

## Resolution #59-2024

### Sustainable Land Use Pledge Resolution

WHEREAS, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality;  
and

WHEREAS, the City had previously adopted a Sustainable Land Use Pledge on June 24,  
2021,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to reaffirm this pledge;

WHEREAS, poor land-use decisions can lead to and increase societal ills such as  
decreased mobility, high housing costs, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open  
space and the degradation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of  
housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate  
recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Given New Jersey's strong tradition of home rule and local authority over  
planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land use pattern will require  
municipalities to take the lead;

NOW THEREFORE, we the City of Egg Harbor, resolve to take the following steps with  
regard to our municipal land-use decisions with the intent of making Egg Harbor City a truly  
sustainable community. It is our intent to include these principles in the next master plan  
revision and reexamination report and to update our land-use zoning, natural resource  
protection, and other ordinances accordingly.

**Regional Cooperation** - We pledge to reach out to administrations of our neighboring  
municipalities concerning land-use decisions, and to take into consideration regional  
impacts when making land-use decisions.

**Transportation Choices** - We pledge to create transportation choices with a Complete  
Streets approach by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking,  
transit and automobiles, when planning transportation projects and reviewing development  
applications. We will reevaluate our parking with the goal of limiting the amount of required  
parking spaces, promoting shared parking and other innovative parking alternatives, and  
encouraging structured parking alternatives where appropriate.

**Natural Resource Protection** - We pledge to take action to protect the natural resources of  
the State for environmental, recreational and agricultural value, avoiding or mitigating  
negative impacts to these resources. Further, we pledge to complete a Natural Resources  
Inventory when feasible to identify and assess the extent of our natural resources and to

link natural resource management and protection to carrying capacity analysis, land-use and open space planning.

**Mix of Land Uses** - We pledge to use our zoning power to allow for a mix of residential, retail, commercial, recreational and other land use types in areas that make the most sense for our municipality and the region, particularly in downtown and town center areas.

**Housing Options** - We pledge, through the use of our zoning and revenue generating powers, to foster a diverse mix of housing types and locations, including single- and multi-family, for-sale and rental options, to meet the needs of all people at a range of income levels.

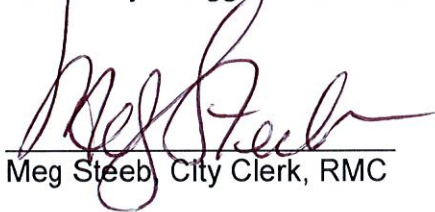
**Green Design** - We pledge to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating our site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings.

**Municipal Facilities Siting** - We pledge, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walkability, bikability, greater access to public transit, proximity to other land-use types, and open space when locating new or relocated municipal facilities.

Dated: February 22, 2024

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Egg Harbor on 2/22/2024.

  
Meg Steeb, City Clerk, RMC