

RESOLUTION 2025:28

BOROUGH OF STRATFORD

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD JOINT LAND USE BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PROPOSED STUDY AREA WHICH INCLUDES BLOCK 58, LOTS 28-32, 34, 35 and 37 ARE TO BE DELINEATED AS AN AREA IN NEED OF NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.)

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (“LRHL”) provides a mechanism to assist local governments in efforts to promote programs of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the LRHL sets forth the procedures for the Borough to declare an area in need of redevelopment, along with the development and effectuation of a redevelopment plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the required redevelopment procedures, specifically set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, no area of a municipality shall be determined a redevelopment area unless the governing body of the municipality shall, by Resolution, authorize the Joint Land Use Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether a proposed area is a redevelopment area meeting the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature adopted, and the Governor signed, P.L. 2013, Chapter 159, which amended the LRHL, including the procedural requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 2013, Chapter 159, “[t]he resolution authorizing the planning board to undertake a preliminary investigation shall state whether the redevelopment area determination shall authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the Legislature for use in a redevelopment area other than the use of eminent domain (“Non-

Condemnation Redevelopment Area”) or whether the redevelopment area determination shall authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the Legislature for use is a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain (“Condemnation Redevelopment Area”); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford seek to authorize and recommend the Borough of Stratford Joint Land Use Board to conduct a preliminary investigation of the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment to be a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Area in question is located at or along the White Horse Pike and the Area is located at Block 58, Lots 28-32, 34, 35 and 37, identified as the Study Area, may benefit from the tools available to municipalities under the LRHL and efforts to encourage private development with existing owners for increased employment and housing opportunities, tax ratables and other benefits which communities generally derive from the redevelopment of lands in these areas; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Borough and its residents to authorize the Borough Joint Land Use Board to undertake such preliminary investigation of the Study Area as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford wishes to direct the Borough of Stratford Joint Land Use Board to undertake a preliminary investigation utilizing Bach Associates to prepare the preliminary investigation, to determine whether the proposed Study Area, which includes Block 58, Lots 28-32, 34, 35 and 37 qualifies as an area in need of Non-Condemnation Redevelopment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council are empowered to authorize this preliminary investigation to be conducted by the Borough of Stratford Joint Land Use Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 as a Non-Condernnation Redevelopment Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The provisions of the **WHEREAS** clauses set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.
2. The Borough of Stratford Joint Land Use Board is hereby authorized to undertake a preliminary investigation, utilizing Bach Associates to prepare the preliminary investigation, pursuant to a notice to conduct a hearing and comply with other requirements of the LRHL, in order to recommend to the Borough Council whether the area comprising the Study Area is an area in need of Non-Condernnation Redevelopment according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5.
3. Pursuant to New Jersey P.L.2013, Chapter 159, the redevelopment area determination shall authorize the Borough to use all those powers provided by the Legislature for use in a Non-Condernnation Redevelopment Area, other than the use of eminent domain.
4. The Borough of Stratford Joint Land Use Board shall provide a written Report to the Mayor and Borough Council setting forth its findings resulting from such preliminary investigation and shall recommend to the Mayor and Borough Council whether said properties are an "Area in Need of Redevelopment" under the meaning and intendment of the LRHL.
5. The Borough of Stratford Joint Land Use Board shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and Borough Council in the form of a Resolution with supporting documents.

BY: _____
LINDA HALL, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
STEPHENIE CIANFRANI, BOROUGH CLERK

I, Stephenie Cianfrani, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford held on _____, 2025.

STEPHENIE CIANFRANI, BOROUGH CLERK