

BOROUGH OF GARWOOD
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
403 SOUTH AVENUE
GARWOOD, NJ 07027

RESOLUTION NO. 19-271

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN OPPOSITION TO FORCED CONSOLIDATION OF THE GARWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the municipalities are excellent fiscal stewards that have been doing more with less ever since New Jersey was founded in 1787 and are run by elected officials that live and work in the communities they represent, and are more committed to working together and the responsible and efficient use of tax dollars than any other level of government; and

WHEREAS, Senate President Stephen Sweeney has called for the forced consolidation of all K-4, K-5, K-6, K-8, and K-9 school districts into regional school districts as part of his 32-recommendation "Path to Progress" plan; and

WHEREAS, last week, Governor Philip Murphy has set aside \$10 million for New Jersey to help promote shared services and Senate President Stephen Sweeney responding by vocalizing support for \$2 million of those dollars to be earmarked to study K-12 consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the Garwood Public School District is a K-8 school district with a send and receive agreement with Clark Public School District for high school; and

WHEREAS, according to New Jersey's Taxpayer Guide to Education Spending, the cost per pupil in the Garwood Public School District was \$20,690 for the 2017 to 2018 school year and the New Jersey State average was \$21,866 for the 2017 to 2018 school year; and

WHEREAS, no studies currently exist on the potential impact of consolidation on the Garwood Public School District; and

WHEREAS, the municipality supports voluntary consolidation of local school districts, if the process is initiated at the local level, has the support of the governing bodies of the affected municipalities, and the completed studies indicate it would be beneficial to Garwood and the surrounding municipalities; and, therefore, it is **RESOLVED** that Garwood Borough, County of Union, opposes any measure, initiative, or plan that mandates the forced consolidation of the Garwood Public School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the General Assembly, the Senate, and the Governor be urged to oppose forced consolidation of local school districts without proper investigation and majority support by the local school districts involved in any potential consolidation.

ADOPTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, the State of New Jersey, this 10th day of October, 2019.

I, Christina M Ariemma, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Garwood hereby attest that this Resolution was adopted by the Council of the Borough of Garwood on October 10, 2019.

Christina M. Ariemma

CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk



September, 2019

Dear Municipal Clerk:

On behalf of New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCCC) and the New Jersey Food Council (NJFC), please bring this to the attention of the governing body and the Administrator that we are excited to announce a new partnership between our organizations, the “Choose to Reuse” campaign to tackle the issue of single use disposal bags and encourage consumers to bring their own reusable bags.

As you may know, NJCCC is a statewide, comprehensive, litter-abatement program. NJCCC programs are funded by the Litter Tax paid by your local grocers and other retailers which generates roughly \$20 million annually. About 80% of this funding is disbursed to municipalities and counties for litter abatement initiatives. NJFC is a trade association representing the food retail and distribution industry in the Garden State. For many years, both organizations have collaborated on various sustainability initiatives and NJFC has been a key supporter of NJCCC programs.

One of the biggest environmental challenges today is addressing disposable items, such as single use plastic and paper bags. This is why the NJCCC and NJFC have launched the “Choose to Reuse” campaign to educate and remind consumers about their options for sustainability at the checkout counter. Consumers can choose to bring their own reusable bags when they shop, reduce their consumption of disposable bags, and recycle their plastic bags.

To further this goal, we jointly support a uniform policy to reduce and eliminate single use plastic and paper bags through statewide legislation. Having the entire State bringing their reusable bags to shop will reduce waste and litter and would also provide a solution to the current patchwork of competing municipal bag ordinances that have been enacted or proposed. These ordinances have different requirements, definitions, and effective dates. This has created problems for retailers and town officials, and also causes confusion for consumers who shop at different retailers in different towns.

As we have noted before, many of these ordinances have been solely focused on disposable plastic bags, but disposable paper bags have a significant environmental impact. Not only is the carbon footprint of paper bags just as detrimental to the environment as single use plastic bags, but paper bags are substantially more expensive to produce and throw away, which drives up costs for consumers and municipal solid waste programs.

For these reasons, we hope that your municipal Clean Communities team will join us in educating consumers through the "Choose to Reuse" campaign, and partner with us on a uniform, statewide bag solution.

Check out the new website <https://choosetoreusenj.com/> for insight on reusable bag activities.

If we can provide additional information, please contact Sandy Huber at 609-989-5000 or via email at njccc@njclean.org or Linda Doherty at 609-392-8899 or via email at njfc@njfoodcouncil.com.

Thank you for considering the views of New Jersey Clean Communities and the New Jersey Food Council.

Sincerely,



Sandra Huber
Executive Director
New Jersey Clean Communities



Linda Doherty
President & CEO
New Jersey Food Council

cc: Clean Communities Coordinator



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

October 3, 2019

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

IN REPLY REFER TO:
115-CWG

The Honorable Stuart Patrick
Mayor, Borough of Glen Ridge
825 Bloomfield Avenue
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Community Name: Borough of Glen Ridge,
Essex County,
New Jersey
Community No.: 340183
Map Panels Affected: See enclosed Listing of
Communities Table

Dear Mayor Patrick:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently completed a revision to the countywide Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Essex County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions). Although your community is unaffected by the updated flood hazard information presented in the FIS report and FIRM, your community does lie on one or more of the revised map panels. Therefore, it will be necessary for your community to update your floodplain management ordinances to reflect the new FIRM effective date of April 3, 2020, as a condition of continued eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program. This update to your community's floodplain management ordinance should be submitted to the state coordinating agency and your Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) at our Regional Office within 6 months of the date of this letter. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information about your CCO, please contact:

Michael Moriarty
Director, Mitigation Division
FEMA Region II
26 Federal Plaza
New York, New York 10278-0002
(212) 680-3600

Communities that fail to amend their ordinance and submit it to our Regional Office for review and approval will be suspended from participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and subject to the prohibitions contained in Section 202(a) of the 1973 Flood Disaster Protection Act, as amended.

To assist your community in maintaining the FIRM, we have enclosed a Summary of Map Actions (SOMA) to document previous Letters of Map Change (LOMCs) (i.e., Letters of Map Amendment [LOMAs], Letters of Map Revision [LOMRs]) that will be superseded when the revised FIRM panels become effective. Information on LOMCs is presented in four categories: (1) LOMCs that have been included on the revised FIRM panels; (2) LOMCs that have not been shown on the revised FIRM panels because of scale limitations or because the LOMC that was issued had determined that the lots or structures involved were outside the Special Flood Hazard Area shown on the FIRM; (3) LOMCs that have not been included on the revised FIRM panels because they are being superseded by new detailed

flood hazard data; and (4) LOMCs that will be re-determined. The LOMCs in Category 2 of this form are revalidated through a single letter that reaffirms the validity of a previously issued LOMC. LOMCs issued for multiple lots or structures where the determination for one or more of the lots or structures have changed (Category 4) cannot be revalidated through this administrative process. However, we will review the data which were previously submitted as part of the original LOMA or LOMR request and issue a new determination for the subject properties after the FIRM effective date.

If there are further questions regarding the FIS report and FIRM for the community, please contact the Floodplain Management Program at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. John H. Moyle or Joseph Ruggeri, P.E., CFM, the NFIP State Coordinators, are accessible by telephone at (609) 292-2296, in writing at Post Office Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420, or by email at john.moyle@dep.nj.gov or joseph.ruggeri@dep.nj.gov.

Shortly before the FIS report and FIRM effective date, we will send you copies of the revised FIRM panels. Additional information and resources your community may find helpful regarding the NFIP and floodplain management, such as *The National Flood Insurance Program Code of Federal Regulations*, *Answers to Questions About the National Flood Insurance Program*, *Use of Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Data as Available Data*, *Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Effect that Revised Flood Hazards have on Existing Structures*, and *National Flood Insurance Program Elevation Certificate and Instructions*, can be found on our website at <https://www.fema.gov/letter-final-determination>. Paper copies of these documents may also be obtained by calling our FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Sincerely,



Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Director
Engineering and Modeling Division
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Enclosures:

Listing of Communities Table
Final SOMA

cc: Michael Rohal, Engineer and Administrator, Borough of Glen Ridge
Mr. David Antonio, P.P., AICP Planner, Essex County

The table that follows is provided for your community's use in determining the FIRM panels affecting your community. Note, when referencing the FIRM panels in your floodplain management ordinances, the complete FIRM panel number should be referenced. For example, the first FIRM panel for Township of Belleville will read 34013C0116G.

<u>LISTING OF COMMUNITIES</u>						
COMMUNITY NAME	COMMUNITY NUMBER	LOCATED ON PANELS	INITIAL NFIP MAP DATE	INITIAL FIRM DATE	MOST RECENT FIRM PANEL DATE	
BELLEVILLE, TOWNSHIP OF	340177	0116G, 0117F, 0118F, 0119F	JANUARY 9, 1974	SEPTEMBER 28, 1979	APRIL 3, 2020	
BLOOMFIELD, TOWNSHIP OF	340178	0104G, 0106G, 0108G, 0112G, 0114F, 0116G, 0118F	JUNE 15, 1973	AUGUST 15, 1977	APRIL 3, 2020	
CALDWELL, BOROUGH OF	340584	0081G, 0082G, 0083G, 0084F	JUNE 4, 2007	JUNE 4, 2007	APRIL 3, 2020	
CEDAR GROVE, TOWNSHIP OF	340180	0038F ¹ , 0082G, 0101F, 0102G, 0103F, 0104G	FEBRUARY 8, 1974	FEBRUARY 1, 1980	APRIL 3, 2020	
EAST ORANGE, CITY OF	340181	0111F, 0112G, 0113F, 0114F, 0151F, 0152F	FEBRUARY 13, 1976	FEBRUARY 2, 1977	APRIL 3, 2020	
ESSEX FIELDS, BOROUGH OF	340575	0083G, 0084F	DECEMBER 3, 1976	JANUARY 2, 1980	APRIL 3, 2020	
FAIRFIELD, TOWNSHIP OF	345295	0012G, 0014G, 0016G, 0018G, 0019G, 0077G, 0081G, 0082G	JUNE 15, 1973	JUNE 15, 1973	APRIL 3, 2020	
GLEN RIDGE, BOROUGH OF	340183	0104G, 0112G	JULY 6, 1973	APRIL 3, 1984	APRIL 3, 2020	
LIVINGSTON, TOWNSHIP OF	340185	0069F ¹ , 0079G, 0080F ¹ , 0083G, 0086G, 0087G, 0088F, 0089F, 0091F, 0092F, 0093F	JUNE 1, 1973	MARCH 15, 1977	APRIL 3, 2020	
MONTCLAIR, TOWNSHIP OF	340188	0102G, 0103F, 0104G, 0106G, 0108G, 0111F, 0112G	MARCH 9, 1973	SEPTEMBER 15, 1977	APRIL 3, 2020	
NEWARK, CITY OF	340189	0113F, 0114F, 0116G, 0117F, 0118F, 0119F, 0132F, 0151F, 0152F, 0153F, 0154F, 0156F, 0157F, 0158F, 0159F, 0162F, 0166F, 0167F, 0176F, 0178F, 0200F ¹	MARCH 15, 1974	MARCH 28, 1980	APRIL 3, 2020	
NORTH CALDWELL, BOROUGH OF	340190	0019G, 0038F ¹ , 0082G, 0084F, 0101F	JUNE 7, 1974	APRIL 3, 1985	APRIL 3, 2020	
NUTLEY, TOWNSHIP OF	340191	0108G, 0109G, 0116G, 0117F	MAY 23, 1973	APRIL 15, 1977	APRIL 3, 2020	
ORANGE TOWNSHIP, CITY OF	340192	0094F, 0111F, 0112G, 0113F	NOVEMBER 26, 1976	JUNE 15, 1984	APRIL 3, 2020	
ROSELAND, BOROUGH OF	340193	0079G, 0083G, 0084F, 0087G, 0091F, 0092F	JUNE 29, 1973	SEPTEMBER 2, 1981	APRIL 3, 2020	
VERONA, TOWNSHIP OF	340195	0082G, 0084F, 0101F, 0103F	JUNE 22, 1973	FEBRUARY 15, 1980	APRIL 3, 2020	
WEST CALDWELL, TOWNSHIP OF	340196	0077G, 0079G, 0081G, 0082G, 0083G, 0084F	JUNE 15, 1973	APRIL 16, 1979	APRIL 3, 2020	

¹ PANEL NOT PRINTED

FINAL SUMMARY OF MAP ACTIONS

Community: GLEN RIDGE, BOROUGH OF

Community No: 340183

To assist your community in maintaining the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), we have summarized below the effects of the enclosed revised FIRM panels(s) on previously issued Letter of Map Change (LOMC) actions (i.e., Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs), Letter of Map Revision based on Fill (LOMR-Fs), and Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs)) that will be affected when the revised FIRM becomes effective on April 3, 2020.

1. LOMCs Incorporated

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below will be reflected on the revised FIRM. In addition, these LOMCs will remain in effect until the revised FIRM becomes effective.

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Original Panel	Current Panel
			NO CASES RECORDED		

2. LOMCs Not Incorporated

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below will not be reflected on the revised FIRM panels or will not be reflected on the revised FIRM panels because of scale limitations or because the LOMC issued had determined that the lot(s) or structure(s) involved were outside the Special Flood Hazard Area, as shown on the FIRM. These LOMCs will remain in effect until the revised FIRM becomes effective. These LOMCs will be revalidated free of charge 1 day after the revised FIRM becomes effective through a single revalidation letter that reaffirms the validity of the previous LOMCs.

2A. LOMCs on Revised Panels

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Original Panel	Current Panel
			NO CASES RECORDED		

2B. LOMCs on Unrevised Panels

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Original Panel	Current Panel
			NO CASES RECORDED		

FINAL SUMMARY OF MAP ACTIONS

Community: GLEN RIDGE, BOROUGH OF

Community No: 340183

3. LOMCs Superseded

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below have not been reflected on the Final revised FIRM panels because they are being superseded by new or revised flood hazard information or the information available was not sufficient to make a determination. The reason each is being superseded is noted below. These LOMCs will no longer be in effect when the revised FIRM becomes effective.

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Reason Determination Will be Superseded
			NO CASES RECORDED	

1. Insufficient information available to make a determination.
2. Lowest Adjacent Grade and Lowest Finished Floor are below the proposed Base Flood Elevation.
3. Lowest Ground Elevation is below the proposed Base Flood Elevation.
4. Revised hydrologic and hydraulic analyses.
5. Revised topographic information.
6. Superseded by another LOMC.

4. LOMCs To Be Redetermined

The LOMCs in Category 2 above will be revalidated through a single revalidation letter that reaffirms the validity of the determination in the previously issued LOMC. For LOMCs issued for multiple lots or structures where the determination for one or more of the lots or structures is no longer valid, the LOMC cannot be revalidated through this administrative process. Therefore, we will review the data previously submitted for the LOMC requests listed below and if appropriate issue a new determination for the affected properties after the effective date of the revised FIRM.

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Original Panel	Current Panel
			NO CASES RECORDED		