

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER BLOCK 4.01, LOT 243 QUALIFIES FOR DESIGNATION AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO 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.*, provides a mechanism to empower and assist local governments in efforts to promote programs of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to explore whether the real property located at the intersection of Route 22 and Washington Boulevard and more commonly known as Block 4.01, Lot 243 on the Township of Robbinsville Tax Map, inclusive of any and all streets, “paper” streets, private drives and right of ways (the “Study Area”) may be an appropriate area for consideration for the program of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Study Area currently has a high vacancy rate for retail stores located thereon and that has remained as such for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law sets forth a specific procedure for establishing an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6*, prior to the Township Council making a determination as to whether the Study Area qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment, the Township Council must authorize the Planning Board, by resolution, to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria of an area in need of redevelopment set forth in *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5*; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to direct the Township Planning Board to undertake such preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria for designation as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5* and in accordance with the investigation and hearing process set forth at *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby directs the Robbinsville Township Planning Board to conduct the necessary investigation and to hold a public hearing to determine whether the Study Area defined hereinabove qualifies for designation as an area in need of redevelopment under the criteria and pursuant to the public hearing process set forth in *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the redevelopment area determination shall further authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the New Jersey Legislature for use in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain (hereinafter referred to as “Condemnation Redevelopment Area”).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Township Council in the form of a Resolution with supportive documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and Township Planning Board and Planning Board Secretary.

I certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Robbinville at a meeting held on October 22, 2015.

Michele Seigfried, Municipal Clerk