

R- 16-169

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

September 20, 2016

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year ended December 31, 2015 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the *Municipal Clerk* pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and,

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, and,

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and,

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the *Township Council* of the Township of Montclair, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

| RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | YES | NO | ABS | N.V. | AB | | YES | NO | ABS | N.V. | AB |
| Councilor Baskerville | | | | | | Councilor Schlager | | | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Hurlock | | | | | | Councilor Spiller | | | | | |
| Councilor McMahon | | | | | | Mayor Jackson | | | | | |
| Councilor Russo | | | | | | | | | | | |
| X - Indicate Vote ABS - Abstain N.V. - Not Voting AB - Absent | | | | | | | | | | | |

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, at its meeting held on September 20, 2016.

 Linda S. Wanat
 Clerk of the Township of Montclair, N.J.