

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OFFER BY PRIVATE SALE OF THE
PROPERTY AT BLOCK 175.08, LOT 11 ON THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE
TAX MAP TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL
LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange (the “Township”) is the owner of certain real property known as Block 175.08, Lot 11 on the Township of West Orange Tax Map (the “Property”), an undeveloped, undersized lot with no structures or capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Township does not have any particular use of the Property and seeks to sell the Property via private sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5) of the Local Lands and Buildings Law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.2 of the Local Lands and Buildings Law requires that the Township offer the owners of the properties contiguous to the Property the right to prior refusal to purchase the Property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property contiguous to the Property is Valerie Ford who owns the property at Block 175.08, Lot 12 on the Tax Map of the Township of West Orange; and

WHEREAS, the Township Appraiser has estimated that the Property is valued at least at \$5,000 (the “Estimated Value”); and

WHEREAS, the Legal Department has drafted a letter notice (the “Letter Offer”) to the Ms. Ford which provides her nineteen (19) days to advise whether she wishes to exercise her right to prior refusal for the purchase of the Property at the Estimated Value, annexed hereto as Exhibit “A.”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that the Township is authorized

to sell the Property consistent with the procedures set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5) of the Local Lands and Buildings Law; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED the Township is authorized to issue the Letter Offer to Valerie Ford pursuant to the procedures set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.2 of the Local Lands and Buildings Law; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Robert D. Parisi, Mayor

Introduced: June 25, 2019

Jerry Guarino, Council President

Adopted: July 16, 2019

Legislative History

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5) of the Local Lands and Buildings Law which governs the private sale of undersized and undeveloped real property with no capital improvements owned by a municipality. N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.2 requires that a municipality provide to the owners of contiguous properties the right to prior refusal to purchase. Thus, this Ordinance authorizes the commencement of the private sale of the real property located at Block 175.08, Lot 11 on the Township of West Orange Tax Map (the “Property”) by first allowing the Township to issue a letter notice to the owner of the property contiguous to the Property the right to prior refusal to purchase to be exercise no later than nineteen days (19) days from the issuance of the notice. In consultation with the Township’s appraiser, the estimate fair market value of the Property is \$5,000 which is reflected in the letter notices.