



CITY OF OCEAN CITY

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OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

March 27, 2023

Ms. Donna Rendeiro, Executive Director
State of New Jersey
Department of State
Business Action Center
Office of Planning Advocacy
PO Box 820
Trenton, NJ 08625-0820

Dear Ms. Rendeiro:

On behalf of the Ocean City Council enclosed is a certified copy of Resolution No. 23-59-352 entitled, "**A Resolution Statement of Intent to Pursue a Plan Endorsement and Authorization to Submit the Municipal Self-Assessment Report to the Office of Smart Growth.**"

This resolution was adopted at a Regular Council meeting held on March 23, 2023. If you should have any questions please feel free to call our office at 609-525-9328.

Sincerely,

Sheila Cottrell
Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ocean City, NJ

RESOLUTION

23-59-352

STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PURSUE PLAN ENDORSEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE MUNICIPAL SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF SMART GROWTH

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act recognizes that New Jersey requires sound and integrated land use planning and coordination of planning at all levels of government in order to conserve the state's natural resources, revitalize the urban centers, protect the quality of the environment, and provide needed housing adequate public services at a reasonable cost while promoting beneficial economic growth, development and renewal; and

WHEREAS, Plan Endorsement is a voluntary review process developed by the State Planning Commission to provide the technical assistance and coordination of the State for municipalities, counties, and regional agencies to meet the goals of the State Planning Act and the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan Endorsement process is to increase the degree of consistency among municipal, county, regional and state agency plans with each other and with the State Plan, and to facilitate the implementation of these plans and guide where and how development and redevelopment can be accommodated in accordance with the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines incorporate, and expand upon, the principles of the Municipal Land Use Law in order to help towns plan for a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines require the preparation and submission of a Municipal Self-Assessment Report as the means by which a municipality assesses the consistency of its existing community vision and planning documents with the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2009, the State Planning Commission considered the petition submitted by the City and the recommendation of the Executive Director of the Office of Smart Growth, and adopted Resolution No. 2009-07, designating Ocean City as a Regional Center; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City desire to obtain Plan Endorsement from the State Planning Commission thereby extending the Regional Center designation approved in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ocean City has prepared a Municipal Self-Assessment Report pursuant to the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor City Council of Ocean City hereby expressly state the intention of Ocean City to pursue Plan Endorsement by the State Planning Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City approve the Municipal Self-Assessment Report and authorizes it to be submitted to the Office of Smart Growth for consideration and review as part of the effort to pursue Plan Endorsement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Ocean City shall transmit a copy of this Resolution and the Notice as required by the State Planning Rules to the State Planning Commission and the Office of Smart Growth.

Peter V. Madden, Council President

Offered by COUNCILMAN BARR Seconded by COUNCILMAN CROWLEY