

RESOLUTION NO. 255-2021 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON
AUTHORIZING THE STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PURSUE PLAN ENDORSEMENT AND
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE MUNICIPAL SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT TO THE
NEW JERSEY STATE OFFICE OF PLANNING ADVOCACY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196, et seq., referred to as the “State Planning Act,” recognizes that New Jersey is the nation’s most densely populated State which requires sound and integrated land use planning and coordination of planning at all levels of government in order to conserve the state's natural resources, to revitalize the urban centers, protect the quality of the environment, and to provide needed housing and adequate public services at a reasonable cost while promoting beneficial economic growth, development and renewal; and

WHEREAS, Plan Endorsement is a voluntary review process developed by the State Planning Commission to provide the technical assistance and coordination of the State for municipalities, counties, and regional agencies to meet the goals of the State Planning Act and State Development and Redevelopment Plan (the “State Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan Endorsement process is to increase the degree of consistency among municipal, county, regional and state agency plans with each other and with the State Plan and to facilitate the implementation of these plans and guide where and how development and redevelopment can be accommodated in accordance with the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines incorporate, and expand upon, the principles of the Municipal Land Use Law in order to help towns plan for a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines require the preparation and submission of a Municipal Self-Assessment Report as the means by which a municipality assesses the consistency of its existing community vision and planning documents with the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Burlington desire to obtain Plan Endorsement from the State Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Burlington County Department of Economic Development and Regional Planning has prepared a Municipal Self-Assessment Report pursuant to the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guideline for the City of Burlington; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee has reviewed the Municipal Self-Assessment Report and recommends that the Mayor and Council approve it for submission to the State Planning Commission and the Office of Planning Advocacy towards the City of Burlington’s pursuit of Plan Endorsement.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of City of Burlington hereby expressly state that it is the intention of City of Burlington to pursue a Plan Endorsement designation by the State Planning Commission by submitting the City’s Municipal Self-Assessment Report and the Municipal Questionnaire to the State Planning Commission for its review; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City Burlington approves the City's Municipal Self-Assessment Report and the Municipal Questionnaire and authorizes these documents to be submitted to the Office of Planning Advocacy for consideration and review as part of the effort to pursue Plan Endorsement as well as any other ancillary documents or information which may be requested in conjunction with that review process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of City of Burlington shall transmit a copy of this Resolution and the Notice as required by the State Planning Rules to the State Planning Commission and the Office of Planning Advocacy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk for the City of Burlington shall transmit a copy of this Resolution and the Notice as is required by the State Planning Rules, in order for the complete package of information to be submitted to the State Planning Commission consistent with its review of the City's Municipal Self-Assessment Report and the Municipal Questionnaire.


Ila Marie Lollar, President
Common Council

Attest:


Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
City Clerk

October 19, 2021

RECORD OF VOTE OF PASSAGE BY THE COMMON COUNCIL						
	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BABULA			✓			
CHACHIS	✓		✓			
HATALA			✓			
HOLLINGSWORTH			✓			
WOODARD		✓	✓			
LOLLAR			✓			