

Explanation: This ordinance authorizes an appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 for Rehabilitation of Housing in the Township of Warren.

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
ORDINANCE 12-10**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 FOR THE REHABILITATION OF HOUSING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

WHEREAS, the Warren Township Planning Board adopted the Warren Township Housing Element and Fair Share Plan as part of the Master Plan of the Township of Warren, pursuant to Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Warren endorsed the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and petitioned the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) for substantive certification of the aforesaid Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan contained a Rehabilitation Program to address a portion of the Township's fair share obligations; and

WHEREAS the township as an element of its affordable housing program has offered a housing rehabilitation program to those residents eligible pursuant to affordable housing guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to continue the existing Housing Rehabilitation Program and intends to utilize this program to obtain future credits under the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing Rules; and

WHEREAS, there is money available in the Affordable Housing Developer Fees Trust Fund derived from fees collected pursuant to 15-5.4 et seq. of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren and approved by COAH on March 4, 1992, as amended; and

WHEREAS, housing rehabilitation has been involved in the spending plan filed with COAH in December 2008 and is subsequently under review by the Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that steps be taken to provide for the establishment of the necessary financial authorization in accordance with New Jersey financial procedures to implement this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1.) The improvement herein is authorized as a capital improvement in the amount of \$200,000.

Section 2). The purpose of this improvement is to provide for the rehabilitation of substandard housing units in accordance with said Rules issued by of New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing and or the Department of Community Affairs.

Section 3). There is hereby authorized an appropriation I the amount of \$200,000 from the Affordable Housing Developer Fees Trust Fund. Prior to the effective date of this ordinance, the Chief Finance Officer shall provide a certification that sufficient funds are available in the fund. The original certification shall be attached to the original of the ordinance and shall be kept in the files of the Township Clerk.

Section 4). The capital budget of the municipality is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistencies therewith.

Section 5). Any contracts entered into regarding this matter may be authorized by resolution of the Township Committee, or any another agency established for the purpose of implementing the Affordable Housing Plan.

Section 6.) If any section or provision hereof shall be adjudged invalid, such determination shall not affect any other provision hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect to the extent severable.

Section 7.) This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE


Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC
Township Clerk


Carolann Garafola, Mayor

INTRODUCED: May 3, 2012

ADOPTED May 24, 2012

EFFECTIVE May 31, 2012