastructure at a parking space, or set of parking spaces, to facilitate easy and cost-efficient future installation of Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment or Electric Vehicle Service Equipment, including, but not limited to, Level Two EVSE and direct current fast chargers. Make Ready includes expenses related to service panels, junction boxes, conduit, wiring, and other components necessary to make a particular location able to accommodate Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment or Electric Vehicle Service Equipment on a "plug and play" basis. "Make-Ready" is synonymous with the term "charger ready," as used in P.L.2019, c.362 (C.48:25-1 et al.).

Private EVSE: EVSE that has restricted access to specific users (e.g., single and two-family homes, executive parking fleet parking with no access to the general public).

Publicly-accessible EVSE: EVSE that is publicly available (e.g., park & ride, public parking lots and garages, on-street parking, shopping center parking, non-reserved parking in multi-family parking lots, etc.).

C. Approvals and Permits

1. An application for development submitted solely for the installation of EVSE or Make-Ready parking spaces shall be considered a permitted accessory use and permitted accessory structure in all zoning or use districts and shall not require a variance pursuant to C.40:55D-70.
2. EVSE and Make-Ready Parking Spaces installed pursuant to Section D. below in development applications that are subject to site plan approval are considered a permitted accessory use as described in 1. above.
3. All EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces shall be subject to applicable local and/or Department of Community Affairs permit and inspection requirements.
4. The Zoning Officer and Township Engineer shall enforce all signage and installation requirements described in this ordinance. Failure to meet the requirements in this ordinance shall be subject to the same enforcement and penalty provisions as other violations of Berlin Township's land use regulations.

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5. An application for development for the installation of EVSE or Make-Ready spaces at an existing gasoline service station, an existing retail establishment, or any other existing building shall not be subject to site plan or other land use board review, shall not require variance relief pursuant to C.40:55D-1 et seq. or any other law, rule, or regulation, and shall be approved through the issuance of a zoning permit by the administrative officer, provided the application meets the following requirements:
 - a. the proposed installation does not violate bulk requirements applicable to the property or the conditions of the original final approval of the site plan or subsequent approvals for the existing gasoline service station, retail establishment, or other existing building;
 - b. all other conditions of prior approvals for the gasoline service station, the existing retail establishment, or any other existing building continue to be met;
 - c. the proposed installation complies with the construction codes adopted in or promulgated pursuant to the "State Uniform Construction Code Act," P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.), any safety standards concerning the installation, and any State rule or regulation concerning electric vehicle charging stations; and
 - d. within the Pinelands Area, the proposed installation complies with the minimum environmental standards of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.1 et seq.).

6. An application pursuant to Section 5. above shall be deemed complete if:
 - a. the application, including the permit fee and all necessary documentation, is determined to be complete,
 - b. a notice of incompleteness is not provided within 20 days after the filing of the application, or
 - c. a one-time written correction notice is not issued by the Zoning Officer within 20 days after filing of the application detailing all deficiencies in the application and identifying any additional information explicitly necessary to complete a review of the permit application.
 - d. in the Pinelands Area, an application pursuant to Section 5. above shall also require the submission of a Certificate of Filing issued by the New Jersey Pinelands Commission, unless the proposed development meets the criteria of Section 200-45B(7) of the Code of Berlin Township.

7. Upon deeming an application complete pursuant to Section 6. Above, the Zoning Officer shall issue a zoning permit in accordance with Section 340-163 of the Code of Berlin Township, and the following:
 - a. In the Pinelands Area, said zoning permit shall not take effect and no development shall be carried out until the provisions of Section 200-49 and Section 200-50 have been met, unless the proposed development meets the criteria of 200-45B(7) of the Code of Berlin Township.

8. EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces installed at a gasoline service station, an existing retail establishment, or any other existing building shall be subject to applicable local and/or Department of Community Affairs inspection requirements.

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9. A permitting application solely for the installation of electric vehicle supply equipment permitted as an accessory use shall not be subject to review based on parking requirements.

D. Requirements for New Installation of EVSE and Make-Ready Parking Spaces

1. As a condition of preliminary site plan approval, for each application involving a multiple dwelling with five or more units of dwelling space, which shall include a multiple dwelling that is held under a condominium or cooperative form of ownership, a mutual housing corporation, or a mixed-use development, the developer or owner, as applicable, shall:
 - a. prepare as Make-Ready parking spaces at least 15 percent of the required off-street parking spaces, and install EVSE in at least one-third of the 15 percent of Make-Ready parking spaces;
 - b. within three years following the date of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, install EVSE in an additional one-third of the original 15 percent of Make-Ready parking spaces; and
 - c. within six years following the date of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, install EVSE in the final one-third of the original 15 percent of Make-Ready parking spaces.
 - d. Throughout the installation of EVSE in the Make-Ready parking spaces, at least five percent of the electric vehicle supply equipment shall be accessible for people with disabilities.
 - e. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict the ability to install electric vehicle supply equipment or Make-Ready parking spaces at a faster or more expansive rate than as required above.
2. As a condition of preliminary site plan approval, each application involving a parking lot or garage not covered in 1. above shall:
 - a. Install at least one Make-Ready parking space if there will be 50 or fewer off-street parking spaces.
 - b. Install at least two Make-Ready parking spaces if there will be 51 to 75 off-street parking spaces.
 - c. Install at least three Make-Ready parking spaces if there will be 76 to 100 off-street parking spaces.
 - d. Install at least four Make-Ready parking spaces, at least one of which shall be accessible for people with disabilities, if there will be 101 to 150 off-street parking spaces.
 - e. Install at least four percent of the total parking spaces as Make-Ready parking spaces, at least five percent of which shall be accessible for people with disabilities, if there will be more than 150 off-street parking spaces.
 - f. In lieu of installing Make-Ready parking spaces, a parking lot or garage may install EVSE to satisfy the requirements of this subsection.
 - g. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict the ability to install electric vehicle supply equipment or Make-Ready parking spaces at a faster or more expansive rate than as required above.
 - h. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, a retailer that provides 25 or fewer off-street parking spaces or the developer or owner of a single-family home shall not be

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required to provide or install any electric vehicle supply equipment or Make-Ready parking spaces.

E. Minimum Parking Requirements

1. All parking spaces with EVSE and Make-Ready equipment shall be included in the calculation of minimum required parking spaces, pursuant to Section 340-95, Parking schedule, of the Township Zoning Code.
2. A parking space prepared with EVSE or Make-Ready equipment shall count as at least two parking spaces for the purpose of complying with a minimum parking space requirement. This shall result in a reduction of no more than 10 percent of the total required parking.
3. All parking space calculations for EVSE and Make-Ready equipment shall be rounded up to the next full parking space.
4. Additional installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces above what is required in Section D. above may be encouraged, but shall not be required in development projects.

F. Reasonable Standards for All New EVSE and Make-Ready Parking Spaces

1. Location and layout of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces is expected to vary based on the design and use of the primary parking area. It is expected flexibility will be required to provide the most convenient and functional service to users. Standards and criteria should be considered guidelines and flexibility should be allowed when alternatives can better achieve objectives for provision of this service. The adequacy of the proposed locations of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces will be at the discretion of the Zoning Officer and Township Engineer, however, EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces shall not be permitted within a landscape buffer, sight triangle and parking setback areas
2. Installation:
 - a. Installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces shall meet the electrical subcode of the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.16.
 - b. Each EVSE or Make-Ready parking space that is not accessible for people with disabilities shall be not less than 9 feet wide or 18 feet in length. Exceptions may be made for existing parking spaces or parking spaces that were part of an application that received prior site plan approval.
 - c. To the extent practical, the location of accessible parking spaces for people with disabilities with EVSE and Make Ready equipment shall comply with the general accessibility requirements of the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23, and other applicable accessibility standards.
 - d. Each EVSE or Make-Ready parking space that is accessible for people with disabilities shall comply with the sizing of accessible parking space requirements in the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23, and other applicable accessibility standards.

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3. **EVSE Parking:**
 - a. If the subject property is in compliance with the minimum parking requirements of the most current Zoning Ordinance, publicly-accessible EVSE may be reserved for parking and charging electric vehicles only, including a requirement that the electric vehicles be connected to the EVSE when parked. If the subject property is not in compliance with the minimum parking requirements of the most current Zoning Ordinance or a variance was granted to permit a lesser number of parking spaces than what is required, than no parking restriction may be placed on the publicly-accessible EVSE spaces.
 - b. Electric vehicles may be parked in any parking space designated for parking, subject to the restrictions that would apply to any other vehicle that would park in that space.
 - c. **Public Parking.** If the subject property is in compliance with the minimum parking requirements, pursuant to NJSA 40:48-2, publicly-accessible EVSE parking spaces shall be monitored by the Berlin Township Police Department and enforced in the same manner as any other parking. It shall be a violation of this Section for those properties, which are in compliance with the minimum parking requirements, to park or stand a non-electric vehicle in such a space, or to park an electric vehicle in such a space when it is not connected to the EVSE. Any non-electric vehicle parked or standing in an EVSE parking space or any electric vehicle parked and not connected to the EVSE shall be subject to fine and/or impoundment of the offending vehicle as described in the general penalty provisions of this Municipal Code. Signage indicating the penalties for violations shall comply with Section 5. below. Any vehicle parked in such a space shall make the appropriate payment for the space and observe the time limit for the underlying parking area, if applicable.
 - d. **Private Parking.** The use of EVSE shall be monitored by the property owner or designee.

4. **Safety**
 - a. Each publicly-accessible EVSE shall be located at a parking space that is designated for electric vehicles only and identified by green painted pavement and/or curb markings, a green painted charging pictograph symbol, and appropriate signage pursuant to Section 5. below.
 - b. Where EVSE is installed, adequate site lighting and landscaping shall be provided in accordance with the ordinances and regulations of Berlin Township.
 - c. Adequate EVSE protection such as concrete-filled steel bollards shall be used for publicly-accessible EVSE. Non-mountable curbing may be used in lieu of bollards if the EVSE is setback a minimum of 24 inches from the face of the curb. Any stand-alone EVSE bollards should be 3 to 4-feet high with concrete footings placed to protect the EVSE from accidental impact and to prevent damage from equipment used for snow removal.
 - d. EVSE outlets and connector devices shall be no less than 36 inches and no higher than 48 inches from the ground or pavement surface where mounted, and shall contain a cord management system as described in e. below. Equipment mounted on pedestals,

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- lighting posts, bollards, or other devices shall be designated and located as to not impede pedestrian travel, create trip hazards on sidewalks, or impede snow removal.
- e. Each EVSE shall incorporate a cord management system or method to minimize the potential for cable entanglement, user injury, or connector damage. Cords shall be retractable or have a place to hang the connector and cord a safe and sufficient distance above the ground or pavement surface. Any cords connecting the charger to a vehicle shall be configured so that they do not cross a driveway, sidewalk, or passenger unloading area.
 - f. Where EVSE is provided within a pedestrian circulation area, such as a sidewalk or other accessible route to a building entrance, the EVSE shall be located so as not to interfere with accessibility requirements of the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23, and other applicable accessibility standards.
 - g. Publicly-accessible EVSEs shall be maintained in all respects, including the functioning of the equipment. A 24-hour on-call contact shall be provided on the equipment for reporting problems with the equipment or access to it. To allow for maintenance and notification, Berlin Township shall require the owners/designee of publicly-accessible EVSE to provide information on the EVSE's geographic location, date of installation, equipment type and model, and owner contact information.

5. Signs

- a. Publicly-accessible EVSE shall have posted regulatory signs, as identified in this section, allowing only charging electric vehicles to park in such spaces. For purposes of this section, "charging" means that an electric vehicle is parked at an EVSE and is connected to the EVSE. If time limits or vehicle removal provisions are to be enforced, regulatory signs including parking restrictions shall be installed immediately adjacent to, and visible from the EVSE. For private EVSE, installation of signs and sign text is at the discretion of the owner.
- b. All regulatory signs shall comply with visibility, legibility, size, shape, color, and reflectivity requirements contained within the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices as published by the Federal Highway Administration.
- c. Wayfinding or directional signs, if necessary, shall be permitted at appropriate decision points to effectively guide motorists to the EVSE parking space(s). Wayfinding or directional signage shall be placed in a manner that shall not interfere with any parking space, drive lane, or exit and shall comply with b. above.
- d. In addition to the signage described above, the following information shall be available on the EVSE or posted at or adjacent to all publicly-accessible EVSE parking spaces:
 - 1) Hour of operations and/or time limits if time limits or tow-away provisions are to be enforced by the municipality or owner/designee;
 - 2) Usage fees and parking fees, if applicable; and

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- 3) Contact information (telephone number) for reporting when the equipment is not operating or other problems.

6. Usage Fees

- a. For publicly-accessible municipal EVSE: In addition to any parking fees that may apply, the fee to connect electric vehicles within identified EVSE spaces shall be in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations and posted at or adjacent to the EVSE parking space.
- b. The usage fee for publicly-accessible municipal SVSE, if any, shall be set by resolution adopted by the governing body, which may be amended upon the passage of a resolution.
- c. Private EVSE: Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to preclude a private owner/designee of an EVSE from collecting a fee for the use of the EVSE, in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations. Fees shall be available on the EVSE or posted at or adjacent to the EVSE parking space.

SECOND: SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

THIRD: REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

FOURTH: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title at a meeting of Mayor and Council for the Township of Berlin on June 12, 2023.

Motion by Council President Bodanza, second by Councilman Epifanio to adopt Ordinance 2023-6 on first reading by title. Ordinance adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2023-7 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 239 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING"

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin ("Township") is a municipal entity organized and existing under the law of the State of New Jersey and located in Camden County; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 239 of the Code of the Township of Berlin sets forth licensing requirements and standards for peddling and soliciting within the Township; and

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WHEREAS, the Township wishes to limit the duration of peddling and soliciting licenses to six (6) months; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it advisable to amend Chapter 239 of the Township Code to reflect the foregoing limitation

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and the Township Council of the Township of Berlin, as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 239, Article II of the Code of the Township of Berlin entitled “Licenses” is hereby revised and amended as follows:

§ 239-3 License required; exemptions.

- A. [No Changes]
- B. [No Changes]
- C. [No Changes]
- D. [No Changes]
- E. A license issued under the provisions of this Chapter shall expire six (6) months after issuance.

§ 239-4 Application for license.

- A. Any person desiring a license pursuant to this chapter shall file an application with the Township Clerk on the form to be kept on file with the Township Clerk, which application shall contain the following information:
 - 1. [No Changes]
 - 2. [No Changes]
 - 3. [No Changes]
 - 4. [No Changes]
 - 5. [No Changes]
 - 6. [No Changes]
 - 7. [No Changes]
 - 8. A statement indicating whether the applicant has ever been convicted of a crime or misdemeanor or violation of any ordinance concerning peddling, soliciting canvassing or hawking and, if so, a detailed description of the circumstances giving rise to same, including but not limited to identifying when and where the offenses occurred.

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- 9. A valid and/or current government-issued or employer-issued photo identification; and
- 10. The applicant's fingerprints.

B. [No Changes]

C. [No Changes]

SECTION 2: Except as set forth in Section 1 above, the balance of Chapter 239 of the Code of the Township of Berlin shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4: If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final adoption and publication as required by law.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Council President Bodanza to adopt Ordinance 2023-7 on first reading by title. Ordinance adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2023-8 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$55,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS VEHICLES AND PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENTS
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$55,000 from the General Capital Improvement Fund for the acquisition of vehicles and various pieces of capital: (i) \$55,000 for the acquisition of police vehicles and equipment including but not limited to patrol vehicles and vehicle upfits together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefore or related thereto (collectively, the "Project").

Section 2. It is hereby determined and stated that the Project set forth in Section 1 is a general improvement and is not a current expense of the Township.

Section 3. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with Township Clerk and available for inspection.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication as required by law.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Council President Bodanza to adopt Ordinance 2023-8 on first reading by title. Ordinance adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-9
ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT
REGULATIONS
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AMENDING THE BERLIN TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 176, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 176; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey has, in N.J.S.A. 40:48 et seq and N.J.S.A. 40:55D et seq., conferred upon local governments the authority to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has identified special flood hazard areas within the boundaries of the Township of Berlin, within the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, and such areas may be subject to periodic inundation which may result in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin was accepted for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program on February 24, 1978 and the Mayor and Council desires to continue to meet the requirements of Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 59, 60, 65 and 70 necessary for such participation; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin is required, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23 et seq., to administer and enforce the State building codes, and such building codes contain certain provisions that apply to the design and construction of buildings and structures in flood hazard areas; and

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WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin is required, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-5, to enforce zoning codes that secure safety from floods and contain certain provisions that apply to the development of lands; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin is required, pursuant to N.J.S.A.58:16A-57, within 12 months after the delineation of any flood hazard area, to adopt rules and regulations concerning the development and use of land in the flood fringe area which at least conform to the standards promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, within the County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the following floodplain management regulations are hereby adopted.

SECTION 1. RECITALS

The foregoing whereas clauses are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

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SECTION 2. These regulations repeal Chapter 176, Flood Damage Prevention and replace with a new Chapter 176, Flood Damage Prevention.

SECTION 101 SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

101.1 Title. These regulations, in combination with the flood provisions of the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) N.J.A.C. 5:23 (hereinafter "Uniform Construction Code," consisting of the Building Code, Residential Code, Rehabilitation Subcode, and related codes, and the New Jersey Flood Hazard Area Control Act (hereinafter "FHACA"), N.J.A.C. 7:13, shall be known as the *Floodplain Management Regulations* of the Township of Berlin (hereinafter "these regulations").

101.2 Scope. These regulations, in combination with the flood provisions of the Uniform Construction Code and FHACA shall apply to all proposed development in flood hazard areas established in Section 102 of these regulations.

101.3 Purposes and objectives. The purposes and objectives of these regulations are to promote the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific flood hazard areas through the establishment of comprehensive regulations for management of flood hazard areas, designed to:

- (1) Protect human life and health.
- (2) Prevent unnecessary disruption of commerce, access, and public service during times of flooding.
- (3) Manage the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels and shorelines;
- (4) Manage filling, grading, dredging and other development which may increase flood damage or erosion potential.
- (5) Prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers which will divert floodwater or increase flood hazards.
- (6) Contribute to improved construction techniques in the floodplain.
- (7) Minimize damage to public and private facilities and utilities.
- (8) Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of flood hazard areas.
- (9) Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding.
- (10) Ensure that property owners, occupants, and potential owners are aware of property located in flood hazard areas.
- (11) Minimize the need for future expenditure of public funds for flood control projects and response to and recovery from flood events.
- (12) Meet the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program for community participation set forth in Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 59.22.

101.4 Coordination with Building Codes. Pursuant to the requirement established in N.J.A.C. 5:23, the Uniform Construction Code, that the Township of Berlin administer and enforce the State building

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codes, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin does hereby acknowledge that the Uniform Construction Code contains certain provisions that apply to the design and construction of buildings and structures in flood hazard areas. Therefore, these regulations are intended to be administered and enforced in conjunction with the Uniform Construction Code.

101.5 Ordinary Building Maintenance and Minor Work. Improvements defined as ordinary building maintenance and minor work projects by the Uniform Construction Code including non-structural replacement-in-kind of windows, doors, cabinets, plumbing fixtures, decks, walls, partitions, new flooring materials, roofing, etc. shall be evaluated by the Floodplain Administrator through the floodplain development permit to ensure compliance with the Substantial Damage and Substantial Improvement Section 103.13 of this ordinance.

101.6 Warning. The degree of flood protection required by these regulations is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur. Flood heights may be increased by man-made or natural causes. Enforcement of these regulations does not imply that land outside the special flood hazard areas, or that uses permitted within such flood hazard areas, will be free from flooding or flood damage.

101.7 Other laws. The provisions of these regulations shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of local, State, or Federal law.

101.8 Violations and Penalties for Noncompliance. No structure or land shall hereafter be constructed, re-located to, extended, converted, or altered without full compliance with the terms of this ordinance and other applicable regulations. Violation of the provisions of this ordinance by failure to comply with any of its requirements (including violations of conditions and safeguards established in connection with conditions) shall constitute a violation under N.J.S.A. 40:49-5. Any person who violates this ordinance or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall be subject to one (1) or more of the following: a fine of not more than \$1,250.00, imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days.

Each day in which a violation of an ordinance exists shall be considered to be a separate and distinct violation subject to the imposition of a separate penalty for each day of the violation as the Court may determine except that the owner will be afforded the opportunity to cure or abate the condition during a 30 day period and shall be afforded the opportunity for a hearing before the court for an independent determination concerning the violation. Subsequent to the expiration of the 30-day period, a fine greater than \$1,250.00 may be imposed if the court has not determined otherwise, or if upon reinspection of the property, it is determined that the abatement has not been substantially completed.

Any person who is convicted of violating an ordinance within one year of the date of a previous violation of the same ordinance and who was fined for the previous violation, shall be sentenced by a court to an additional fine as a repeat offender. The additional fine imposed by the court upon a person for a repeated offense shall not be less than the minimum or exceed the maximum fine fixed for a violation of the ordinance, but shall be calculated separately from the fine imposed for the violation of the ordinance.

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101.8.1 Solid Waste Disposal in a Flood Hazard Area. Any person who has unlawfully disposed of solid waste in a floodway or floodplain who fails to comply with this ordinance or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall upon conviction thereof be fined not more than \$2500 or up to a maximum penalty by a fine not exceeding \$10,000 under N.J.S.A. 40:49-5.

101.9 Abrogation and greater restrictions. These regulations supersede any ordinance in effect in flood hazard areas. However, these regulations are not intended to repeal or abrogate any existing ordinances including land development regulations, subdivision regulations, zoning ordinances, stormwater management regulations, or building codes. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and any other ordinance, code, or regulation, the more restrictive shall govern.

SECTION 102 APPLICABILITY

102.1 General. These regulations, in conjunction with the Uniform Construction Code, provide minimum requirements for development located in flood hazard areas, including the subdivision of land and other developments; site improvements and installation of utilities; placement and replacement of manufactured homes; placement of recreational vehicles; new construction and alterations, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation or additions of existing buildings and structures; substantial improvement of existing buildings and structures, including repair of substantial damage; installation of tanks; temporary structures and temporary or permanent storage; utility and miscellaneous Group U buildings and structures; and certain building work exempt from permit under the Uniform Construction Code; and other buildings and development activities.

102.2 Establishment of Flood Hazard Areas. The Township of Berlin was accepted for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program on February 24, 1978. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) floodplain management regulations encourage that all Federal, State, and Local regulations that are more stringent than the minimum NFIP standards take precedence in permitting decisions. The FHACA requires that the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map, most recent preliminary FEMA mapping and flood studies, and Department delineations be compared to determine the most restrictive mapping. The FHACA also regulates unstudied flood hazard areas in watersheds measuring 50 acres or greater in size and most riparian zones in New Jersey. Because of these higher standards, the regulated flood hazard area in New Jersey may be more expansive and more restrictive than the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area. Maps and studies that establish flood hazard areas are on file at the Office of the Borough Construction Code Official, Berlin Township Municipal Building, 135 Route 73 South, West Berlin, New Jersey, 08091.

The following sources identify flood hazard areas in this jurisdiction and must be considered when determining the Best Available Flood Hazard Data Area:

- 1) **Effective Flood Insurance Study.** Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in a scientific and engineering report entitled "Flood Insurance Study, Camden County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)", dated August 17, 2016 and the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) identified in Table 102.2(1) whose effective date is September 28, 2007 are hereby adopted by reference.

Table 102.2(1)

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Map Panel #	Effective Date	Suffix
34007C0129E	September 28, 2007	E
34007C0133E	September 28, 2007	E
34007C0137E	September 28, 2007	E
34007C0141E	September 28, 2007	E
34007C0145E	September 28, 2007	E

- 2) **Federal Best Available Information.** The Township of Berlin shall utilize Federal flood information as listed in the table below that provides more detailed hazard information, higher flood elevations, larger flood hazard areas, and results in more restrictive regulations. This information may include but is not limited to preliminary flood elevation guidance from FEMA (such as Advisory Flood Hazard Area Maps, Work Maps or Preliminary FIS and FIRM). Additional Federal Best Available studies issued after the date of this ordinance must also be considered. These studies are listed on FEMA’s Map Service Center. This information shall be used for floodplain regulation purposes only.

Table 102.2(2)

Map Panel #	Preliminary Date
<i>None as of the date of this ordinance</i>	

- 3) **Other Best Available Data.** The Township of Berlin shall utilize high water elevations from flood events, groundwater flooding areas, studies by federal or state agencies, or other information deemed appropriate by the Township of Berlin. Other “best available information” may not be used which results in less restrictive flood elevations, design standards, or smaller flood hazard areas than the sources described in Section 102.2 (1) and (2), above. This information shall be used for floodplain regulation purposes only.
- 4) **State Regulated Flood Hazard Areas.** For State regulated waters, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) identifies the flood hazard area as the land, and the space above that land, which lies below the “Flood Hazard Area Control Act Design Flood Elevation”, as defined in Section 201,

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and as described in the New Jersey Flood Hazard Area Control Act at N.J.A.C. 7:13. A FHACA flood hazard area exists along every regulated water that has a drainage area of 50 acres or greater. Such area may extend beyond the boundaries of the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) as identified by FEMA. The following is a list of New Jersey State studied waters in this community under the FHACA, and their respective map identification numbers.

Table 102.2(3) List of State Studied Waters

Name of Studied Water	File Name	Map Number
<i>None as of the date of this ordinance</i>		

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102.3 Establishing the Local Design Flood Elevation (LDFE).

The Local Design Flood Elevation (LDFE) is established in the flood hazard areas determined in Section 102.2, above, using the best available flood hazard data sources, and the Flood Hazard Area Control Act minimum Statewide elevation requirements for lowest floors in A, Coastal A and V zones, ASCE 24 requirements for critical facilities as specified by the building code, plus additional freeboard as specified by this ordinance.

At a minimum, the Local Design Flood Elevation shall be as follows:

- 1) For a delineated watercourse, the elevation associated with the Best Available Flood Hazard Data Area determined in Section 102.2, above plus one foot or as described by N.J.A.C. 7:13 of freeboard; or
- 2) For any undelineated watercourse (where mapping or studies described in 102.2 (1) and (2) above are not available) that has a contributory drainage area of 50 acres or more, the applicants must provide one of the following to determine the Local Design Flood Elevation:
 - a. A copy of an unexpired NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Verification plus one foot of freeboard and any additional freeboard as required by ASCE 24; or
 - b. A determination of the Flood Hazard Area Design Flood Elevation using Method 5 or Method 6 (as described in N.J.A.C. 7:13) plus one foot of freeboard and any additional freeboard as required by ASCE 24. Any determination using these methods must be sealed and submitted according to Section 105.2-3.
- 3) AO Zones – For Zone AO areas on the municipality’s FIRM (or on preliminary flood elevation guidance from FEMA), the Local Design Flood Elevation is determined from the FIRM panel as the highest adjacent grade plus the depth number specified plus one foot of freeboard. If no depth number is specified, the Local Design Flood Elevation is three (3) feet above the highest adjacent grade.
- 4) Class IV Critical Facilities - For any proposed development of new and substantially improved Flood Design Class IV Critical Facilities, the Local Design Flood Elevation must be the higher of the 0.2% annual chance (500 year) flood elevation or the Flood Hazard Area Design Flood Elevation with an additional 2 feet of freeboard in accordance with ASCE 24.
- 5) Class III Critical Facilities - For proposed development of new and substantially improved Flood Design Class III Critical Facilities in coastal high hazard areas, the Local Design Flood Elevation must be the higher of the 0.2% annual chance (500 year) flood elevation or the Flood Hazard Area Design Flood Elevation with an additional 1 foot of freeboard in accordance with ASCE 24.

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SECTION 103 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

103.1 Floodplain Administrator Designation. The Township Construction Code Official is designated the Floodplain Administrator. The Floodplain Administrator shall have the authority to delegate performance of certain duties to other employees.

103.2 General. The Floodplain Administrator is authorized and directed to administer the provisions of these regulations. The Floodplain Administrator shall have the authority to render interpretations of these regulations consistent with the intent and purpose of these regulations and to establish policies and procedures in order to clarify the application of its provisions. Such interpretations, policies and procedures shall be consistent with the intent and purpose of these regulations and the flood provisions of the building code and shall not have the effect of waiving specific requirements without the granting of a variance pursuant to Section 107 of these regulations.

103.3 Coordination. The Floodplain Administrator shall coordinate with the Construction Official to administer and enforce the flood provisions of the Uniform Construction Code.

103.4 Duties. The duties of the Floodplain Administrator shall include but are not limited to:

- (1) Review all permit applications to determine whether proposed development is located in flood hazard areas established in Section 102 of these regulations.
- (2) Require development in flood hazard areas to be reasonably safe from flooding and to be designed and constructed with methods, practices and materials that minimize flood damage.
- (3) Interpret flood hazard area boundaries and provide available flood elevation and flood hazard information.
- (4) Determine whether additional flood hazard data shall be obtained or developed.
- (5) Review required certifications and documentation specified by these regulations and the building code to determine that such certifications and documentations are complete.
- (6) Establish, in coordination with the Construction Official, written procedures for administering and documenting determinations of substantial improvement and substantial damage made pursuant to Section 103.13 of these regulations.
- (7) Coordinate with the Construction Official and others to identify and investigate damaged buildings located in flood hazard areas and inform owners of the requirement to obtain permits for repairs.
- (8) Review requests submitted to the Construction Official seeking approval to modify the strict application of the flood load and flood resistant construction requirements of the Uniform Construction code to determine whether such requests require consideration as a variance pursuant to Section 107 of these regulations.

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- (9) Require applicants who submit hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analyses to support permit applications to submit to FEMA the data and information necessary to maintain the Flood Insurance Rate Maps when the analyses propose to change base flood elevations, flood hazard area boundaries, or floodway designations; such submissions shall be made within 6 months of such data becoming available.
- (10) Require applicants who propose alteration of a watercourse to notify adjacent jurisdictions and the NJDEP Bureau of Flood Engineering, and to submit copies of such notifications to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- (11) Inspect development in accordance with Section 106 of these regulations and inspect flood hazard areas to determine if development is undertaken without issuance of permits.
- (12) Prepare comments and recommendations for consideration when applicants seek variances in accordance with Section 107 of these regulations.
- (13) Cite violations in accordance with Section 108 of these regulations.
- (14) Notify the Federal Emergency Management Agency when the corporate boundaries of the Township of Berlin have been modified.
- (15) Permit Ordinary Maintenance and Minor Work in the regulated areas discussed in Section 102.2.

103.5 Use of changed technical data. The Floodplain Administrator and the applicant shall not use changed flood hazard area boundaries or base flood elevations for proposed buildings or developments unless the Floodplain Administrator or applicant has applied for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) revision and has received the approval of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. A revision of the effective FIRM does not remove the related feature(s) on a flood hazard area delineation that has been promulgated by the NJDEP. A separate application must be made to the State pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:13 for revision of a flood hazard design flood elevation, flood hazard area limit, floodway limit, and/or other related feature.

103.6 Other permits. It shall be the responsibility of the Floodplain Administrator to assure that approval of a proposed development shall not be given until proof that necessary permits have been granted by Federal or State agencies having jurisdiction over such development, including section 404 of the Clean Water Act. In the event of conflicting permit requirements, the Floodplain Administrator must ensure that the most restrictive floodplain management standards are reflected in permit approvals.

103.7 Determination of Local Design Flood Elevations. If design flood elevations are not specified, the Floodplain Administrator is authorized to require the applicant to:

- (1) Obtain, review, and reasonably utilize data available from a Federal, State, or other source, or
- (2) Determine the design flood elevation in accordance with accepted hydrologic and hydraulic engineering techniques. Such analyses shall be performed and sealed by a licensed professional engineer. Studies, analyses, and computations shall be submitted in sufficient detail to allow review and approval by the Floodplain Administrator. The accuracy of data submitted for such determination shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

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It shall be the responsibility of the Floodplain Administrator to verify that the applicant's proposed Best Available Flood Hazard Data Area and the Local Design Flood Elevation in any development permit accurately applies the best available flood hazard data and methodologies for determining flood hazard areas and design elevations described in 102.2 and 102.3 respectively. This information shall be provided to the Construction Official and documented according to Section 103.14.

103.8 Requirement to submit new technical data. Base Flood Elevations may increase or decrease resulting from natural changes (e.g. erosion, accretion, channel migration, subsidence, uplift) or man-made physical changes (e.g. dredging, filling, excavation) affecting flooding conditions. As soon as practicable, but not later than six months after the date of a man-made change or when information about a natural change becomes available, the Floodplain Administrator shall notify the Federal Insurance Administrator of the changes by submitting technical or scientific data in accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Section 65.3. Such a submission is necessary so that upon confirmation of those physical changes affecting flooding conditions, risk premium rates and floodplain management requirements will be based upon current data.

103.9 Activities in riverine flood hazard areas. In riverine flood hazard areas where design flood elevations are specified but floodways have not been designated, the Floodplain Administrator shall not permit any new construction, substantial improvement or other development, including the placement of fill, unless the applicant submits an engineering analysis prepared by a licensed professional engineer that demonstrates that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated flood hazard area encroachment, will not increase the design flood elevation more than 0.2 feet at any point within the community.

103.10 Floodway encroachment. Prior to issuing a permit for any floodway encroachment, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements and other development or land-disturbing-activity, the Floodplain Administrator shall require submission of a certification prepared by a licensed professional engineer, along with supporting technical data, that demonstrates that such development will not cause any increase in the base flood level.

103.10.1 Floodway revisions. A floodway encroachment that increases the level of the base flood is authorized if the applicant has applied for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and has received the approval of FEMA.

103.11 Watercourse alteration. Prior to issuing a permit for any alteration or relocation of any watercourse, the Floodplain Administrator shall require the applicant to provide notification of the proposal to the appropriate authorities of all adjacent government jurisdictions, as well as the NJDEP Bureau of Flood Engineering and the Division of Land Resource Protection. A copy of the notification shall be maintained in the permit records and submitted to FEMA.

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103.11.1 Engineering analysis. The Floodplain Administrator shall require submission of an engineering analysis prepared by a licensed professional engineer, demonstrating that the flood-carrying capacity of the altered or relocated portion of the watercourse will be maintained, neither increased nor decreased. Such watercourses shall be maintained in a manner that preserves the channel's flood-carrying capacity.

103.12 Development in riparian zones All development in Riparian Zones as described in N.J.A.C. 7:13 is prohibited by this ordinance unless the applicant has received an individual or general permit or has complied with the requirements of a permit by rule or permit by certification from NJDEP Division of Land Resource Protection prior to application for a floodplain development permit and the project is compliant with all other Floodplain Development provisions of this ordinance. The width of the riparian zone can range between 50 and 300 feet and is determined by the attributes of the waterbody and designated in the New Jersey Surface Water Quality Standards N.J.A.C. 7:9B. The portion of the riparian zone located outside of a regulated water is measured landward from the top of bank. Applicants can request a verification of the riparian zone limits or a permit applicability determination to determine State permit requirements under N.J.A.C. 7:13 from the NJDEP Division of Land Resource Protection.

103.13 Substantial improvement and substantial damage determinations. When buildings and structures are damaged due to any cause including but not limited to man-made, structural, electrical, mechanical, or natural hazard events, or are determined to be unsafe as described in N.J.A.C. 5:23; and for applications for building permits to improve buildings and structures, including alterations, movement, repair, additions, rehabilitations, renovations, ordinary maintenance and minor work, substantial improvements, repairs of substantial damage, and any other improvement of or work on such buildings and structures, the Floodplain Administrator, in coordination with the Construction Official, shall:

- (1) Estimate the market value, or require the applicant to obtain a professional appraisal prepared by a qualified independent appraiser, of the market value of the building or structure before the start of construction of the proposed work; in the case of repair, the market value of the building or structure shall be the market value before the damage occurred and before any repairs are made.
- (2) Determine and include the costs of all ordinary maintenance and minor work, as discussed in Section 101.5, performed in the floodplain regulated by this ordinance in addition to the costs of those improvements regulated by the Construction Official in substantial damage and substantial improvement calculations.
- (3) Compare the cost to perform the improvement, the cost to repair the damaged building to its pre-damaged condition, or the combined costs of improvements and repairs, where applicable, to the market value of the building or structure.
- (4) Determine and document whether the proposed work constitutes substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage. This determination requires the evaluation of previous permits issued for improvements and repairs over a period of ten (10) years prior to the permit application or substantial damage determination as specified in the definition of substantial improvement. This determination shall also include the evaluation of flood related damages over a 10-year period to determine if the costs of repairs at the times of each flood

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constitutes a repetitive loss as defined by this ordinance.

- (5) Notify the applicant in writing when it is determined that the work constitutes substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage and that compliance with the flood resistant construction requirements of the building code is required and notify the applicant, in writing, when it is determined that work does not constitute substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage. The Floodplain Administrator shall also provide all letters documenting substantial damage and compliance with flood resistant construction requirements of the building code to the NJDEP Bureau of Flood Engineering.

103.14 Department records. In addition to the requirements of the building code and these regulations, and regardless of any limitation on the period required for retention of public records, the Floodplain Administrator shall maintain and permanently keep and make available for public inspection all records that are necessary for the administration of these regulations and the flood provisions of the Uniform Construction Code, including Flood Insurance Studies, Flood Insurance Rate Maps; documents from FEMA that amend or revise FIRMs; NJDEP delineations, records of issuance of permits and denial of permits; records of ordinary maintenance and minor work, determinations of whether proposed work constitutes substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage; required certifications and documentation specified by the Uniform Construction Code and these regulations including as-built Elevation Certificates; notifications to adjacent communities, FEMA, and the State related to alterations of watercourses; assurance that the flood carrying capacity of altered waterways will be maintained; documentation related to variances, including justification for issuance or denial; and records of enforcement actions taken pursuant to these regulations and the flood resistant provisions of the Uniform Construction Code. The Floodplain Administrator shall also record the required elevation, determination method, and base flood elevation source used to determine the Local Design Flood Elevation in the floodplain development permit.

103.15 Liability. The Floodplain Administrator and any employee charged with the enforcement of these regulations, while acting for the jurisdiction in good faith and without malice in the discharge of the duties required by these regulations or other pertinent law or ordinance, shall not thereby be rendered liable personally and is hereby relieved from personal liability for any damage accruing to persons or property as a result of any act or by reason of an act or omission in the discharge of official duties. Any suit instituted against an officer or employee because of an act performed by that officer or employee in the lawful discharge of duties and under the provisions of these regulations shall be defended by legal representative of the jurisdiction until the final termination of the proceedings. The Floodplain Administrator and any subordinate shall not be liable for cost in any action, suit or proceeding that is instituted in pursuance of the provisions of these regulations.

SECTION 104 PERMITS

104.1 Permits Required. Any person, owner or authorized agent who intends to conduct any development in a flood hazard area shall first make application to the Floodplain Administrator and shall obtain the required permit. Depending on the nature and extent of proposed development that includes a building or structure, the Floodplain Administrator may determine that a floodplain development permit or approval is required in addition to a building permit.

104.2 Application for permit. The applicant shall file an application in writing on a form furnished by the Floodplain Administrator. Such application shall:

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- (1) Identify and describe the development to be covered by the permit.
- (2) Describe the land on which the proposed development is to be conducted by legal description, street address or similar description that will readily identify and definitively locate the site.
- (3) Indicate the use and occupancy for which the proposed development is intended.
- (4) Be accompanied by a site plan and construction documents as specified in Section 105 of these regulations, grading and filling plans and other information deemed appropriate by the Floodplain Administrator.
- (5) State the valuation of the proposed work, including the valuation of ordinary maintenance and minor work.
- (6) Be signed by the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent.

104.3 Validity of permit. The issuance of a permit under these regulations or the Uniform Construction Code shall not be construed to be a permit for, or approval of, any violation of this appendix or any other ordinance of the jurisdiction. The issuance of a permit based on submitted documents and information shall not prevent the Floodplain Administrator from requiring the correction of errors. The Floodplain Administrator is authorized to prevent occupancy or use of a structure or site which is in violation of these regulations or other ordinances of this jurisdiction.

104.4 Expiration. A permit shall become invalid when the proposed development is not commenced within 180 days after its issuance, or when the work authorized is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days after the work commences. Extensions shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated. The Floodplain Administrator is authorized to grant, in writing, one or more extensions of time, for periods not more than 180 days each.

104.5 Suspension or revocation. The Floodplain Administrator is authorized to suspend or revoke a permit issued under these regulations wherever the permit is issued in error or on the basis of incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete information, or in violation of any ordinance or code of this jurisdiction.

SECTION 105 SITE PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

105.1 Information for development in flood hazard areas. The site plan or construction documents for any development subject to the requirements of these regulations shall be drawn to scale and shall include, as applicable to the proposed development:

- (1) Delineation of flood hazard areas, floodway boundaries and flood zone(s), base flood elevation(s), and ground elevations when necessary for review of the proposed development. For buildings that are located in more than one flood hazard area, the elevation and provisions associated with the most restrictive flood hazard area shall apply.
- (2) Where base flood elevations or floodway data are not included on the FIRM or in the Flood Insurance Study, they shall be established in accordance with Section 105.2.
- (3) Where the parcel on which the proposed development will take place will have more than 50 lots or is larger than 5 acres and base flood elevations are not included on the FIRM or in the

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Flood Insurance Study, such elevations shall be established in accordance with Section 105.2(3) of these regulations.

- (4) Location of the proposed activity and proposed structures, and locations of existing buildings and structures.
- (5) Location, extent, amount, and proposed final grades of any filling, grading, or excavation.
- (6) Where the placement of fill is proposed, the amount, type, and source of fill material; compaction specifications; a description of the intended purpose of the fill areas; and evidence that the proposed fill areas are the minimum necessary to achieve the intended purpose. The applicant shall provide an engineering certification confirming that the proposal meets the flood storage displacement limitations of N.J.A.C. 7:13.
- (7) Existing and proposed alignment of any proposed alteration of a watercourse.
- (8) Floodproofing certifications, Breakaway Wall Certifications, Operations and Maintenance Plans, Warning and Evacuation Plans and other documentation required pursuant to FEMA publications.

The Floodplain Administrator is authorized to waive the submission of site plans, construction documents, and other data that are required by these regulations but that are not required to be prepared by a registered design professional when it is found that the nature of the proposed development is such that the review of such submissions is not necessary to ascertain compliance.

105.2 Information in flood hazard areas without base flood elevations (approximate Zone A). Where flood hazard areas are delineated on the effective or preliminary FIRM and base flood elevation data have not been provided, the applicant shall consult with the Floodplain Administrator to determine whether to:

- (1) Use the Approximation Method (Method 5) described in N.J.A.C. 7:13 in conjunction with Appendix 1 of the FHACA to determine the required flood elevation.
- (2) Obtain, review, and reasonably utilize data available from a Federal, State or other source when those data are deemed acceptable to the Floodplain Administrator to reasonably reflect flooding conditions.
- (3) Determine the base flood elevation in accordance with accepted hydrologic and hydraulic engineering techniques according to Method 6 as described in N.J.A.C. 7:13. Such analyses shall be performed and sealed by a licensed professional engineer.

Studies, analyses, and computations shall be submitted in sufficient detail to allow review and approval by the Floodplain Administrator prior to floodplain development permit issuance. The accuracy of data submitted for such determination shall be the responsibility of the applicant. Where the data are to be used to support a Letter of Map Change (LOMC) from FEMA, the applicant shall be responsible for satisfying the submittal requirements and pay the processing fees.

105.3 Analyses and certifications by a Licensed Professional Engineer. As applicable to the location and nature of the proposed development activity, and in addition to the requirements of this section, the applicant shall have the following analyses signed and sealed by a licensed professional engineer for

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submission with the site plan and construction documents:

- (1) For development activities proposed to be located in a regulatory floodway, a floodway encroachment analysis that demonstrates that the encroachment of the proposed development will not cause any increase in base flood elevations; where the applicant proposes to undertake development activities that do increase base flood elevations, the applicant shall submit such analysis to FEMA as specified in Section 105.4 of these regulations and shall submit the Conditional Letter of Map Revision, if issued by FEMA, with the site plan and construction documents.
- (2) For development activities proposed to be located in a riverine flood hazard area where base flood elevations are included in the FIS or FIRM but floodways have not been designated, hydrologic and hydraulic analyses that demonstrate that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated flood hazard area encroachments will not increase the base flood elevation more than 0.2 feet at any point within the jurisdiction. This requirement does not apply in isolated flood hazard areas not connected to a riverine flood hazard area or in flood hazard areas identified as Zone AO or Zone AH.
- (3) For alteration of a watercourse, an engineering analysis prepared in accordance with standard engineering practices which demonstrates that the flood-carrying capacity of the altered or relocated portion of the watercourse will not be decreased, and certification that the altered watercourse shall be maintained, neither increasing nor decreasing the channel's flood-carrying capacity. The applicant shall submit the analysis to FEMA as specified in Section 105.4 of these regulations. The applicant shall notify the chief executive officer of all affected adjacent jurisdictions, the NJDEP's Bureau of Flood Engineering and the Division of Land Resource Protection; and shall provide documentation of such notifications.
- (4) For analyses performed using Methods 5 and 6 (as described in N.J.A.C. 7:13) in flood hazard zones without base flood elevations (approximate A zones).

105.4 Submission of additional data. When additional hydrologic, hydraulic or other engineering data, studies, and additional analyses are submitted to support an application, the applicant has the right to seek a Letter of Map Change (LOMC) from FEMA to change the base flood elevations, change floodway boundaries, or change boundaries of flood hazard areas shown on FIRMs, and to submit such data to FEMA for such purposes. The analyses shall be prepared by a licensed professional engineer in a format required by FEMA. Submittal requirements and processing fees shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

SECTION 106 INSPECTIONS

106.1 General. Development for which a permit is required shall be subject to inspection. Approval as a result of an inspection shall not be construed to be an approval of a violation of the provisions of these regulations or the building code. Inspections presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of these regulations or the building code or other ordinances shall not be valid.

106.2 Inspections of development. The Floodplain Administrator shall inspect all development in flood hazard areas authorized by issuance of permits under these regulations. The Floodplain Administrator shall inspect flood hazard areas from time to time to determine if development is undertaken without issuance of a permit.

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106.3 Buildings and structures. The Construction Official shall make or cause to be made, inspections for buildings and structures in flood hazard areas authorized by permit in accordance with the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23.

- 1) **Lowest floor elevation.** Upon placement of the lowest floor, including the basement, and prior to further vertical construction, certification of the elevation required in Section 801.2 shall be submitted to the Construction Official on an Elevation Certificate.
- 2) **Installation of attendant utilities** (electrical, heating, ventilating, air-conditioning, and other service equipment) and sanitary facilities elevated as discussed in Section 801.2.
- 3) **Final inspection.** Prior to the final inspection, certification of the elevation required in Section 801.2 shall be submitted to the Construction Official on an Elevation Certificate.

106.4 Manufactured homes. The Floodplain Administrator shall inspect manufactured homes that are installed or replaced in flood hazard areas to determine compliance with the requirements of these regulations and the conditions of the issued permit. Upon placement of a manufactured home, certification of the elevation of the lowest floor shall be submitted on an Elevation Certificate to the Floodplain Administrator prior to the final inspection.

SECTION 107 VARIANCES

107.1 General. The Berlin Township Planning/ Zoning Board shall hear and decide requests for variances. The Berlin Township Planning/ Zoning Board shall base its determination on technical justifications submitted by applicants, the considerations for issuance in Section 107.5, the conditions of issuance set forth in Section 107.6, and the comments and recommendations of the Floodplain Administrator and, as applicable, the Construction Official. The Berlin Township Planning/ Zoning Board has the right to attach such conditions to variances as it deems necessary to further the purposes and objectives of these regulations.

107.2 Historic structures. A variance to the substantial improvement requirements of this ordinance is authorized provided that the repair or rehabilitation of a historic structure is completed according to N.J.A.C. 5:23-6.33, Section 1612 of the International Building Code and R322 of the International Residential Code, the repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure, the structure meets the definition of the historic structure as described by this ordinance, and the variance is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the structure.

107.3 Functionally dependent uses. A variance is authorized to be issued for the construction or substantial improvement necessary for the conduct of a functionally dependent use provided the variance is the minimum necessary to allow the construction or substantial improvement, and that all due consideration has been given to use of methods and materials that minimize flood damage during the base flood and create no additional threats to public safety.

107.4 Restrictions in floodways. A variance shall not be issued for any proposed development in a floodway when any increase in flood levels would result during the base flood discharge, as evidenced by the applicable analysis and certification required in Section 105.3(1) of these regulations.

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107.5 Considerations. In reviewing requests for variances, all technical evaluations, all relevant factors, all other portions of these regulations, and the following shall be considered:

- (1) The danger that materials and debris may be swept onto other lands resulting in further injury or damage.
- (2) The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion damage.
- (3) The susceptibility of the proposed development, including contents, to flood damage and the effect of such damage on current and future owners.
- (4) The importance of the services provided by the proposed development to the community.
- (5) The availability of alternate locations for the proposed development that are not subject to flooding or erosion and the necessity of a waterfront location, where applicable.
- (6) The compatibility of the proposed development with existing and anticipated development.
- (7) The relationship of the proposed development to the comprehensive plan and floodplain management program for that area.

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- (8) The safety of access to the property in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles.
- (9) The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise and debris and sediment transport of the floodwater and the effects of wave action, where applicable, expected at the site.
- (10) The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical and water systems, streets, and bridges.

107.6 Conditions for issuance. Variances shall only be issued upon:

- (1) Submission by the applicant of a showing of good and sufficient cause that the unique characteristics of the size, configuration or topography of the site limit compliance with any provision of these regulations or renders the elevation standards of the building code inappropriate.
- (2) A determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship due to the physical characteristics of the land that render the lot undevelopable.
- (3) A determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, nor create nuisances, cause fraud on or victimization of the public or conflict with existing local laws or ordinances.
- (4) A determination that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.
- (5) Notification to the applicant in writing over the signature of the Floodplain Administrator that the issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25 for \$100 of insurance coverage, and that such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property.

SECTION 108 VIOLATIONS

108.1 Violations. Any development in any flood hazard area that is being performed without an issued permit or that is in conflict with an issued permit shall be deemed a violation. A building or structure without the documentation of elevation of the lowest floor, other required design certifications, or other evidence of compliance required by the building code is presumed to be a violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

108.2 Authority. The Floodplain Administrator is authorized to serve notices of violation or stop work orders to owners of property involved, to the owner's agent, or to the person or persons doing the work for development that is not within the scope of the Uniform Construction Code, but is regulated by these regulations and that is determined to be a violation.

108.3 Unlawful continuance. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a notice of violation or a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to

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perform to remove or remedy a violation or unsafe condition, shall be subject to penalties as prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40:49-5 as appropriate.

108.4 Review Period to Correct Violations. A 30-day period shall be given to the property owner as an opportunity to cure or abate the condition. The property owner shall also be afforded an opportunity for a hearing before the court for an independent determination concerning the violation. Subsequent to the expiration of the 30-day period, a fine greater than \$1,250.00 may be imposed if a court has not determined otherwise or, upon reinspection of the property, it is determined that the abatement has not been substantially completed.

SECTION 201 DEFINITIONS

201.1 General. The following words and terms shall, for the purposes of these regulations, have the meanings shown herein. Other terms are defined in the Uniform Construction Code N.J.A.C. 5:23 and terms are defined where used in the International Residential Code and International Building Code (rather than in the definitions section). Where terms are not defined, such terms shall have ordinarily accepted meanings such as the context implies.

201.2 Definitions

30 DAY PERIOD – The period of time prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40:49-5 in which a property owner is afforded the opportunity to correct zoning and solid waste disposal after a notice of violation pertaining to this ordinance has been issued.

100 YEAR FLOOD ELEVATION – Elevation of flooding having a 1% annual chance of being equaled or exceeded in a given year which is also referred to as the Base Flood Elevation.

500 YEAR FLOOD ELEVATION – Elevation of flooding having a 0.2% annual chance of being equaled or exceeded in a given year.

A ZONES – Areas of 'Special Flood Hazard in which the elevation of the surface water resulting from a flood that has a 1% annual chance of equaling or exceeding the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) in any given year shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) zones A, AE, AH, A1–A30, AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/A1– A30, AR/AH, and AR/AO. When used in reference to the development of a structure in this ordinance, A Zones are not inclusive of Coastal A Zones because of the higher building code requirements for Coastal A Zones.

AH ZONES– Areas subject to inundation by 1-percent-annual-chance shallow flooding (usually areas of ponding) where average depths are between one and three feet. Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) derived from detailed hydraulic analyses are shown in this zone.

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AO ZONES – Areas subject to inundation by 1-percent-annual-chance shallow flooding (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain) where average depths are between one and three feet.

ACCESSORY STRUCTURE – Accessory structures are also referred to as appurtenant structures. An accessory structure is a structure which is on the same parcel of property as a principal structure and the use of which is incidental to the use of the principal structure. For example, a residential structure may have a detached garage or storage shed for garden tools as accessory structures. Other examples of accessory structures include gazebos, picnic pavilions, boathouses, small pole barns, storage sheds, and similar buildings.

AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURE - A structure used solely for agricultural purposes in which the use is exclusively in connection with the production, harvesting, storage, drying, or raising of agricultural commodities, including the raising of livestock. Communities must require that new construction or substantial improvements of agricultural structures be elevated or floodproofed to or above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) as any other nonresidential building. Under some circumstances it may be appropriate to wet-floodproof certain types of agricultural structures when located in wide, expansive floodplains through issuance of a variance. This should only be done for structures used for temporary storage of equipment or crops or temporary shelter for livestock and only in circumstances where it can be demonstrated that agricultural structures can be designed in such a manner that results in minimal damage to the structure and its contents and will create no additional threats to public safety. New construction or substantial improvement of livestock confinement buildings, poultry houses, dairy operations, similar livestock operations and any structure that represents more than a minimal investment must meet the elevation or dry-floodproofing requirements of 44 CFR 60.3(c)(3).

AREA OF SHALLOW FLOODING – A designated Zone AO, AH, AR/AO or AR/AH on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with a one percent or greater annual chance of flooding to an average depth of one to three feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable, and where velocity flow may be evident. Such flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow. **AREA OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD** – see SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA

ALTERATION OF A WATERCOURSE – A dam, impoundment, channel relocation, change in channel alignment, channelization, or change in cross-sectional area of the channel or the channel capacity, or any other form of modification which may alter, impede, retard or change the direction and/or velocity of the riverine flow of water during conditions of the base flood.

ASCE 7 – The standard for the Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures, referenced by the building code and developed and published by the American Society of Civil Engineers, Reston, VA. which includes but is not limited to methodology and equations necessary for determining structural and flood-related

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design requirements and determining the design requirements for structures that may experience a combination of loads including those from natural hazards. Flood related equations include those for determining erosion, scour, lateral, vertical, hydrostatic, hydrodynamic, buoyancy, breaking wave, and debris impact.

ASCE 24 – The standard for Flood Resistant Design and Construction, referenced by the building code and developed and published by the American Society of Civil Engineers, Reston, VA. References to ASCE 24 shall mean ASCE 24-14 or the most recent version of ASCE 24 adopted in the UCC Code [N.J.A.C. 5:23].

BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (BFE) – The water surface elevation resulting from a flood that has a 1-percent or greater chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year, as shown on a published Flood Insurance Study (FIS), or preliminary flood elevation guidance from FEMA. May also be referred to as the “100-year flood elevation”.

BASEMENT – Any area of the building having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all sides.

BEST AVAILABLE FLOOD HAZARD DATA - The most recent available preliminary flood risk guidance FEMA has provided. The Best Available Flood Hazard Data may be depicted on but not limited to Advisory Flood Hazard Area Maps, Work Maps, or Preliminary FIS and FIRM.

BEST AVAILABLE FLOOD HAZARD DATA AREA- The areal mapped extent associated with the most recent available preliminary flood risk guidance FEMA has provided. The Best Available Flood Hazard Data may be depicted on but not limited to Advisory Flood Hazard Area Maps, Work Maps, or Preliminary FIS and FIRM.

BEST AVAILABLE FLOOD HAZARD DATA ELEVATION - The most recent available preliminary flood elevation guidance FEMA has provided. The Best Available Flood Hazard Data may be depicted on but not limited to Advisory Flood Hazard Area Maps, Work Maps, or Preliminary FIS and FIRM.

BREAKAWAY WALLS – Any type of wall subject to flooding that is not required to provide structural support to a building or other structure and that is designed and constructed such that, below the Local Design Flood Elevation, it will collapse under specific lateral loads such that (1) it allows the free passage of floodwaters, and (2) it does not damage the structure or supporting foundation system.

BUILDING – Per the FHACA, “Building” means a structure enclosed with exterior walls or fire walls, erected and framed of component structural parts, designed for the housing, shelter, enclosure, and support of individuals, animals, or property of any kind. A building may have a temporary or permanent foundation. A building that is intended for regular human occupation and/or residence is considered a habitable building.

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CONDITIONAL LETTER OF MAP REVISION - A Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) is FEMA's comment on a proposed project that would, upon construction, affect the hydrologic or hydraulic characteristics of a flooding source and thus result in the modification of the existing regulatory floodway, the effective Base Flood Elevations (BFEs), or the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The letter does not revise an effective NFIP map, it indicates whether the project, if built as proposed, would be recognized by FEMA. FEMA charges a fee for processing a CLOMR to recover the costs associated with the review that is described in the Letter of Map Change (LOMC) process. Building permits cannot be issued based on a CLOMR, because a CLOMR does not change the NFIP map.

CONDITIONAL LETTER OF MAP REVISION - FILL -- A Conditional Letter of Map Revision - Fill (CLOMR-F) is FEMA's comment on a proposed project involving the placement of fill outside of the regulatory floodway that would, upon construction, affect the hydrologic or hydraulic characteristics of a flooding source and thus result in the modification of the existing regulatory floodway, the effective Base Flood Elevations (BFEs), or the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The letter does not revise an effective NFIP map, it indicates whether the project, if built as proposed, would be recognized by FEMA. FEMA charges a fee for processing a CLOMR to recover the costs associated with the review that is described in the Letter of Map Change (LOMC) process. Building permits cannot be issued based on a CLOMR, because a CLOMR does not change the NFIP map.

CRITICAL BUILDING – Per the FHACA, “Critical Building” means that:

- a. It is essential to maintaining continuity of vital government operations and/or supporting emergency response, sheltering, and medical care functions before, during, and after a flood, such as a hospital, medical clinic, police station, fire station, emergency response center, or public shelter; or
- b. It serves large numbers of people who may be unable to leave the facility through their own efforts, thereby hindering or preventing safe evacuation of the building during a flood event, such as a school, college, dormitory, jail or detention facility, day care center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.

DEVELOPMENT – Any manmade change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to, buildings or other structures, tanks, temporary structures, temporary or permanent storage of materials, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavations, drilling operations and other land-disturbing activities.

DRY FLOODPROOFING – A combination of measures that results in a non-residential structure, including the attendant utilities and equipment as described in the latest version of ASCE 24, being watertight with all elements substantially impermeable and with structural components having the capacity to resist flood loads.

ELEVATED BUILDING – A building that has no basement and that has its lowest elevated floor raised above ground level by foundation walls, shear walls, posts, piers,

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pilings, or columns. Solid perimeter foundations walls are not an acceptable means of elevating buildings in V and VE Zones.

ELEVATION CERTIFICATE – An administrative tool of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that can be used to provide elevation information, to determine the proper insurance premium rate, and to support an application for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) or Letter of Map Revision based on fill (LOMR-F).

ENCROACHMENT – The placement of fill, excavation, buildings, permanent structures or other development into a flood hazard area which may impede or alter the flow capacity of riverine flood hazard areas.

FEMA PUBLICATIONS – Any publication authored or referenced by FEMA related to building science, building safety, or floodplain management related to the National Flood Insurance Program. Publications shall include but are not limited to technical bulletins, desk references, and American Society of Civil Engineers Standards documents including ASCE 24.

FLOOD OR FLOODING

- a. A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from:
 1. The overflow of inland or tidal waters.
 2. The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.
 3. Mudslides (i.e. mudflows) which are proximately caused by flooding as defined in (a) (2) of this definition and are akin to a river or liquid and flowing mud on the surfaces of normally dry land areas, as when earth is carried by a current of water and deposited along the path of the current.
- b. The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event which results in flooding as defined in paragraph (a)(1) of this definition.

FLOOD HAZARD AREA DESIGN FLOOD ELEVATION – Per the FHACA, the peak water surface elevation that will occur in a water during the flood hazard area design flood. This elevation is determined via available flood mapping adopted by the State, flood mapping published by FEMA (including effective flood mapping dated on or after January 31, 1980, or any more recent advisory, preliminary, or pending flood mapping; whichever results in higher flood elevations, wider floodway limits, greater flow rates, approximation, or calculation pursuant to the Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:13-3.1 – 3.6 and is typically higher than FEMA's base flood elevation. A water that has a drainage area measuring less than 50 acres does not possess, and is not assigned, a flood hazard area design flood elevation.

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FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM) – The official map on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency has delineated both the areas of special flood hazards and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY (FIS) – The official report in which the Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided flood profiles, as well as the Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) and the water surface elevation of the base flood.

FLOODPLAIN OR FLOOD PRONE AREA – Any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source. See "Flood or flooding."

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS – Zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances (such as a floodplain ordinance, grading ordinance, and erosion control ordinance) and other applications of police power. The term describes such State or local regulations, in any combination thereof, which provide standards for the purpose of flood damage prevention and reduction.

FLOODPROOFING – Any combination of structural and nonstructural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitary facilities, structures, and their contents.

FLOODPROOFING CERTIFICATE – Certification by a licensed design professional that the design and methods of construction for floodproofing a non-residential structure are in accordance with accepted standards of practice to a proposed height above the structure's lowest adjacent grade that meets or exceeds the Local Design Flood Elevation. A completed floodproofing certificate is required at permit application.

FLOODWAY – The channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than 0.2 foot.

FREEBOARD – A factor of safety usually expressed in feet above a flood level for purposes of floodplain management. "Freeboard" tends to compensate for the many unknown factors that could contribute to flood heights greater than the height calculated for a selected size flood and floodway conditions, such as wave action, bridge openings, and the hydrological effect of urbanization of the watershed.

FUNCTIONALLY DEPENDENT USE – A use that cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water, including only docking facilities, port facilities necessary for the loading or unloading of cargo or passengers, and shipbuilding and ship repair facilities. The term does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.

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HABITABLE BUILDING– Pursuant to the FHACA Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:13), means a building that is intended for regular human occupation and/or residence. Examples of a habitable building include a single-family home, duplex, multi-residence building, or critical building; a commercial building such as a retail store, restaurant, office building, or gymnasium; an accessory structure that is regularly occupied, such as a garage, barn, or workshop; mobile and manufactured homes, and trailers intended for human residence, which are set on a foundation and/or connected to utilities, such as in a mobile home park (not including campers and recreational vehicles); and any other building that is regularly occupied, such as a house of worship, community center, or meeting hall, or animal shelter that includes regular human access and occupation. Examples of a non-habitable building include a bus stop shelter, utility building, storage shed, self-storage unit, construction trailer, or an individual shelter for animals such as a doghouse or outdoor kennel.

HARDSHIP – As related to Section 107 of this ordinance, meaning the exceptional hardship that would result from a failure to grant the requested variance. The Berlin Township Planning/ Zoning Board requires that the variance be exceptional, unusual, and peculiar to the property involved. Mere economic or financial hardship alone is not exceptional. Inconvenience, aesthetic considerations, physical handicaps, personal preferences, or the disapproval of one's neighbors likewise cannot, as a rule, qualify as an exceptional hardship. All of these problems can be resolved through other means without granting a variance, even if the alternative is more expensive, or requires the property owner to build elsewhere or put the parcel to a different use than originally intended.

HIGHEST ADJACENT GRADE – The highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed or existing walls of a structure.

HISTORIC STRUCTURE – Any structure that is:

- a. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
- b. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
- c. Individually listed on a State inventory of historic places in States with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or
- d. Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
 1. By an approved State program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior; or
 2. Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in States without approved programs.

LAWFULLY EXISTING – Per the FHACA, means an existing fill, structure and/or use, which meets all Federal, State, and local laws, and which is not in violation of the FHACA because it was established:

- a. Prior to January 31, 1980; or

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- b. On or after January 31, 1980, in accordance with the requirements of the FHACA as it existed at the time the fill, structure and/or use was established.

Note: Substantially damaged properties and substantially improved properties that have not been elevated are not considered “lawfully existing” for the purposes of the NFIP. This definition is included in this ordinance to clarify the applicability of any more stringent statewide floodplain management standards required under the FHACA.

LETTER OF MAP AMENDMENT - A Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) is an official amendment, by letter, to an effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map that is requested through the Letter of Map Change (LOMC) process. A LOMA establishes a property's location in relation to the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). LOMAs are usually issued because a property has been inadvertently mapped as being in the floodplain but is actually on natural high ground above the base flood elevation. Because a LOMA officially amends the effective NFIP map, it is a public record that the community must maintain. Any LOMA should be noted on the community's master flood map and filed by panel number in an accessible location.

LETTER OF MAP CHANGE – The Letter of Map Change (LOMC) process is a service provided by FEMA for a fee that allows the public to request a change in flood zone designation in an Area of Special Flood Hazard on a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). Conditional Letters of Map Revision, Conditional Letters of Map Revision – Fill, Letters of Map Revision, Letters of Map Revision-Fill, and Letters of Map Amendment are requested through the Letter of Map Change (LOMC) process.

LETTER OF MAP REVISION - A Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) is FEMA's modification to an effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). Letter of Map Revisions are generally based on the implementation of physical measures that affect the hydrologic or hydraulic characteristics of a flooding source and thus result in the modification of the existing regulatory floodway, the effective Base Flood Elevations (BFEs), or the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The LOMR officially revises the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and sometimes the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, and when appropriate, includes a description of the modifications. The LOMR is generally accompanied by an annotated copy of the affected portions of the FIRM or FIS report. Because a LOMR officially revises the effective NFIP map, it is a public record that the community must maintain. Any LOMR should be noted on the community's master flood map and filed by panel number in an accessible location.

LETTER OF MAP REVISION – FILL -- A Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F) is FEMA's modification of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) based on the placement of fill outside the existing regulatory floodway may be initiated through the Letter of Map Change (LOMC) Process. Because a LOMR-F officially revises the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) map, it is a public record that the community must maintain. Any LOMR-F should be noted on the community's master flood map and filed by panel number in an accessible location.

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LICENSED DESIGN PROFESSIONAL – Licensed design professional shall refer to either a New Jersey Licensed Professional Engineer, licensed by the New Jersey State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors or a New Jersey Licensed Architect, licensed by the New Jersey State Board of Architects.

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER - A licensed professional engineer shall refer to individuals licensed by the New Jersey State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

LOCAL DESIGN FLOOD ELEVATION (LDFE) – The elevation reflective of the most recent available preliminary flood elevation guidance FEMA has provided as depicted on but not limited to Advisory Flood Hazard Area Maps, Work Maps, or Preliminary FIS and FIRM which is also inclusive of freeboard specified by the New Jersey Flood Hazard Area Control Act and Uniform Construction Codes and any additional freeboard specified in a community's ordinance. In no circumstances shall a project's LDFE be lower than a permit-specified Flood Hazard Area Design Flood Elevation or a valid NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Verification Letter plus the freeboard as required in ASCE 24 and the effective FEMA Base Flood Elevation.

LOWEST ADJACENT GRADE – The lowest point of ground, patio, or sidewalk slab immediately next a structure, except in AO Zones where it is the natural grade elevation.

LOWEST FLOOR – In A Zones, the lowest floor is the top surface of the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement). An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, usable solely for the parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement is not considered a building's lowest floor provided that such enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of other applicable non-elevation design requirements of these regulations.

MANUFACTURED HOME – A structure that is transportable in one or more sections, eight (8) feet or more in width and greater than four hundred (400) square feet, built on a permanent chassis, designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities, and constructed to the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards and rules and regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The term also includes mobile homes, park trailers, travel trailers and similar transportable structures that are placed on a site for 180 consecutive days or longer.

MANUFACTURED HOME PARK OR SUBDIVISION – A parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.

MARKET VALUE – The price at which a property will change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither party being under compulsion to buy or sell and both having reasonable knowledge of relevant facts. As used in these regulations, the term refers to the market value of buildings and structures, excluding the land and other

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improvements on the parcel. Market value shall be determined by one of the following methods (1) Actual Cash Value (replacement cost depreciated for age and quality of construction), (2) tax assessment value adjusted to approximate market value by a factor provided by the Property Appraiser, or (3) established by a qualified independent appraiser.

NEW CONSTRUCTION – Structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of the first floodplain regulation adopted by a community; includes any subsequent improvements to such structures. New construction includes work determined to be a substantial improvement.

NON-RESIDENTIAL – Pursuant to ASCE 24, any building or structure or portion thereof that is not classified as residential.

ORDINARY MAINTENANCE AND MINOR WORK – This term refers to types of work excluded from construction permitting under N.J.A.C. 5:23 in the March 5, 2018 New Jersey Register. Some of these types of work must be considered in determinations of substantial improvement and substantial damage in regulated floodplains under 44 CFR 59.1. These types of work include but are not limited to replacements of roofing, siding, interior finishes, kitchen cabinets, plumbing fixtures and piping, HVAC and air conditioning equipment, exhaust fans, built in appliances, electrical wiring, etc. Improvements necessary to correct existing violations of State or local health, sanitation, or code enforcement officials which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions and improvements of historic structures as discussed in 44 CFR 59.1 shall not be included in the determination of ordinary maintenance and minor work.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE – A vehicle that is built on a single chassis, 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection, designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light-duty truck, and designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use. A recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices and has no permanently attached additions.

REPETITIVE LOSS – any flood-related damage sustained by a structure on two separate occasions during a 10-year period for which the cost of repairs at the time of each such flood event, on the average, equals or exceeds 25 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

RESIDENTIAL – Pursuant to the ASCE 24:

- a. Buildings and structures and portions thereof where people live or that are used for sleeping purposes on a transient or non-transient basis;
- b. Structures including but not limited to one- and two-family dwellings, townhouses, condominiums, multi-family dwellings, apartments, congregate residences, boarding houses, lodging houses, rooming houses, hotels, motels, apartment buildings, convents, monasteries, dormitories, fraternity houses, sorority houses, vacation time-share properties; and

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- c. institutional facilities where people are cared for or live on a 24-hour basis in a supervised environment, including but not limited to board and care facilities, assisted living facilities, halfway houses, group homes, congregate care facilities, social rehabilitation facilities, alcohol and drug centers, convalescent facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, mental hospitals, detoxification facilities, prisons, jails, reformatories, detention centers, correctional centers, and prerelease centers.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL – “Solid Waste Disposal” shall mean the storage, treatment, utilization, processing or final disposition of solid waste as described in N.J.A.C. 7:26-1.6 or the storage of unsecured materials as described in N.J.A.C. 7:13-2.3 for a period of greater than 6 months as specified in N.J.A.C. 7:26 which have been discharged, deposited, injected, dumped, spilled, leaked, or placed into any land or water such that such solid waste may enter the environment or be emitted into the air or discharged into any waters, including groundwaters.

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA – The greater of the following: (1) Land in the floodplain within a community subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year, shown on the FIRM as A, AO, A1-30, AE, A99, or AH; (2) Land and the space above that land, which lies below the peak water surface elevation of the flood hazard area design flood for a particular water, as determined using the methods set forth in the New Jersey Flood Hazard Area Control Act in N.J.A.C. 7:13; (3) Riparian Buffers as determined in the New Jersey Flood Hazard Area Control Act in N.J.A.C. 7:13. Also referred to as the AREA OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD.

START OF CONSTRUCTION – The **Start of Construction is as follows:**

- a. **For other than new construction or substantial improvements**, this is the date the building permit was issued, provided that the actual start of construction, repair, rehabilitation, addition, placement or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a building on site, such as the pouring of a slab or footing, the installation of piles, the construction of columns or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a manufactured (mobile) home on a foundation. For a substantial improvement, actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.
- b. For the purposes of determining whether proposed construction must meet new requirements when National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) maps are issued or revised and Base Flood Elevation's (BFEs) increase or zones change, the Start of Construction includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation.

Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading, and filling, nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the

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erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. Such development must also be permitted and must meet new requirements when National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) maps are issued or revised and Base Flood Elevation's (BFEs) increase or zones change.

For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

For determining if new construction and substantial improvements within the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) can obtain flood insurance, a different definition applies.

STRUCTURE – A walled and roofed building, a manufactured home, or a gas or liquid storage tank that is principally above ground.

SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE – Damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT – Any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure taking place over a ten-year period, the cumulative cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the “start of construction” of the improvement. The period of accumulation includes the first improvement or repair of each structure that is permanent subsequent to the date of the adoption of this ordinance. This term includes structures which have incurred “substantial damage”, regardless of the actual repair work performed. This term also includes structures which have incurred “repetitive loss” or “substantial damage”, regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either:

- a. Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of State or local health, sanitary or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement officer and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or
- b. Any alteration of a "historic structure", provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure."

UTILITY AND MISCELLANEOUS GROUP U BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES – Buildings and structures of an accessory character and miscellaneous structures not classified in any special occupancy, as described in ASCE 24.

VARIANCE – A grant of relief from the requirements of this section which permits construction in a manner otherwise prohibited by this section where specific enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship.

VIOLATION – A development that is not fully compliant with these regulations or the flood provisions of the building code. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in this ordinance is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

WATER SURFACE ELEVATION – the height, in relation to the North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) of 1988, (or other datum, where specified) of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the flood plains of coastal or riverine areas.

WATERCOURSE. A river, creek, stream, channel, or other topographic feature in, on, through, or over which water flows at least periodically.

WET FLOODPROOFING – Floodproofing method that relies on the use of flood damage resistant materials and construction techniques in areas of a structure that are below the Local Design Flood Elevation by intentionally allowing them to flood. The application of wet floodproofing as a flood protection technique under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is limited to enclosures below elevated residential and non-residential structures and to accessory and agricultural structures that have been issued variances by the community.

SECTION 301 SUBDIVISIONS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

301.1 General. Any subdivision proposal, including proposals for manufactured home parks and subdivisions, or other proposed new development in a flood hazard area shall be reviewed to assure that:

- (1) All such proposals are consistent with the need to minimize flood damage.
- (2) All public utilities and facilities, such as sewer, gas, electric and water systems are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage.
- (3) Adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards; in Zones AH and AO, adequate drainage paths shall be provided to guide floodwater around and away from structures.

301.2 Subdivision requirements. Where any portion of proposed subdivisions, including manufactured home parks and subdivisions, lies within a flood hazard area, the following shall be required:

- (1) The flood hazard area, including floodways and base flood elevations, as appropriate, shall be delineated on tentative subdivision plats.
- (2) Residential building lots shall be provided with adequate buildable area outside the floodway.
- (3) The design criteria for utilities and facilities set forth in these regulations and appropriate codes shall be met.

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SECTION 401 SITE IMPROVEMENT

401.1 Encroachment in floodways. Development, land disturbing activity, and encroachments in floodways shall not be authorized unless it has been demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses required in accordance with Section 105.3(1) of these regulations, that the proposed encroachment will not result in any increase in the base flood level during occurrence of the base flood discharge. If Section 105.3(1) is satisfied, proposed elevation, addition, or reconstruction of a lawfully existing structure within a floodway shall also be in accordance with Section 801.2 of this ordinance and the floodway requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:13.

401.1.1 Prohibited in floodways. The following are prohibited activities:

- (1) The storage of unsecured materials is prohibited within a floodway pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:13.
- (2) Fill and new structures are prohibited in floodways per N.J.A.C. 7:13.

401.2 Sewer facilities. All new and replaced sanitary sewer facilities, private sewage treatment plants (including all pumping stations and collector systems) and on-site waste disposal systems shall be designed in accordance with the New Jersey septic system regulations contained in N.J.A.C. 14A and N.J.A.C. 7:9A, the UCC Plumbing Subcode (N.J.A.C. 5:23) and Chapter 7, ASCE 24, to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwater into the facilities and discharge from the facilities into flood waters, or impairment of the facilities and systems.

401.3 Water facilities. All new and replacement water facilities shall be designed in accordance with the New Jersey Safe Drinking Water Act (N.J.A.C. 7:10) and the provisions of Chapter 7 ASCE 24, to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwater into the systems.

401.4 Storm drainage. Storm drainage shall be designed to convey the flow of surface waters to minimize or eliminate damage to persons or property.

401.5 Streets and sidewalks. Streets and sidewalks shall be designed to minimize potential for increasing or aggravating flood levels.

401.6 Limitations on placement of fill. Subject to the limitations of these regulations, fill shall be designed to be stable under conditions of flooding including rapid rise and rapid drawdown of floodwater, prolonged inundation, and protection against flood-related erosion and scour. In addition to these requirements, when intended to support buildings and structures (Zone A only), fill shall comply with the requirements of the UCC (N.J.A.C. 5:23). Proposed fill and encroachments in flood hazard areas shall comply with the flood storage displacement limitations of N.J.A.C. 7:13.

401.7 Hazardous Materials. The placement or storage of any containers holding hazardous substances in a flood hazard area is prohibited unless the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:13 which cover the placement of hazardous substances and solid waste is met.

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SECTION 501 MANUFACTURED HOMES

501.1 General. All manufactured homes installed in flood hazard areas shall be installed pursuant to the Nationally Preemptive Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Program (24 CFR 3280).

501.2 Elevation. All new, relocated, and replacement manufactured homes to be placed or substantially improved in a flood hazard area shall be elevated such that the bottom of the frame is elevated to or above the elevation specified in Section 801.2.

501.3 Foundations. All new, relocated, and replacement manufactured homes, including substantial improvement of existing manufactured homes, shall be placed on foundations as specified by the manufacturer only if the manufacturer's installation instructions specify that the home has been designed for flood-resistant considerations and provides the conditions of applicability for velocities, depths, or wave action as required by 24 CFR Part 3285-302. The Floodplain Administrator is authorized to determine whether the design meets or exceeds the performance necessary based upon the proposed site location conditions as a precondition of issuing a flood damage prevention permit. If the Floodplain Administrator determines that the home's performance standards will not withstand the flood loads in the proposed location, the applicant must propose a design certified by a New Jersey licensed design professional and in accordance with 24 CFR 3285.301 (c) and (d) which conforms with ASCE 24, the accepted standard of engineering practice for flood resistant design and construction.

501.4 Anchoring. All new, relocated, and replacement manufactured homes to be placed or substantially improved in a flood hazard area shall be installed using methods and practices which minimize flood damage and shall be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist flotation, collapse and lateral movement. This requirement is in addition to applicable State and local anchoring requirements for resisting wind forces.

501.5 Enclosures. Fully enclosed areas below elevated manufactured homes shall comply with the requirements of Section 801.2.

501.6 Protection of mechanical equipment and outside appliances. Mechanical equipment and outside appliances shall be elevated to or above the elevation of the bottom of the frame required in Section 801.2 of these regulations.

Exception. Where such equipment and appliances are designed and installed to prevent water from entering or accumulating within their components and the systems are constructed to resist hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and stresses, including the effects of buoyancy, during the occurrence of flooding up to the elevation required by Section 801.2, the systems and equipment shall be permitted to be located below that elevation. Electrical wiring systems shall be permitted below the design flood elevation provided they conform to the provisions of NFPA 70 (National Electric Code).

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SECTION 601 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

601.1 Placement prohibited. The placement of recreational vehicles shall not be authorized in floodways.

601.2 Temporary placement. Recreational vehicles in flood hazard areas shall be fully licensed and ready for highway use and shall be placed on a site for less than 180 consecutive days.

601.3 Permanent placement. Recreational vehicles that are not fully licensed and ready for highway use, or that are to be placed on a site for more than 180 consecutive days, shall meet the requirements of Section 801.2 for habitable buildings and Section 501.3.

SECTION 701 TANKS

701.1 Tanks. Underground and above-ground tanks shall be designed, constructed, installed, and anchored in accordance with ASCE 24 and N.J.A.C. 7:13.

SECTION 801 OTHER DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING WORK

801.1 General requirements for other development and building work. All development and building work, including man-made changes to improved or unimproved real estate for which specific provisions are not specified in these regulations or the Uniform Construction Code (N.J.A.C. 5:23), shall:

- (1) Be located and constructed to minimize flood damage;
- (2) Meet the limitations of Section 105.3(1) of this ordinance when located in a regulated floodway;
- (3) Be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement resulting from hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads, including the effects of buoyancy, during the conditions of flooding up to the Local Design Flood Elevation determined according to Section 102.3;
- (4) Be constructed of flood damage-resistant materials as described in ASCE 24 Chapter 5;
- (5) Have mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems above the Local Design Flood Elevation determined according to Section 102.3 or meet the requirements of ASCE 24 Chapter 7 which requires that attendant utilities are located above the Local Design Flood Elevation unless the attendant utilities and equipment are:
 - i. Specifically allowed below the Local Design Flood Elevation; and
 - ii. Designed, constructed, and installed to prevent floodwaters, including any backflow through the system from entering or accumulating within the components.
- (6) Not exceed the flood storage displacement limitations in fluvial flood hazard areas in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:13; and
- (7) Not exceed the impacts to frequency or depth of offsite flooding as required by N.J.A.C. 7:13

in floodways.

801.2 Requirements for Habitable Buildings and Structures.

1) Construction and Elevation in A Zones.

- a. All new construction and substantial improvement of any habitable building (as defined in Section 201) located in flood hazard areas shall have the lowest floor, including basement, together with the attendant utilities (including all electrical, heating, ventilating, air-conditioning and other service equipment) and sanitary facilities, elevated to or above the Local Design Flood Elevation as determined in Section 102.3, be in conformance with ASCE Chapter 7, and be confirmed by an Elevation Certificate.
- b. All new construction and substantial improvements of non-residential structures shall:
 - i. Have the lowest floor, including basement, together with the attendant utilities (including all electrical, heating, ventilating, air-conditioning and other service equipment) and sanitary facilities, elevated to or above the Local Design Flood Elevation as determined in Section 102.3, be in conformance with ASCE Chapter 7, and be confirmed by an Elevation Certificate; or
 - ii. Together with the attendant utility and sanitary facilities, be designed so that below the Local Design Flood Elevation, the structure:
 1. Meets the requirements of ASCE 24 Chapters 2 and 7; and
 2. Is constructed according to the design plans and specifications provided at permit application and signed by a licensed design professional, is certified by that individual in a Floodproofing Certificate, and is confirmed by an Elevation Certificate.
- c. All new construction and substantial improvements with fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor shall be used solely for parking of vehicles, building access, or storage in an area other than a basement and which are subject to flooding. Enclosures shall:
 - iii. For habitable structures, be situated at or above the adjoining exterior grade along at least one entire exterior wall, in order to provide positive drainage of the enclosed area in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:13; enclosures (including crawlspaces and basements) which are below grade on all sides are prohibited;
 - iv. Be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters unless the structure is non-residential and the requirements of 801.2.1(b)(ii) are met;
 - v. Be constructed to meet the requirements of ASCE 24 Chapter 2;
 - vi. Have openings documented on an Elevation Certificate; and
 - vii. Have documentation that a deed restriction has been obtained for the lot if the enclosure is greater than six feet in height. This deed restriction shall be recorded in the Office of the County Clerk or the Registrar of Deeds and Mortgages in which the building is located, shall conform to the requirements in N.J.A.C.7:13, and shall be recorded within 90 days of receiving a Flood Hazard Area Control Act permit or prior to the start of any site disturbance (including pre-construction earth movement, removal of vegetation and structures, or construction of the project), whichever is

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sooner. Deed restrictions must explain and disclose that:

1. The enclosure is likely to be inundated by floodwaters which may result in damage and/or inconvenience.
 2. The depth of flooding that the enclosure would experience to the Flood Hazard Area Design Flood Elevation;
 3. The deed restriction prohibits habitation of the enclosure and explains that converting the enclosure into a habitable area may subject the property owner to enforcement;
- d. For new construction or substantial improvements, enclosures shall be less than 295 square feet in size.

801.3 Garages and accessory storage structures. Garages and accessory storage structures shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the Uniform Construction Code.

801.4 Fences. Fences in floodways that have the potential to block the passage of floodwater, such as stockade fences and wire mesh fences, shall meet the requirements of Section 105.3(1) of these regulations. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:13, any fence located in a floodway shall have sufficiently large openings so as not to catch debris during a flood and thereby obstruct floodwaters, such as barbed-wire, split-rail, or strand fence. A fence with little or no open area, such as a chain link, lattice, or picket fence, does not meet this requirement. Foundations for fences greater than 6 feet in height must conform with the Uniform Construction Code. Fences for pool enclosures having openings not in conformance with this section but in conformance with the Uniform Construction Code to limit climbing require a variance as described in Section 107 of this ordinance.

801.5 Retaining walls, sidewalks, and driveways. Retaining walls, sidewalks and driveways that involve placement of fill in floodways shall meet the requirements of Section 105.3(1) of these regulations and N.J.A.C. 7:13.

801.6 Swimming pools. Swimming pools shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the Uniform Construction Code. Above-ground swimming pools and below-ground swimming pools that involve placement of fill in floodways shall also meet the requirements of Section 105.3(1) of these regulations. Above-ground swimming pools are prohibited in floodways by N.J.A.C. 7:13.

801.7 Roads and watercourse crossings.

- (1) For any railroad, roadway, or parking area proposed in a flood hazard area, the travel surface shall be constructed at least one foot above the Flood Hazard Area Design Elevation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:13.
- (2) Roads and watercourse crossings that encroach into regulated floodways or riverine waterways with base flood elevations where floodways have not been designated, including roads, bridges, culverts, low- water crossings and similar means for vehicles or pedestrians to travel from one side of a watercourse to the other side, shall meet the requirements of Section 105.3(1) of these regulations.

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SECTION 901 TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND TEMPORARY STORAGE

901.1 Temporary structures. Temporary structures shall be erected for a period of less than 180 days. Temporary structures shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement resulting from hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy, during conditions of the base flood. Fully enclosed temporary structures shall have flood openings that are in accordance with ASCE 24 to allow for the automatic entry and exit of flood waters.

901.2 Temporary storage. Temporary storage includes storage of goods and materials for a period of less than 180 days. Stored materials shall not include hazardous materials.

901.3 Floodway encroachment. Temporary structures and temporary storage in floodways shall meet the requirements of Section 105.3(1) of these regulations.

SECTION 1001 UTILITY AND MISCELLANEOUS GROUP U

1001.1 Utility and Miscellaneous Group U. In accordance with Section 312 of the International Building Code, Utility and Miscellaneous Group U includes buildings and structures that are accessory in character and miscellaneous structures not classified in any specific occupancy in the Building Code, including, but not limited to, agricultural buildings, aircraft hangars (accessory to a one- or two-family residence), barns, carports, communication equipment structures (gross floor area less than 1,500 sq. ft.), fences more than 6 feet (1829 mm) high, grain silos (accessory to a residential occupancy), livestock shelters, private garages, retaining walls, sheds, stables, tanks and towers.

1001.2 Flood loads. Utility and miscellaneous Group U buildings and structures, including substantial improvement of such buildings and structures, shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement resulting from flood loads, including the effects of buoyancy, during conditions up to the Local Design Flood Elevation as determined in Section 102.3.

1001.3 Elevation. Utility and miscellaneous Group U buildings and structures, including substantial improvement of such buildings and structures, shall be elevated such that the lowest floor, including basement, is elevated to or above the Local Design Flood Elevation as determined in Section 102.3 and in accordance with ASCE 24. Utility lines shall be designed and elevated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:13.

1001.4 Enclosures below base flood elevation. Fully enclosed areas below the design flood elevation shall be constructed in accordance with Section 801.2 and with ASCE 24 for new construction and substantial improvements. Existing enclosures such as a basement or crawlspace having a floor that is below grade along all adjoining exterior walls shall be abandoned, filled-in, and/or otherwise modified to

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conform with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:13 when the project has been determined to be a substantial improvement by the Floodplain Administrator.

1001.5 Flood-damage resistant materials. Flood-damage-resistant materials shall be used below the Local Design Flood Elevation determined in Section 102.3.

1001.6 Protection of mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems. Mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems, equipment and components, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing fixtures, duct systems, and other service equipment, shall be elevated to or above the Local Design Flood Elevation determined in Section 102.3.

Exception: Electrical systems, equipment and components, and heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and plumbing appliances, plumbing fixtures, duct systems, and other service equipment shall be permitted to be located below the Local Design Flood Elevation provided that they are designed and installed to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components and to resist hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and stresses, including the effects of buoyancy, during the occurrence of flooding to the Local Design Flood Elevation in compliance with the flood-resistant construction requirements of ASCE 24. Electrical wiring systems shall be permitted to be located below the Local Design Flood Elevation provided they conform to the provisions of NFPA 70 (National Electric Code).

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

Where any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of these regulations is, for any reason, declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the regulations as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other party of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be confined in its effect to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Council President Bodanza to adopt Ordinance 2023-8 on first reading by title. Ordinance adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

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RESOLUTION 2023-113 AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM FRAMPTON, RICHARD CAPONE AND JOSEPH KELLY AS SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (SLEO) TO PROVIDE SCHOOL SECURITY FOR BERLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO PERFORM DUTIES FOR THE BERLIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS the Township of Berlin and Berlin Township Board of Education have agreed to enter into a shared service agreement to provide School Security Officers to the Berlin Township public school and to perform duties for the Berlin Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin authorizes the re-appointment of **Richard Capone as a SLEO III** School Security Officer, **William Frampton as a SLEO II**, School Security Officer and **Joseph Kelly SLEO Class II** Duties for Berlin Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO) will be appointed for the months of **JULY, AUGUST and SEPTEMBER** in increments of 90 days throughout the school year as suggested by school security best practice.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, that the above, **Richard Capone as a SLEO III, William Frampton as a SLEO II and Joseph Kelly as a SLEO Class II** is hereby appointed for another 90 days.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-113. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-114 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RE- APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD ANNAONE AS A CLASS III SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (SLEO III) FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS the Township of Berlin and Berlin Township Board of Education have agreed to enter into a shared service agreement to provide School Security Officers to the Berlin Township public school; and

WHEREAS, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin authorizes the re-appointment of **Richard Annacone as a SLEO III** School Security Officer; and

WHEREAS, **Richard Annacone** re- appointment will be for one year beginning on July 1, 2023 until July 1, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, that, **Richard Annacone** is hereby appointed for a year, as a SLEO Class III, School Security Officer.

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Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-114. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-115 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS NPP AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

SCHEDULE I: RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, NPP American Rescue Plan for an amount of \$260,000 for a street infrastructure improvement project;

BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED,

- 1) that the Township of Berlin does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Berlin and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-115. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-116 ADOPTING THE 3-YEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN.

WHEREAS, the **Township** of **Berlin** and the County of Camden wish to establish a cooperative means of conducting certain eligible community development and affordable housing activities; and

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WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4 et seq.) permits local units such as counties and municipalities to enter into agreements for the provision of joint services; and

WHEREAS, Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983, the HOME Program Act of 1991, and the Emergency Solutions Grant, as amended, provides federal funds being made available to Camden County for use to carry out eligible Community Development Activities therein; and

WHEREAS, the **Township of Berlin** will propose certain activities to be carried out under the 2024, 2025 and 2026 Community Development, HOME Programs and Emergency Solutions Grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid activities are in the best interest of the **Township of Berlin** and the County of Camden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the **GOVERNING BODY** of the **Township of Berlin** that the 2024 to 2026 Cooperation Agreement be adopted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-116. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

**RESOLUTION 2023-117 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ISSUANCE OF A
OFF PREMISE RAFFLE LICENSES FOR WEST BERLIN LIONS CLUB
FOUNDATION.**

WHEREAS, West Berlin Lions Club, has requested the issuances of an off- premise raffle license by the Township of Berlin for;

Date: November 18, 2023,
Location: 357 Cleveland Avenue, West Berlin NJ 08091

Type Raffle: Off- Premises Raffle

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that it hereby authorizes the issuances of an Off Premise Raffle licenses to West Berlin Lions Club Foundation.

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Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-117. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-118 GRANTING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE.

WHEREAS, the following persons, corporations and individuals have filed applications with the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, New Jersey, for the renewal of their Plenary Retail Distribution License for the year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024;

CONTROL NUMBER	NAME	T/A
0406-44-002-009	BZBL, Inc. Rte. 73 and Minck Ave. W. Berlin, NJ 08091	The Wine Shop

WHEREAS, the application of the above named individual or corporation has been examined by the Mayor and Council and has been found to be in proper order; and

WHEREAS, the proper fees have been paid to the Township of Berlin,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the license be and is hereby granted renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution License and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue the new license for the year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-118. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-119 GRANTING RENEWAL OF CLUB LICENSE.

WHEREAS, the following persons, corporations and individuals have filed applications with the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, New Jersey, for the renewal of their Club License for the year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024;

CONTROL NUMBER	NAME	T/A
0406-31-011-001	Son's of Italy Mario Lanza Lodge 2308 153 Haddon Avenue	Sons of Italy

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W. Berlin, NJ 08091

WHEREAS, the application of the above named individual or corporation has been examined by the Mayor and Council and has been found to be in proper order; and

WHEREAS, the proper fees have been paid to the Township of Berlin,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the license be and is hereby granted renewal of Club License, and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue the new license for the year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-119. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-120 GRANTING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES.

WHEREAS, the following persons, corporations and individuals have filed applications with the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, New Jersey, for the renewal of their Plenary Retail Consumption License for the year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023;

CONTROL NUMBER	NAME	T/A
0406-33-003-006	Erin Court, LLC 588 Route 73 W. Berlin, NJ 08091	Otts Green Tops
0406-33-001-006	MPG Inc. 103 Route 73 W. Berlin, NJ 08091	The New Palace Diner
0406-33-005-013	Filomena II Inc. 13 Crosskeys Road W. Berlin, NJ 08091	Filomena II
0406-33-006-011	WolfJohn LLC 795 South Route 73 W. Berlin NJ 08091	Victory Sports Bar & Grill
0406-33-004-006	Magic of Volcano 461 Route 73 North W. Berlin NJ 08091	Volcano Steak and Sushi
0406-33-007-017	APX/Sahara Sam's Oasis	Big Kahuna's Water Park

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535 North Route 73
W. Berlin NJ 08091

WHEREAS, the application of the above named individuals or corporations has been examined by the Mayor and Council and has been found to be in proper order; and

WHEREAS, the proper fees have been paid to the Township of Berlin,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the licenses be and is hereby granted renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption license, and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue the new license for the year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-120. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023 -121 THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW GARRISON AS PATROLMAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, a recommendation has been made to the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin to appoint **Andrew Garrison** as Patrolman in the Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin have reviewed the recommendation and found same to be acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Berlin that it hereby authorizes and approves the appointment of Andrew Garrison, Patrolman in the Township Police Department effective June 26,2023.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-121. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023 -122 THE APPOINTMENT OF JUAN MARRERO AS PATROLMAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, a recommendation has been made to the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin to appoint **Juan Marrero** as Patrolman in the Township Police Department; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin have reviewed the recommendation and found same to be acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Berlin that it hereby authorizes and approves the appointment of Juan Marrero, Patrolman in the Township Police Department effective June 13, 2023.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-122. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-123 PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR JUNE 2023

WHEREAS, the Code of the Township of Berlin, Chapter 7-1 et seq., provides for the payment of claims after certification by the Treasurer and consideration by Mayor and Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, that the following claims detailed below and attached are hereby approved and the bills to be paid.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-123. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-124 AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN AND THE BERLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICERS (“SSOs”)

WHEREAS, the parties hereto are permitted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (“Act”), to enter into an Agreement to provide jointly, or through each respective agency itself, such services authorized by the Act, including areas of general government administration, such as shared services and the like; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the School District remain dedicated to providing a safe and secure environment for the two public schools, Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School and John F. Kennedy Elementary School, and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, through the combined efforts of the School District and the Berlin Township Police Department, students will continue to receive a quality education in a safe and secure environment; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to establish goals and objectives, including, but not limited to:

- a) Providing on-site security;

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- b) Building respect for law enforcement among students;
 - c) Reducing school violence and other crimes;
 - d) Providing a direct link to law enforcement;
 - e) Improving the responsiveness of the Berlin Twp. Police Department based on community feedback;
 - f) Improving school and community relations by addressing the concerns of the surrounding community that are caused by the school and its students;
- and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the above established goals and objectives, the Township shall provide two part-time Special Law Enforcement Officers (“SLEOs”) to act as School Security Officers (“SSO’s”) for the Berlin Township public schools.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth between the parties to this agreement, the parties agree as follows. (see attached)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the agreement between the Township of Berlin and the Berlin Township Board of Education for School Security Officers.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-124. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-125 CANCELLING A SHARED SERVICE BETWEEN EVESHAM TOWNSHIP AND THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN FOR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin and Evesham Township entered into a shared service agreement on October 25, 2021 for Chief Financial Officer Services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of Evesham Township will be resigning as of June 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III section A of the agreement either party may cancel the agreement by way of written notification; and

WHEREAS, Evesham Township will not have a suitable Chief Financial Officer to fulfill the duties of the shared service; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin hereby authorizes the Mayor to cancel the shared service agreement between Evesham Township and the Township of Berlin as described herein effective June 23, 2023.

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Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-125. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-126 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN AUTHORIZING, THE IMPOSITION OF LIENS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 249 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN ENTITLED, "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.12(f) authorizes a municipality to perform certain acts of property maintenance and to charge the costs thereof as a lien against the real property on which such maintenance is performed; and

WHEREAS, Chapters 249 of the Code of the Township of Berlin establish, *inter alia*, the procedure by which such property maintenance shall be performed and the process through which the costs thereof shall be established as municipal charges and/or liens against the real property upon which such maintenance is performed; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer for the Township of Berlin was notified and became aware that property maintenance was necessary for certain real properties located in the Township of Berlin listed as follows:

<u>Property: Block/Lot</u>	<u>LIEN NUMBER</u>	<u>REASON</u>
211 Centaurian Dr. B-1410 L-3	PM23-004	lawn care
324 Centaurain Dr. B-1804 L-7	PM23-002	lawn care
334 Magnolia Dr. B-1412 L-19	PM23-005	lawn care

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 249 the Code Enforcement Officer issued Violation Notices to the property owner(s) or responsible party(ies) relating to the above-referenced conditions which were found to be health and safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, the property owner(s) or responsible party(ies) failed to take appropriate action as required in said Violation Notices and the Code Enforcement Officer placed a work order with outside vendors to have such work performed as necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer provided invoices as certification of all costs associated with the above-described work performed in order that the monies expended to pay outside vendors to perform the services at these properties could be charged against the respective properties as more fully set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that it hereby authorizes, approves and ratifies the assessment of municipal charges and/or liens on the following properties as of the date first noted below in accordance with the

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certified costs provided by the Code Enforcement Officer as described above, and further resolves that these amounts shall forthwith become a lien on such lands as provided for herein:

<u>Property: Block/Lot</u>	<u>Date Charged</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
211 Centaurain Dr. B-1410 L-3	6/12/23	\$75.00	lawn care
324 Centaurian Dr. B-1804 L-7	6/12/23	\$75.00	lawncare
334 Magnolia Dr. B-1412 L-19	6/12/23	\$850.00	clean up

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the above-referenced charges and/or liens shall be filed with and shall remain on file with the Tax Office until payment in full thereof, including any penalties and/or interest that may accrue thereon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unpaid liens authorized herein shall bear interest at the same rate allowed for unpaid taxes and shall be collected and enforced in the same manner as unpaid taxes and further that the Tax Collector is further authorized to subject same to Tax Sale in the calendar year next following the date thereof in accordance with the Tax Sale Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Township Tax Collector and said Resolution, together with all invoices evidencing certification of costs expended for said work, shall be filed with and/or shall remain on file with the Township Tax Collector until said charges are paid the lien is released in the matter required by law.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-126. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

**RESOLUTION 2023-127 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION
AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FY 2024 FOR
THE IMPROVEMENTS PINE AVENUE, TAUNTON AVENUE AND MT.
VERNON AVENUE.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2024-Pine, Taunton and Mt. Vernon Avenues Improvements-00020 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Berlin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Berlin and that their signature constitutes acceptance of

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the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-127. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-128 AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN TO CONDUCT A PERIODIC REEXAMINATION OF THE MASTER PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin desires to conduct a general re-examination of its municipal Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89 requires that the governing body shall, at least every ten (10) years, provide for the general reexamination of its Master Plan and development regulations by the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Township of Berlin is authorized by law to prepare and adopt by resolution a report on the findings of such re-examination; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Berlin hereby directs the Planning Board to prepare a re-examination report, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89 and other relevant provisions of the Municipal Land Use Land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the Township of Berlin hereby authorizes the Township Planning Board to conduct a Master Plan re-examination in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89 and other relevant provisions of the Municipal Land Use Land.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-128. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

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RESOLUTION 2023-129 RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO MAX SPANN REAL ESTATE & AUCTION Co. FOR PROPERTY AUCTIONEER SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin is in need of a vendor to provide certain property auctioneer; and

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for sealed proposals to be publicly opened on June 8th, 2023 at 2:30 pm; and

WHEREAS, the Township received only one proposal from Maxx Spann Real Estate & Auction Co. to provide such services, upon the terms set forth in the proposal attached hereto and incorporated by reference, with no fee born by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the credentials of Maxx Spann Real Estate & Auction Co. and finds them satisfactory; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Financial Officer has recommended award of this contract under his authority contained in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, as follows:

1. The Township hereby awards a contract to Maxx Spann Real Estate & Auction Co. to provide certain property auction services, at no cost to the Township, for a one-year term, consistent with the foregoing.

2. The Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Maxx Spann Real Estate & Auction Co., consistent with the foregoing, and upon terms acceptable to the Township Chief Financial Officer and Township Attorney.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-129. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

Business Approvals

1) Aaron Burkett, Phoenix E.O.D LLC, located at 404 Bloomfield Drive, Suite 1. Office and warehouse for the distribution of Bio Friendly soap wax.

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2) Michael Keppe, Tractor Supply, located at 901 Route 73. Retail farm supply.

3) Erick Guagua, Kuntur House, 76 Haddon Avenue. Restaurant.

4) Vinaya Patel, 73 Smoke and Cigar Corp. LLC, 330 Route 73 Suit A. A retail store for smoke and cigar products.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to approve the Mercantile license above. Mercantile License approved by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative

Kennel License

1) PetSmart LLC 215 North Route 73, West Berlin NJ 08091

Motion by Council President Bodanza second by Councilman Epifanio to approve the Kennel License above. Kennel License approved by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative

Approval of May 8th Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council President Bodanza second by Councilman Epifanio to approve the Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote, four members present voting in the affirmative.

Approval of the Consent Agenda for May 2023

Motion by Council President Bodanza, second by Councilman Epifanio to approve the Consent Agenda for May 2023 Motion carried by voice vote, five members present voting in the affirmative.

Approval of the Correspondence Calendar for May 2023

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Council President Bodanza to approve the Correspondence Calendar for May 2023. Motion carried by voice vote, four members present voting in the affirmative.

All other Business

1) Community Camp Out June 17, 2023

2) Fourth of July Parade- Governing Body need to work on the float.

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Public Portion

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Council President Bodanza to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried by voice vote, all present voting in favor. Mayor Magazzu opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments.

Montebello Resident from Genova Drive asked what happens now, since the remaining work in the development still needs to be completed and it seems to be at a stand-still.

Chuck responded that the Township Solicitor had sent a letter out to the builders in regards to the work that needed to be completed.

Chuck recommended that the Solicitor may need to send a letter to pull the bond. Mayor Magazzu asked Chuck to call the Solicitor to see what we need to do.

Montebello Resident from Seville Court asked can the bonding company pull the bond and complete the work.

Mayor Magazzu replied yes.

Montebello Resident from Ravenna stated concerns with the sidewalks, grass and roads with the slopes and curb, just walking to your mailbox is a accident waiting to happen with the residents.

Mayor Magazzu asked Township Engineer to go out and take a look at the area.

Councilman Epifanio children Frankie and Oliva said hello to the Governing Body

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Council President Bodanza to close the meeting to the public. Motion carried by voice vote, all present voting in favor. Mayor Magazzu closed the meeting to the public for questions or comments.

Adjourn

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Council President Bodanza to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 pm. Motion carried by voice vote, all members voting in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned 5:53 pm

**Catherine Underwood
Berlin Township RMC**