

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SOMERSET COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
RESOLUTION UPDATE, PUBLIC WORKS HANDBOOK
AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Planning Board is empowered to review all subdivisions and site plans consistent with the County Planning Act; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders has previously adopted the Somerset County Land Development Review Resolution in accordance with the New Jersey County and Regional Planning Act R.S. 40:26-1 to 40:26-6.13 inclusive, Chapter 285, Laws of 1968 to establish appropriate standards for the review and approval of land development within Somerset County; and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Board and the Office of the County Engineer have determined that the Somerset County Land Development Review Resolution needs to be updated in order to meet changing laws policies and development trends so as to enable the Somerset County Planning Board to efficiently and effectively handle the review and approval of development applications within the County that affects County roads, bridges and drainage facilities so as to protect the health safety and welfare of Somerset County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Planning Division and Engineering Division have developed the revised Somerset County Land Development Review Resolution, Public Works Handbook and Land Development Review Fee Schedule which incorporates new standards in order to meet changing laws policies and development trends; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted the current Somerset County Land Development Review Resolution and Fee Schedule in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water and Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 *et seq.*, finds and declares that the protection of New Jersey's Highlands is an issue of state level importance because of the vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other significant natural resources; and

WHEREAS, portions of the County of Somerset are located in the Preservation Area of the Highlands as defined by the Highlands Act; and

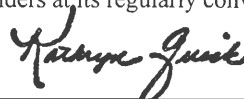
WHEREAS, the Somerset County Planning Board and the Board of Chosen Freeholders also affirmatively seek to align its Land Development Review regulations and standards with the policies, goals and provision of the Highlands Regional Master Plan as applicable to the Preservation Area, in full conformance with the requirements of the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Planning Board has transmitted copies of aforementioned Land Development Review Resolution, Public Works Handbook and Land Development Review Fee Schedule to all Municipal Clerks and Secretaries of Planning/Land Use Boards in the County and Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders has duly advertised and held a Public Hearing on April 12, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders Board approves the Land Development Review Resolution update, Public Works Handbook and Land Development Review Fee schedule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Somerset County Planning Board.

I, Kathryn Quick, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Somerset in the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by said Board of Chosen Freeholders at its regularly convened meeting of April 12, 2011.



Kathryn Quick, Deputy Clerk of the Board