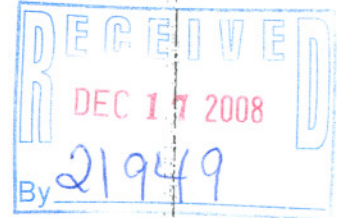


RESOLUTION NO 2008-139
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF WARREN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY



RESOLUTION SEEKING AN EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO PETITION FOR SUBSTANTIVE CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 114 AND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO PETITION HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2008, Governor Corzine signed Executive Order 114 which requires the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) and the New Jersey Highlands Council (Highlands) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and

WHEREAS, COAH and the Highlands have prepared such an MOU, which was adopted by COAH on October 29, 2008 and by the Highlands Council on October 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, COAH regulations establish a December 31, 2008 deadline for municipalities currently under the jurisdiction of COAH to submit third round petitions for substantive certification of a municipal housing element and fair share plan; and

WHEREAS, the MOU establishes a procedure that municipalities under the jurisdiction of both COAH and the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act may follow to seek an extension to the December 31, 2008 deadline set by COAH for the submission of third round petitions for substantive certification of a municipal housing element and fair share plan; and

WHEREAS, the MOU provides for an extension of the December 31, 2008 deadline to December 8, 2009 for any Highlands municipality under COAH's jurisdiction that, before December 31, 2008: 1) submits a duly adopted Notice of Intent to Petition in accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines; and 2) submits a duly adopted resolution notifying COAH of its intent to petition COAH no later than December 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2008 the governing body of Washington Township Committee adopted a resolution notifying the Highlands that Washington Township has set December 8, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington Township hereby agrees that its deadline for the submission of a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:96-16 is extended from December 31, 2008 to December 8, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of Washington Township hereby directs its Township Clerk to immediately transmit a signed and sealed copy of this resolution to COAH; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of Washington Township hereby directs its Township Clerk to immediately transmit a signed and sealed copy of the December 15, 2008 duly adopted Notice of Intent to Petition in accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines to COAH; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of Washington Township intends to submit a petition for substantive certification of a third round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to COAH not later than December 8, 2009.

The above resolution was moved by Mueller and seconded by Strunk.

Roll Call:

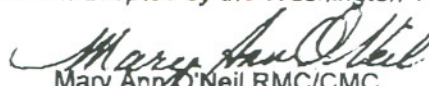
Ayes:	Nays:	Abstain:
Mueller	NONE	NONE
Strunk		
Elhassouny		
Horenstky		
Dampsk		

To be filed via Certified Mail with:
New Jersey Highlands Council
100 North Road
Chester, NJ 07930

New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing
101 South Broad Street
P.O. Box 813
Trenton, NJ 08625

Copy to be filed with the Washington Township Land Use Board.

Certification: I, Mary Ann O'Neil, Clerk of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Washington Township Committee on Tuesday, December 16, 2008.


Mary Ann O'Neil RMC/CMC
Township Clerk

Dated: December 16, 2008