

RESOLUTION 2015-351

WHEREAS, in October 2012 Superstorm Sandy severely damaged coastal and inland areas throughout the State of New Jersey and particularly within Ocean County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the storm and the severe damage, a major disaster declaration was declared by President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, to assist with the rebuilding process and to reduce future flood risk and potential increases in flood insurance premiums, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released new Base Flood Elevations (BFE); and

WHEREAS, many Ocean County residents have rebuilt their dwelling or are in the process of rebuilding in accordance with FEMA standards and the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2015, the State of New Jersey adopted changes to the Uniform Construction Code to align state building codes with the 2014 International Building Codes (IBC); and

WHEREAS, the changes become effective on March 21, 2016 after the six month grace period as established under the NJ Administrative Code (NJAC); and

WHEREAS, new construction standards are set forth for Coastal A zones requiring similar construction as a Coastal High Hazard Area, also known as V Zones; and

WHEREAS, Coastal A Zones are designated on Flood Insurance Rate Maps by the limit to moderate wave action (LimWA) of 1½ to 3 feet during an event; and

WHEREAS, changes to the UCC may result in increased flood insurance rates in the future as the rebuilt dwellings will not be in compliance with current building standards; and

WHEREAS, changes to the UCC may create unnecessary hardships on the residents of Ocean County in the years following Superstorm Sandy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY as follows:

1. Hereby request that the State of New Jersey repeal the NJUCC, specifically not to implement the new construction standards set forth for Coastal A zones.
2. Copies of this Resolution shall be made available to the County Administrator, County Planning Director, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the 9th, 10th, 12th and 30th Legislative Districts, and the Mayors of Ocean County.

CERTIFICATION

I, Diane B. Ambrosio, Clerk of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee on the 10th day of December, 2015.

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk