## ORDINANCE NO. 14-2024

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AUTHORIZING A LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AND THE ARC/MORRIS COUNTY CHAPTER, NEW JERSEY, INC. REGARDING TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 99 MOUNTAIN AVENUE, AND ALSO DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 905, LOT 16 AS SET FORTH ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER

WHEREAS, the Township of Hanover has determined that it does not have a current need, or a foreseeable use for a parcel of land at 99 Mountain Avenue, and also known as Tax Block 905, Lot 16 as set forth on the Tax Map of the Township of Hanover; and

WHEREAS, the ARC/Morris County Chapter, New Jersey, Inc., a non-profit corporation of the State of New Jersey, which provides Group Homes for those who are developmentally disabled, seeks to construct on Lot 16 in Block 905 Block 905, a group home with six (6) bedrooms to accommodate individuals with high acuity needs; and

WHEREAS, the home will be constructed at the ARC's expense, and will be built on the basis of a long-term lease of the land from the Township; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(c) provides that a municipality may lease to a nonprofit corporation at a nominal consideration, lands that are not needed by a municipality for its use, for use by the nonprofit corporation, for such activities as the construction of a group home; and

WHEREAS, the Township has negotiated with the ARC/Morris County Chapter, New Jersey, Inc., a lease, a copy of which is on file with the Business Administrator, and same is deemed to be satisfactory.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** The lease between the Township of Hanover and the ARC/Morris County Chapter, New Jersey, Inc. providing for a rent of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other

good and valuable consideration for the parcel of Township owned land at 99 Mountain Avenue, and also designated as Block 905, Lot 16 as set forth on the Tax Map of the Township of Hanover, for a period of thirty-five (35) years for the construction of a group home to accommodate up to six (6)

developmentally disabled individuals on an as needed basis, without any mortgage or lien being placed on the aforesaid land is hereby approved. At the discretion of the Township Committee, the Lease may be renewed for two additional terms of thirty-five (35) years.

<u>Section 2.</u> The execution of the lease by and between the Township of Hanover and the ARC/Morris County Chapter, New Jersey, Inc. shall be contingent upon the ARC receiving all local approvals including any variances or sub-divisions that may be required by the Township.

<u>Section 3.</u> The ARC/Morris County Chapter, New Jersey, Inc. shall be required to submit on an annual basis, a report to the Business Administrator describing the following:

- a. The use to which the leasehold was put during each calendar year;
- b. The activities of the lessee undertaken in furtherance of the public purpose for which the leasehold was granted;
  - c. The approximate value or cost, if any, of such activities in furtherance of such purpose; and
  - d. Affirmation of the continued tax-exempt status of the non-profit corporation pursuant to both State and Federal law.

The Township's Business Administrator for the Township shall be responsible for the enforcement of the conditions of said lease.

The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute Section 4. the lease. ATTEST: TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE NEW JERSEY Krista M. DiGiorgio, Township Clerk Thomas "Ace" Gallagher, Mayor DATE OF INTRODUCTION: May 9, 2024 June 11, 2024 DATE OF ADOPTION: CERTIFICATION I, Krista M. DiGiorgio, Township Clerk of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on the 11th day of June, 2024, at a meeting duly convened, of said body. restects 1Am Krista M. DiGiorgio, Township Clerk