

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, for many years the Rock Spring Club (“the Club”), located at 90 Rock Spring Road, West Orange, NJ 07052, has arranged for a small helicopter to land on the grounds of the Club to deliver Santa Claus to Club members and their guests in attendance for a holiday celebration; and

WHEREAS, this year’s annual Santa Claus event is scheduled for Sunday, December 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Santa’s reindeer, Rudolph, et als., are not available for the trip at this time of year as they must be well-rested in preparation for their big Christmas Eve Gala event; and

WHEREAS, Santa Claus has again graciously agreed to make arrangements to travel by small helicopter to attend the Club’s annual holiday celebration; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, Inspection & Aircraft Operation, not wanting to be Scrooge-like and instilled with the spirit of Christmas, does permit and has in the past permitted helicopter landings such as these on country club property when approved pursuant to its application process; and

WHEREAS, the Club, or someone on its behalf, will prepare the required Application for Temporary Aeronautical Facility License for submission to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and which must be accompanied by, among other documents and things which the Club will provide, a “letter, statement, or certificate from the appropriate governing body which states there is no objection to the issuance of a temporary license (mandatory for all temps)”;

WHEREAS, for this event, the appropriate governing body is the Township Council of the Township of West Orange; and

WHEREAS, in order to accommodate the Club, and relying upon the Club’s experience with this tradition and its assurance that all appropriate security and safety precautions will be taken, the Council President and Members wish to approve and adopt this Resolution in order that Rock Spring Club can include it as an attachment to its application as required and continue this holiday tradition;

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Orange Township Council, the governing body for the Township of West Orange, New Jersey, does and hereby states that it has no objection to the issuance of a Temporary Aeronautical Facility License to the Rock Spring Club, located at 90 Rock Spring Road, West Orange, NJ 07052, for the purpose of permitting transportation and delivery of Santa Claus to the Club at approximately 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, December 14, 2014, for participation in the Club’s traditional Christmas celebration.

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**Susan McCartney, Council President**

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**Karen J. Carnevale, Municipal Clerk**

**Adopted: November 25, 2014**