

RESOLUTION

NO. 2020-59

ADOPTED: June 4, 2020

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2018, the Hopewell Borough Council adopted Ordinance No. 826, "An Ordinance amending the "Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hopewell, 1975," County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, by amending Chapter III entitled, "General Police Regulations" by adding a new Section 3-28 relating to the use of single-use plastic bags in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2020, the Hopewell Borough Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-23, accepting the Hopewell Borough Economic Development Committee Single-Use Plastic Bag Education Plan and establishing April 22, 2020 as the effective date of the enforcement period of Ordinance No. 826; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Philip D. Murphy issued Executive Order 103, declaring both a Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 104, limiting the scope of services, including hours of operation for restaurants and certain retail establishments; and

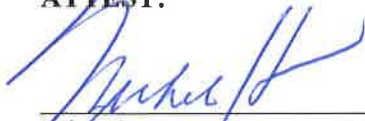
WHEREAS, the ongoing Public Health Emergency has overwhelmed and in many cases, devastated the business community in the Borough of Hopewell; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the enforcement period of Ordinance No. 826 has been suspended in recognition that any additional burden onto the business community would be untimely during the Emergency; and

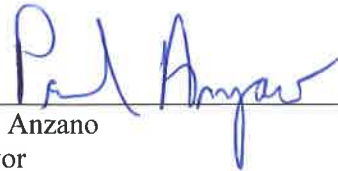
WHEREAS, the intention of Ordinance No. 826 is unchanged, and the environmental benefits of eliminating the use of single-use plastic bags remains a prioritized goal of the Hopewell Borough Council and the Hopewell Borough community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hopewell that it hereby re-affirms the goals and environmental priorities codified in Ordinance No. 826 and the accompanying education plan accepted by the adoption of Resolution No. 2020-23, and establishes a revised implementation date of July 1, 2020 as the effective date of the ordinance enforcement period.

ATTEST:



Michele Hovan
Borough Administrator/Clerk



Paul Anzano
Mayor