

RESOLUTION R132-2021

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
TO AMEND THE MASTER PLAN REGARDING CANNABIS, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28**

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington desires that the Planning Board of the Township of Washington (“Planning Board”) evaluate the adult use of Cannabis through the Master Plan process; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28 allows the Planning Board to amend the Master Plan, or a component thereof, to guide the use of land within the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization for the controlled form of marijuana called “Cannabis” for adults 21 years of age or older; and

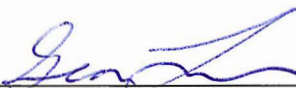
WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Phil Murphy signed into Law P.L.2021c.16, known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” (the “Act”), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial, recreational (adult use) Cannabis operation, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council requests the Planning Board to prepare and adopt by Resolution an Amendment to the Washington Township Master Plan regarding the type of Cannabis facilities, the location of Cannabis facilities and under what conditions such facilities should be permitted to exist in the Zoning Code of the Township Washington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Washington, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Township Planning Board to conduct an Amendment to the Master Plan in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28 and other relevant provisions of the Municipal Land Use Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a certified copy of the Resolution shall be forwarded to Washington Township Planning Board, the Secretaries and Solicitors of those Boards, the Construction Code Official and the Zoning Officer of Washington Township.

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

By: 
Sean Longfellow, Council President

I, Christine Ciallella, do certify this to be a true copy of Resolution **R132-2021** adopted by the Township of Washington, Gloucester County, at the regular meeting held on May 12, 2021 and shall take effect immediately.

By 
 Christine Ciallella, RMC/CMR
 Township Clerk

Members	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
DellaPia		X	X				
Williams			X				
Bennett	X		X				
Dougherty			X				
Longfellow			X				