Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 04/06/20 07:00 PM

2020 RESOLUTION APPROVAL

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CALLING ON ALL RESIDENTS TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF THEIR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, in light of the dangers posed by COVID-19 ("coronavirus"), on March 9, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy declared both a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, to further protect the health, safety and welfare of all residents by reducing the rate of community spread of COVID-19, the state established mitigation strategies for combatting COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, many New Jersey residents fearful of spreading or contracting the coronavirus are leaving their homes wearing protective face masks and gloves, and using disposable sanitizing wipes; and

WHEREAS, Township of Bloomfield officials are receiving numerous complaints about disposable masks, wipes and gloves being illegally discarded on sidewalks and streets; and

WHEREAS, Section 497-44 of the Township of Bloomfield Code, entitled "Littering", forbids all persons from throwing rubbish, refuse or any other matter upon the sidewalks, gutters or streets within the Township, and provides penalties up to $2,000 for violations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to littering being illegal and unacceptable, dumping protective gloves, wipes and masks on the streets, sidewalks and parking lots of Bloomfield creates potentially dangerous conditions for those responsible for cleaning it up and puts our neighbors at risk; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield call on all residents to respect our environment and neighbors by properly disposing of their protective gloves, wipes and masks in trash receptacles; and
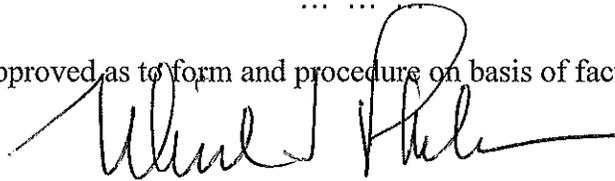
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield encourage all owners and managers of open, essential businesses in Bloomfield to provide for an adequate number of available trash receptacles in their parking lots and on their properties to allow for patrons to properly dispose of their gloves, wipes and masks used while shopping; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further call for increased enforcement of littering and illegal dumping laws to combat the improper disposal of protective gloves, wipes and masks throughout the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, that all residents are strongly encouraged to properly dispose of their used personal protective equipment, such as face masks, wipes and gloves, in appropriate trash receptacles, and are reminded of the penalties for littering in the Township.

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.

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Director of Law-Township Attorney

I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.

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Chief Financial Officer

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on April 06, 2020.

Catherine Fulk

Deputy Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

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Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record – Resolution			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☐ Adopt ☐ Deny						
☐ Withdrawn	Jenny Mundell		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Table ☐ Not Discussed	Nicholas Joanow		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ First Reading	Sarah Cruz		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Table with no Vote	Wartyna Davis		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Approve ☐ Veto by Mayor	Ted Gamble		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Discussion	Richard Rockwell		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Defeated ☐ Discussion No Vote	Michael J. Venezia		☑	☐	☐	☐