TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE
RESOLUTION INSTITUTING A MORATORIUM OF THE ISSUANCE OF ZONING PERMITS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF OUTDOOR WOODBURNING STOVES/FURNACES

WHEREAS, the Wantage Township Committee does hereby find that the use of outdoor wood burning stoves and/or furnaces may create noxious and hazardous smoke, soot, fumes, odors and air pollution and can be detrimental to the health and well being of citizens and can deprive neighboring residents from the enjoyment of their homes and premises; and

WHEREAS, the Wantage Township Committee finds that appropriate measures must be taken to secure a temporary reasonable halt on the construction of outdoor wood burning stoves/furnaces in order to protect the public's health, safety and welfare while the Township undergoes a review and potential revision of its Ordinances regarding wood burning stoves/furnaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage that it is necessary and appropriate to institute a moratorium for a period not to exceed one (1) year for the issuance of any zoning permits for the construction of outdoor wood burning stoves and/or furnaces. By maintaining the status quo for such construction until such time as appropriate consideration and potential amendments to the ordinances of the Township of Wantage are adopted the Township Committee can provide for an orderly revision of the ordinances as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage that for a period of time not to exceed one (1) year following the effective date of this resolution, no construction can proceed, no zoning permit may be issued by the Code Enforcement Officer and no final approval may be given by the Township Land Use Board or other relief may be granted regarding the construction of an outdoor wood burning stove and/or furnace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period of the moratorium, the Township Committee shall endeavor to complete all reasonable and necessary review, study, analysis and, if warranted, revisions to the Township ordinances. In the event that the Township adopts a regulatory ordinance within one (1) year from the effective date of this resolution the temporary moratorium shall upon adoption be lifted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage that to the extent that any law, ordinance, rule or regulation are in conflict with the provisions of the resolution, this resolution shall control.

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, at its regular meeting held on August 12, 2010, at the Municipal Building, 888 Route 23S, Wantage, New Jersey 07461.

James R. Doherty

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James R. Doherty, Clerk/Administrator