

**TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION #20-159**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING APPROXIMATELY 8.7 ACRES KNOWN AS BLOCK 27, LOTS 22 AND 23 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN AS A “NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT” UNDER THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.)**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the “LRHL”) authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land within the municipality constitute a “non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment” as described in Section 5 of the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, to determine whether a certain parcel of land constitutes an area in need of redevelopment, the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan (the “Township Committee”) by way of Resolution No. 20-123, dated May 4, 2020, authorized and directed the Township of Raritan Planning Board (the “Board”) to conduct an amended preliminary investigation to determine whether the area identified as Block 27, Lots 22 and 23 as shown on the Tax Map of the Township of Raritan consisting of approximately 8.7 acres (the “Amended Study Area”), meets the criteria set forth in Section 5 of the LRHL and should be designated as a “non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Board authorized the undertaking of the amended preliminary investigation as to whether the Amended Study Area, or any portion thereof, constitutes an area in need of redevelopment in accordance with the LRHL; and

**WHEREAS**, the LRHL requires the Board to conduct a public hearing prior to making its determination whether the Amended Study Area should be designated as “an area in need of redevelopment,” at which hearing the Board shall hear all persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Amended Study Area is a redevelopment area; and

**WHEREAS**, the LRHL requires that the Board, prior to conducting such public hearing, publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township once each week for two consecutive weeks, with the last publication made not less than ten (10) days prior to such public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the LRHL further requires that such notice be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to such public hearing to the last owner(s) of the relevant properties in accordance with the Township's assessment records; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board held a public hearing (the “Public Hearing”) to determine whether the Amended Study Area is a “non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment” under the criteria set forth in Section 5 of the LRHL at a regular meeting of the Board on June 24, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the Public Hearing was provided in the official newspaper of the Township on two consecutive weeks, the last being not less than ten (10) days before the Public Hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board also provided notice to property owners in the Amended Study Area; and

**WHEREAS**, at the Public Hearing, Jessica Caldwell, P.P, A.I.C.P. of J. Caldwell & Associates, Inc. presented a report dated May 26, 2020 entitled “Area in Need of Redevelopment Study 66-70 Junction Road, Block 27, Lots 22 and 23;” and

**WHEREAS**, at the Public Hearing, the Board reviewed the Report and considered the testimony of Ms. Caldwell; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board also gave members of the public an opportunity to speak and ask questions related to this matter; and

**WHEREAS**, after the conclusion of the Public Hearing, and in consideration of the Report and the substantial and credible testimony presented, the Board, on June 24, 2020, by unanimous voice vote, determined that the Study Area met one or more criteria to designate the Amended Study Area as an “area in need of redevelopment,” which was memorialized by way of PB Resolution 11-2020 which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee agrees with the recommendation of the Board that the Amended Study Area be designated as a “non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment” pursuant to the LRHL; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee now desires to authorize and direct Jessica Caldwell, P.P., A.I.C.P., to prepare a draft redevelopment plan for the Amended Study Area and to present same to the Township Committee for its consideration.

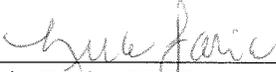
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby designates Block 27, Lots 22 and 23 as shown on the Tax Map of the Township of Raritan consisting of approximately 8.7 acres, as a “non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment” (the “Determination”) pursuant to the LRHL.
2. The Determination shall authorize the Township of Raritan to use all of the powers provided by the Legislature for use in a redevelopment area excluding the use of eminent domain, thus designating it a “Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area.”

3. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution by regular and certified mail to the Commissioner of Community Affairs (the "Commissioner") for review. The Determination of the Amended Study Area as a "non-condemnation area in need of development" shall not take effect without first receiving the review and approval of the Commissioner. If the Commissioner does not issue an approval or disapproval within thirty (30) calendar days of transmittal, the Determination shall be deemed to be approved.
4. Notice of the Determination (the "Notice") shall be served, within ten (10) days of the Determination, upon all record owners of property located within the Amended Study Area, those whose names are listed on the tax assessor's records, and upon each person who filed a written objection thereto and stated, in or upon the written submission, an address to which the notice of Determination may be sent.
5. A property owner who received notice of the Determination as set forth above who does not file a legal challenge to the Determination affecting his or her property within 45 days of receipt of such notice shall thereafter be barred from filing such a challenge.

**ATTEST:**

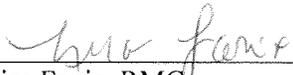
**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN**

  
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Lia Fania, RMC  
Township Clerk

  
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Jeff Kuhl  
Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Lisa Fania, Clerk of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby certify the foregoing resolution is a true, complete and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on June 30, 2020.

  
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Lisa Fania, RMC  
Township Clerk