

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of West Orange (the “Township”), the Township has retained Charles Blau, Esq. of Blau & Blau (“Special Tax Appeal Counsel”) to review and pursue certain affirmative tax appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has filed affirmative tax appeals to increase the 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 assessments of property owned by WHS LLC (the “Property Owner”) concerning real property located at 125 Northfield Avenue in the Township which is identified on the Tax Map of the Township as Block 78.02, Lot 2 (the “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Property Owner and Township have evaluated the assessments and agreed to a proposed settlement which is recommended by the Township’s Special Tax Appeal Counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the proposed settlement, the assessed value of the Property shall be increased from \$6,000,000 to \$7,100,000 million in 2018, \$7,200,000 million 2019, and \$7,250,000 in 2020 which will yield additional taxes of approximately \$140,000 and approximately twenty (20%) percent additional taxes on a going forward basis; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of this multi-year settlement, the appeals for 2015, 2016 and 2017 shall be withdrawn with no change in the assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Department recommends approval of this settlement; and

**NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE HEREBY APPROVES** the proposed settlement with regard to Block 78.02, Lot 2, known as 125 Northfield Avenue in the Township of West Orange, whereby the Property's assessment for 2018 shall be fixed at \$7,100,000, for 2019 - \$7,200,000 and for 2020 - \$7,250,000; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tax Assessor and Special Tax Appeal Counsel be and are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary and appropriate to effectuate the settlement.

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**Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.**  
**Township Clerk**

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**Michelle Casalino**  
**Council President**

**Adopted: April 28, 2020**