

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - Adopted February 9, 2012

By unanimous vote of the Township Committee

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A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT, AMENDMENT AND  
SUPPLEMENTATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
HANOVER IN ORDER TO CONSIDER SUSTAINABLE BUILDING STANDARDS FOR  
CONSTRUCTION, ENCOURAGE RENEWABLE ENERGY UTILIZATION, AND PROTECT  
NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE TOWNSHIP

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WHEREAS, the Township of Hanover finds that the public welfare will be served by assuring that further public and private development is consistent with the Township's desire to create a more sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds that Township's development regulations should incorporate the "triple bottom line" of economic growth, environmental stewardship, and a safe community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds that:

- 1) Green building practices are intended to encourage resource conservation, to reduce the waste generated by construction projects, to increase energy efficiency, and to promote the health and productivity of residents, workers, and visitors to the Township;
- 2) Decisions made by the Township in the construction and remodeling of Township buildings can result in significant cost savings to the Township over the life of the buildings;
- 3) In recent years, green building design, construction and operational techniques have become increasingly widespread. Many homeowners, businesses, and building professionals have voluntarily sought to incorporate green building techniques into their projects;
- 4) At the national level, the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), developer or the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System, has become a leader in promoting and developing green building practices;
- 5) The USGBC LEED Rating System has been used to design buildings in New Jersey; adopting regulations within the Township's jurisdictional power may further the development of green building practices in the private sector.
- 6) Adopting regulations and ordinances that enable the installation of energy generation from renewable sources such as solar, wind and geothermal may protect the environment and insure sustainable energy sources for current and future generations.
- 7) Establishing reasonable regulations may encourage sustainable development, and protect open space, forested areas, water resources and wetlands without impeding responsible growth in the interest of the community.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover as follows:

1) The Township Committee may consider incorporating the “Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Rating System;” Version 3 (LEED 2009), adopted April 2009, which includes rating systems for LEED for New Construction and Major Renovation promulgated by the US Green Building Council (“USGBC”), into the Township development regulations as part of a future ordinance amendment.

2) The Township Committee, in order to encourage development projects to incorporate sustainable building and design measures, may consider establishing a sustainability checklist as part of the submission checklists for site plan and subdivision applications. Such sustainability checklist:

- a) May incorporate proposed green energy and water conservation measures; and
- b) May be incorporated into the application process for development.

For each of the of the sustainable building/design items listed on the sustainability checklist, applicants may be required to indicate the extent to which they are incorporating such measures in the project; or, alternatively indicate the reason(s) why the measure is not being incorporated in the project.

3) Three copies of the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Rating System (LEED 2009) for New Construction and Major Renovation adopted April 2009, promulgated by the US Green Building Council may be maintained on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

4) That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the members of the Planning Board and Economic Development Advisory Committee, the Township Planner, the Township Engineer and Construction Official for reference and information purposes.

DATED: February 9, 2012

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER  
COUNTY OF MORRIS  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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*MORRIS PATRIOTS NOTE: The originally proposed Resolution included the words “will” and “shall” where the words “may” now appear.*