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**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WEST DEPTFORD TO NOT RAISE NOR OTHERWISE IMPOSE
IN THIS YEAR'S TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET
THE \$.02 OPEN SPACE LEVY PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED
BY THE VOTERS OF WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40: 12-15.7 confers on a municipality the authority to raise monies via an annual levy for various purposes relating to Open Space Preservation and Conservation; and

WHEREAS, in both 2001 and again in 2005 ballot questions were submitted to the voters providing for a \$.01 levy each time, which questions were approved by the voters in West Deptford Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township, when said money is raised, deposits the levy in a fund for said preservation and/or conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40:12-15.7b provides that “[u]pon approval of the proposition by a majority of the votes cast by the voters of the municipality, the governing body of the municipality may annually raise by taxation a sum not to exceed the amount or rate set forth in the proposition . . .”; and

WHEREAS, due to this discretionary wording in the statute and in view of current economic conditions, the Township Committee has chosen not to raise said levy in this year’s budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey on this 7th day of February, 2013, that the \$.02 Open Space Levy shall not be raised nor otherwise imposed in this year’s municipal budget.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD


RAYMOND CHINTALL, Mayor

ATTEST:


AMY LESO/RMC, Township Clerk