

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

RESOLUTION 20-181

RESOLUTION SEEKING CONSIDERATION OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND OTHER APPROPRIATE PARTIES SUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE USE OF CONVENIENCE CENTERS FOR WASTE DISPOSAL BY FARMERS WHOSE VEHICLE DISPLAY “FARMER” AND/OR “FARM” TAGS

WHEREAS, the Township of Upper Deerfield is cognizant that a large part of the make-up of the County of Cumberland is agricultural in nature and agriculture is an important industry within the County; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has jurisdiction over waste hauling and disposal in the State of New Jersey and has taken the stance that “Farmer Tagged” vehicles may not access convenience centers for trash disposal in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield is aware that many farmers within Cumberland County either only have one vehicle or have only one truck suitable for hauling household waste; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield has received many requests for assistance and consideration by the municipalities within the Township of Upper Deerfield concerning this issue; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield is sympathetic to issues impacting the agricultural community and is desirous of providing assistance in promoting dialogue with regard to the blanket prohibition of waste disposal for “farmer tagged” vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, as follows:

1. This Board respectfully urges the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Legislature, and any and all others who may appropriately consider this matter to review the blanket prohibition on “farmer tagged” vehicles accessing convenience centers for the disposal of waste; and
2. That some consideration may be appropriately given to having authority vested in individual townships managing their convenience centers in determining what constitutes commercial waste versus what constitutes normal household waste which is attempted to be disposed of by a farm owner who drives a “farmer tagged” vehicle; and
3. That the Board further authorizes and requests that the Township Administrator/Clerk and/or other appropriate individuals on behalf of the Township of Upper Deerfield distribute this form of resolution as may be necessary and appropriate in order to effectuate the terms hereof as well as engaging in any dialogue regarding a potential satisfactory outcome which would benefit the agricultural community of the Township of Upper Deerfield.

Moved By: Bruce Peterson

Seconded By: John Daddario

VOTING

James P. Crilley
John L. Daddario
John T. O'Neill, Sr.
Bruce T. Peterson
Scott Smith

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, at a meeting thereof held November 5, 2020.

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk