

**Resolution No. 2019-93**

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Franklin recently had a presentation from the Highlands Council indicating the benefits of filing a Petition of Intent to conform with the Highlands Planning Regulations;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council authorized its Planner, Ken Nelson, and its Special Highlands Planner, Jessica Caldwell, to conduct a consistency analysis of the Borough of Franklin's existing zoning regulations with respect to the Highlands Regional Master Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the consistency determination indicated that the Borough's zoning ordinances are mostly aligned with the Highlands Regional Master Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough's Planners identified a number of properties to be addressed during a petition process;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has been given information indicating that the petition process could be of value to the Borough in that it will provide an intensive opportunity to review the Borough's own zoning ordinances as well as access significant planning and economic development grants that are available from the Highlands Council;

**WHEREAS**, it was an important consideration of the Borough Council as to whether Highlands grants needed to be reimbursed to the Highlands Council in the event that the Borough decided at some point not to go forward;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council was assured by its attorney that the grants would not be refundable to the Highlands Council in the event that the decision was made not to proceed to plan conformance;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council wanted written assurance from the Highlands Council;

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin that the Administrator and the Borough's Planners are authorized to file a Petition of Intent to conform with the Highlands Council provided that the Borough is assured, in writing, that any grants that are awarded would not have to be repaid in the event that the petition process stops short of full conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan.

## CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene J. Tremont, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a meeting of said Governing Body held on November 12, 2019.

  
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Darlene J. Tremont, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
JOSEPH LIMON	X			
JOHN POSTAS	X			
STEPHEN SKELLENGER	X			
GILBERT SNYDER				X
GLENN SOULES				X
STEPHAN ZYDON JR.	X			
MAYOR GIORDANO (Tie Only)				