



# Township of Hillsborough

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## **Resolution Endorsing the Adoption of Green Building Practices for Civic, Commercial and Residential Buildings**

**WHEREAS**, buildings account for 39% of CO2 emissions – more than either the transportation or industrial sectors. In addition, buildings account for nearly 12% of potable water use, 65% of waste output, and 71% of electricity consumption in the U.S. (U.S. Green Building Council); and

**WHEREAS**, green building – also referred to as sustainable or high-performance building -- is a collection of better design, construction, and operating practices that have the potential to reduce or eliminate the negative impacts of development on the environment and on human health. There are many examples of green building programs and guidelines that have been propagated at national, state, and municipal levels. They commonly address energy efficiency and carbon emissions reduction, water conservation, waste reduction, healthy and sustainably produced materials, indoor air quality, occupant productivity and health, and other components of green building and sustainable development; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this resolution is to enhance the public welfare and assure that commercial, residential and civic development is consistent with the Township of Hillsborough's desire to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hillsborough desires to set a leadership example in the area of green building through the implementation of energy efficiency audits and upgrades to the municipal building stock, continued procurement practices...etc. (e.g. improve water conservation, reduce light pollution, increase construction waste recycling); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hillsborough additionally wishes to support green building in the private sector through a combination of voluntary actions (e.g., including a green development checklist as a discussion item within the Site Plan & Subdivision approval process), actions that may be required in the future although not at the time of the adoption of this resolution (e.g., amending the Site Plan approval checklist to directly incorporate those green building standards available to a municipality), and educational actions (e.g., making available information on green building programs, guidelines, rebates etc to residents of the municipality);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Hillsborough hereby implements a Green Building Policy that (1) will consider opportunities to incorporate green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of municipal buildings and facilities; and (2) will encourage green design for commercial and residential buildings; and encourage its employees, residents, and business community to address energy efficiency and carbon reduction, water conservation, waste reduction, healthy and sustainably produced materials, indoor air quality, occupant productivity and health, and other components of green building and sustainable development.

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I, Sarah Brake, Township Clerk, hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough at a regular and duly convened meeting held on July 18, 2023. In witness thereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Hillsborough.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Brake', written over a horizontal line.