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MEMORANDUM

To: Residents and Businesses, Town of Hackettstown

From: Maria DiGiovanni, Mayor

Date: December 4, 2019

**Re: Benefits of Stormwater Ordinances
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program
Town of Hackettstown, Warren County, NJ**

In February 2004, the State of New Jersey established a Municipal Stormwater Regulatory Program that is applicable to all municipalities in the State, including the Town of Hackettstown. The Town of Hackettstown was required under the program to obtain a permit and comply with the terms and provisions of the permit.

The Municipal Stormwater and Regulatory Permit that was issued by the State of New Jersey to the Town of Hackettstown contains a number of requirements including, but not limited to local public education on stormwater issues, continuing maintenance of stormwater facilities owned by both the municipality and private property owners, good housekeeping practices at all Town Public Works facilities, compliance with the New Jersey Stormwater Rules with respect to the design and construction of new stormwater management facilities, etc. The Town of Hackettstown has been performing work since the inception of the permit program in 2004 to comply with the permit requirements.

One of the requirements that the Town had to comply with following the implementation of the program was the adoption of various ordinances to help reduce the amount of pollutants being discharged to waterways including:

1. Pet Waste Ordinance
2. Wildlife Feeding Ordinance
3. Litter Control Ordinance
4. Improper Disposal of Waste Ordinance
5. Containerized Waste/Yard Waste Collection Ordinances
6. Private Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting Ordinance



7. Illicit Connection Ordinance

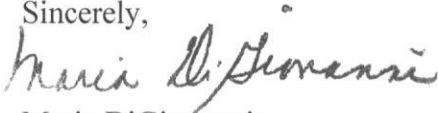
These ordinances are all incorporated into the Town's Code, which can be found on the Town's website https://www.hackettstown.net/sites/hackettstownnj/files/uploads/town_code_book.pdf.

Each of these ordinances is an important component to the Town's overall goal of reducing pollutant loading in waterways that are situated in the community. For example, the pet waste ordinance requires pet owners to pick-up after their pets to prevent animal wastes, which contain coliform bacteria that are harmful to our health, from being discharged into waterways. Furthermore, the Litter Control Ordinance encourages the reuse and recycling of materials to the extent possible and the proper disposal of wastes to lessen the potential for waste being discharged to waterways in the community.

It is my hope as Mayor, that you will assist the Town in its efforts to comply with its Municipal Stormwater Regulatory Permit by complying with the above captioned ordinances. Observance of and compliance with these ordinances will result in less wastes and a cleaner community.

If you have any questions or clarifications regarding the Town's Stormwater Regulatory Program, please do not hesitate to call me at (908)852-3130.

Sincerely,



Maria DiGiovanni
Mayor

cc: William Kuster, RMC, Town Clerk/Administrator
Paul M. Sterbenz, P.E., PP, Town Engineer