

# PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

## Resolution – R-2022-1 “Establishing Standard Protocols for Remote Public Meetings Held during a Governor-Declared Emergency”

**WHEREAS**, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, local government entities have been forced to hold public meetings remotely; and

**WHEREAS**, newly enacted P.L. 2020, c.34 authorizes the Director of the Department of Community Affairs to issue regulations establishing standard protocols for remote public meetings held by a local public body during a Governor-declared emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.1, et seq. have been adopted as emergency regulations and are proposed for permanent adoption in the October 19, 2020 New Jersey Register; and

**WHEREAS**, these protocols aim to ensure continuity of government operations and transparency in conducting public business when an emergency requires a Planning Board meeting to be held remotely, including standard procedures and requirements for public comments and notice.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Planning Board of the Township of Mount Laurel hereby adopts the Remote Public Meeting Protocol attached hereto, to be followed by the Planning Board of the Township of Mount Laurel.

### CERTIFICATION

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Planning Board of the Township of Mount Laurel at a regular meeting of said Planning Board conducted on January 13, 2022.

*Richard Bathke*  
Planning Board Chairman