

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2025-7.9**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW JERSEY PROTECTION AGAINST CLIMATE
THREATS/RESILIENT ENVIRONMENTS AND LANDSCAPES (REAL) RULES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pennington (“the Borough”) is regularly experiencing significant flooding;;

WHEREAS, multiple studies released by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection document that extreme precipitation intensity will continue to increase in New Jersey over the coming decades.

WHEREAS, every time our community floods, it is a drain on our municipal resources, from closing and opening roadways, removing debris and repairing damage caused by flooding to rescuing motorists and residents trapped by flood waters;

WHEREAS, flooding due to extreme precipitation is a threat to the safety of our residents and built environment;

WHEREAS, the Borough cannot address the increasing threats from extreme storms and flooding on our own;

WHEREAS, the REAL Rules provide statewide protection for all municipalities in New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the REAL Rules assume continuing moderate emissions of greenhouse gases, which is extremely optimistic given current circumstances;

WHEREAS, the REAL Rules predict that there is an 83% percent chance that New Jersey will experience sea level rise up to 5.1 feet;

WHEREAS, there are those that are intentionally misleading others on the contents of the rule and using this misinformation to excite opposition to the rules;

WHEREAS, implementing the REAL Rules will assist the State and its municipalities in becoming more resilient.

WHEREAS, implementing the REAL Rules will help keep the residents of the Borough safe from climate change;

WHEREAS, addressing the impacts of climate change and implementing resiliency policies has the potential to reduce flood insurance rates, not increase them;

WHEREAS, addressing the impacts of climate change and implementing resiliency policies has the potential to improve a municipality’s bond rating; making it cheaper and easier to borrow money by the Borough;

WHEREAS, the Borough supports policies that are based upon the best available science as the REAL rules are;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pennington, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough of Pennington supports the adoption of the REAL Rules as soon as possible.

2. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this resolution to the Governor's office, New Jersey Senate President, Speaker of the NJ Assembly, and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone					Rubenstein				
Chandler					Stern				
Marciante					Valenza				

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington at a meeting on July 7, 2025.

Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk