

TOWNSHIP OF LUMBERTON, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-11

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE WAIVING OF CONSTRUCTION
PERMIT FEES FOR RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY FLOOD EVENTS**

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2019, Lumberton Township and the Burlington County region experienced significant rainfall which resulted in the rapid rise of the Rancocas Creek creating flooding conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Lumberton Office of Emergency Management declared an emergency and designated the following streets as a disaster area:

Ed Brown's Meadow

Lumberton Village, Main Street from Landing street to Bella Road and between Church Street and Point Street.

Landing Street (full length)

Bridge Street.

WHEREAS, the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey have also designated the areas affected as disaster areas; and

WHEREAS, the Township implores our U.S. Senators and Congressman to also seek a federal declaration of disaster to allow residents and business access to FEMA disaster assistance; and

WHEREAS, the rebuild and repair of damaged areas may require the issuance of permits from local, county or state agencies; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to assist the residents, the Township acts to waive construction and zoning fees for repairs resulting from the June 2019 storm conditions and flooding and requests that County and State officials offer the same support to these residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Lumberton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township adopts a new Chapter 121-8 to read as follows:

“§121-8 Waiver of fees.

 - A. The fees established in Chapter 121 of the Township Code are hereby waived for the reconstruction, repair or rehabilitation for properties damaged by the June 2019 disaster area as designated by the Lumberton Township Office of Emergency Management. This fee waiver shall exist for 120 days from the effective date of the resolution and is limited to projects necessitated by the floods. The Township Administrator may evaluate and authorize expanding the length of time for waiver on a case-by-case basis considering factors such as availability of insurance claims and proceeds and individual property owner’s financial conditions.
 - B. The Township Committee may waive such fees by Resolution for future disaster areas on a storm-by-storm basis upon the designation of an emergency and disaster area by the Lumberton Township Office of Emergency Management or a federal, state or county designation.”
2. Upon introduction, a copy of this Ordinance shall be provided to U.S. Senators Menendez and Booker, Congressman Kim, State Senator Addiego, New Jersey Assembly Members Peters and Howarth, and the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
3. Notice of this ordinance shall be served to each household within the effective area to ensure notice of availability of this program.

LUMBERTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

ACTION UPON INTRODUCTION:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 nd	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
J. Dwyer	√		√			
K. Hatfield		√	√			
R. Tuno						√
K. Januseski			√			
S. Earlen			√			

ACTION UPON ADOPTION:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 nd	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
J. Dwyer						
K. Hatfield						
R. Tuno						
K. Januseski						
S. Earlen						

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the ordinance that was introduced after first reading at a meeting of the Lumberton Township Committee held on June 27, 2019 and adopted after a public hearing at a meeting of the Lumberton Township Committee held on July 25, 2019.

Debra L. Shaw-Blemings, RMC
Lumberton Township Clerk

Introduced: June 27, 2019

Published: July 8, 2019

Hearing: July 25, 2019

Adopted:

Published: