

VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD

PLANNING BOARD

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE STORMWATER
MANAGEMENT ELEMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF
RIDGEWOOD**

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Law of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, *et seq.*) provides, at Section 28, that the "planning board may prepare and, after public hearing, adopt or amend a master plan or component parts thereof, to guide the use of lands within the municipality in a manner which protects public health and safety and promotes the general welfare"; and

WHEREAS, Article 14 of the Municipal Land Use Law, at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-94, requires that "a stormwater management plan shall be an integral part of any master plan," and N.J.A.C. 7:14A-25, Municipal Stormwater Management Regulations and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-93 provide that every municipality in the State is required to prepare a storm water management plan and a stormwater control ordinance or ordinances to implement said plan. The Municipal Stormwater Management Plan (MSWMP) documents the management strategy for addressing stormwater-related impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Management Element of the Village Master Plan was originally adopted by the Village of Ridgewood Planning Board (the "Board") on January 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) issued amendments to the New Jersey State Stormwater Management Regulations, found in N.J.A.C. 7:8, *et seq.* (the "Amendments"), to take effect on March 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Amendments, at N.J.A.C. 7:8-3.10(a)(2), require that each municipality in the regional stormwater management planning area shall incorporate the applicable provisions of the regional stormwater management plan into a new or amended municipal stormwater management plan and ordinances to render its stormwater plan compliant with the Amendments; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the Amendments, the Village Engineering Department prepared an Amended Stormwater Management Element of the Village Master Plan (the "Amended Stormwater Plan") and the Village Planner prepared changes to the related Ordinance to be recommended to the Village Council for adoption (the "Proposed Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, upon notice duly provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-10(a) and 40:55D-13, the Village of Ridgewood Planning Board (the "Board") held a public hearing on January 19, 2021, to discuss and entertain adoption of the Amended Stormwater Management Plan prepared by Christopher J. Rutishauser, PE, CPWM, Village Engineer, with a proposed revision date of December 29, 2020 (attached hereto), as an amended element to the Village of Ridgewood Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, at the January 19, 2021 hearing, the Planning Board heard and considered the testimony of Christopher J. Rutishauser, PE, CPWM, Director of Public Works and Village Engineer, who was sworn and qualified to provide the Planning Board with expert testimony, and testified as follows:

- a. Mr. Rutishauser testified generally as to the revised MSWMP which he prepared with a proposed revision date of December 29, 2020. The MSWMP documents the strategy for the Village to address stormwater related impacts. The creation of this

- plan is required by N.J.S.A.40:55D, Article 14 as amended and N.J.A.C. 7:14A-25 Municipal Stormwater Management Regulations. The plan contains all the required elements described in N.J.A.C. Chapter 7:8 Stormwater Management Rules, including revised rules which were adopted by the NJDEP on March 20, 2020.
- b. The last revision to the Village's MSWMP was on January 21, 2007. The revised plan incorporates the additional requirements for municipalities set forth in the Stormwater Management Rules amended by the NJDEP in March, 2020.
 - c. The plan addresses all development projects up to one acre in size. The standards included in the plan are intended to minimize the adverse impact of stormwater runoff on water quality and water quantity. The plan also describes long-term operation and maintenance measures for existing and future stormwater facilities.
 - d. Chapter 190, Land Use Development, of the Code of the Village of Ridgewood, contains the stormwater management regulations for the Village. To comply with the NJDEP Amendments to the stormwater management rules, the Village will be required to adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 190 of the Code at section 190-67 and 190-83 to adopt new stormwater management regulations consistent with NJDEP requirements.
 - e. The proposed revised draft of the MSWMP is being presented for adoption and amendment to the Master Plan and for recommendation to the Governing Body to endorse the proposed revised MSWMP.

WHEREAS, upon the conclusion of the public hearing held on the proposed revised Stormwater Management Plan, as an amendment to the Master Plan, a motion was made and

seconded to approve and adopt the Amended Stormwater Management Plan and a vote in favor of same was taken by the Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by motion duly made and seconded on January 19, 2021, that the Board hereby (a) adopts the Amended Stormwater Management Plan in the form attached; (b) declares that the adoption of the Amended Stormwater Management Plan constitutes an amendment to the Stormwater Management Element of the Village's Master Plan; and (c) recommends that the Governing Body of the Village of Ridgewood endorse the attached amendment to the Village's Plan. Notice of this adoption shall be published in the official newspapers of the Village; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Board hereby directs the Secretary to forward a copy of this Resolution and the Village of Ridgewood Amended Stormwater Plan to the Governing Body with Board's recommendation to endorse this adoption and amendment to the Village's Master Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized to affix their signatures to this Resolution.

Richard Joel, CHAIRMAN
PLANNING BOARD

The undersigned certifies that the within Resolution was adopted by the Board and memorialized herein pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-10(g) on February 2, 2021.

Jane Wondergem

PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY

VOTE ON ROLL CALL ON THE RESOLUTION:

IN FAVOR:

OPPOSED:

ABSTAINED:

RECUSED:

DATE APPROVED:

DATE RESOLUTION APPROVED:

