Explanation: This Ordinance authorizes the release of a 3.60 acre portion of a conservation easement located on Block 5, Lot 1.01 pursuant to the New Jersey Conservation Restriction and Historic Preservation Restriction Act.

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

ORDINANCE 19-05

THIS ORDINANCE AUTHORIZES THE PARTIAL RELEASE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT LOCATED AT BLOCK 5, L. 1.01 PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY CONSERVATION RESTRICTION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESTRICTION ACT.

WHEREAS, the Township of Warren is the owner of a conservation easement (the “Conservation Easement”) across property known as Block 5, Lot 1.01 as shown on the Tax Map of the Township of Warren, commonly known as 184 Liberty Corner Road; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to release a 3.60 acre portion of the Conservation Easement (the “Conservation Easement Portion”) pursuant to the New Jersey Conservation Restriction and Historic Preservation Restriction Act, N.J.S.A. 13:8B-1 et seq. in order to allow Jersey Central Power and Light (“JCP&L”) to locate a 230-34.5 kV substation to enhance the reliability of service to the area, specifically including service to approximately 4,525 customers in Warren Township; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the release of the Conservation Easement Portion was held by the Township Committee as required by the New Jersey Conservation Restriction and Historic Preservation Restriction Act; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was provided in the Courier News at least twice in each of the three weeks preceding the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that it is in the best interest of public safety and welfare to release the Conservation Easement Portion.

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:

1. The Township Committee hereby authorizes the release of the Conservation Easement Portion pursuant to the New Jersey Conservation Restriction and Historic Preservation Restriction Act.

2. The release of the Conservation Easement Portion shall not take effect until a certificate of approval of the release is received from the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of
Environmental Protection (the “Commissioner”) and recorded in the same manner as the Conservation Easement.

3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the release of the Conservation Easement Portion upon approval of the Commissioner.

ATTEST:       TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

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Cathy Reese, RMC                 Gary P. DiNardo, Mayor
Township Clerk

INTRODUCED:  January 4, 2019
ADOPTED:      February 7, 2019
EFFECTIVE:    February 14, 2019