



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

## LAND USE BOARD RESOLUTION 2025-16

### MEMORIALIZATION OF 90-DAY EXTENSION OF MINOR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL WITH BULK VARIANCE RELIEF

IN THE MATTER OF KIRSH KRAFT, LLC  
APPLICATION NO. LUB-2022-04

Approved: May 8, 2025  
Memorialized: June 12, 2025

**WHEREAS**, an application for an extension of time for minor subdivision approval with bulk variance relief has been made to the Highlands Land Use Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") by Kirsh Kraft, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant") on lands known and designated as Block 57, Lots 8 and 9 as depicted on the Tax Map of the Borough of Highlands (hereinafter "Borough"), more commonly known as 9 Fifth Street in the R-2.02 (Residential) Zone (hereinafter "Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, a complete application has been filed, the fees as required by Borough Ordinance have been paid, and it otherwise appears that the jurisdiction and powers of the Board have been properly invoked and exercised; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held before the Board on May 8, 2025 with regard to this application.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, does the Highlands Land Use Board make the following findings of fact and conclusions of law with regard to this application:

1. The Applicant is seeking a 100-day extension of time, until July 31, 2025, for the minor subdivision approval with bulk variance relief granted by the Board on July 11, 2024 and memorialized in a Resolution dated August 8, 2024 bearing Resolution No. 2024-15, as well as from the 75-day extension of the minor subdivision approval with bulk variance relief, until April 22, 2025, which was granted by the Board on February 13, 2025 and memorialized in a Resolution dated March 13, 2025, bearing Resolution No. 2025-10.

2. The Applicant was granted minor subdivision approval with bulk variance relief to create two (2) single-family dwelling lots, which approval required, as a condition of approval, that the Applicant submit a deed of easement with adjacent Lot 5 subject to review and approval

by the Board's Professionals.

3. The Applicant was previously granted a 75-day extension of time, until April 22, 2025, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-47(f) and (g).

4. The Applicant is now seeking a 100-day extension of time, until July 31, 2025, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-47(f) and (g).

5. The Applicant did not testify at the hearing but submitted two (2) letters to the Board from its Professional Planner, John E. Taikina, PP, AICP, dated April 22, 2025 and April 29, 2025, respectively, requesting the 100-day extension of time to record the necessary deeds with the County of Monmouth. Although the Applicant's April 29, 2025 letter did not identify a particular amount of time for the extension request, the April 22, 2025 letter requested a 100-day extension of time and was used as the basis for the request.

6. The Applicant's letters explained that the reason for the extension request was that the Applicant needed additional time revise the deeds and descriptions as provided for in the Resolution of approval memorialized on August 8, 2024 and for those deeds and descriptions to then be submitted to and approved by the Board's Professionals, and subsequently recorded with the County.

7. There were no members of the public expressing an interest in this application.

8. The Board has received, reviewed, and considered the Applicant's April 22, 2025 and April 29, 2025 written requests for an extension, as well as the Land Use Board Resolution granting minor subdivision approval with bulk variance relief, dated August 8, 2024 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-47 and the Land Use Board Resolution granting a 75-day extension of the minor subdivision approval with bulk variance relief, dated March 13, 2025.

9. All exhibits, resolutions, and statements have been incorporated herein in their entirety.

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Land Use Board, having reviewed the proposed application and having considered the impact of the proposed application on the Borough and its residents to determine whether it is in furtherance of the Municipal Land Use Law; and having considered whether the proposal is conducive to the orderly development of the site and the general area in which it is located pursuant to the land use and zoning ordinances of the Borough of Highlands; and

upon the imposition of specific conditions to be fulfilled, hereby concludes that good cause has been shown to approve the application of Kirsh Kraft, LLC for a ninety (90) day extension of time, until July 21, 2025, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-47.

The Board acknowledges that the Applicant has diligently pursued outside approvals, such as filing of the necessary deeds, but that due to circumstances beyond its control the Applicant has faced unavoidable and unexpected delays. The Board, therefore, finds that a 90-day extension, until July 21, 2025, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-47 is appropriate in this circumstance.

The Board further determines that although the Applicant initially requested a 100-day extension of time, the Board finds that a ninety (90) day extension is sufficient under the circumstances and provides the Applicant with a sufficient amount of time to revise the deeds and descriptions as needed, and for them to be submitted to and approved by the Board's professionals and, ultimately, recorded with the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Highlands Land Use Board on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025, that the action of the Land Use Board taken on May 8, 2025 granting Application No. LUB-2024-04 of Kirsh Kraft, LLC for a ninety (90) day extension of time, until July 21, 2025, for minor subdivision approval with bulk variance relief be and the same is hereby memorialized as follows:

The application is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The Applicant is granted a 90-day extension of time for minor subdivision approval with bulk variance relief, until July 21, 2025.
2. All terms and conditions of the Board's previous approvals, except as satisfied or amended, shall remain in place.
3. The Applicant shall provide a certificate that taxes are paid to date of approval.
4. Payment of all fees, costs, escrows due and to become due. Any monies are to be paid within twenty (20) days of said request by the Board Secretary.
5. Subject to all other applicable rules, regulations, ordinances and statutes of the Borough of Highlands, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey or any other jurisdiction.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board secretary is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of this decision to be published in the official newspaper at the Applicant's expense

and to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Applicant and to the Borough Clerk, Engineer, Attorney and Tax Assessor, and shall make same available to all other interested parties.

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Robert Knox, Chairman  
Borough of Highlands Land Use Board

ON MOTION OF:  
SECONDED BY:  
ROLL CALL:  
YES:  
NO:  
ABSTAINED:  
INELIGIBLE:  
ABSENT:  
DATED:

I hereby certify this to be a true and accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by the Borough of Highlands Land Use Board, Monmouth County, New Jersey, at a public meeting held on June 12, 2025.

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Nancy Tran, Board Secretary  
Borough of Highlands Land Use Board