

**RO-15-14**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF BLOCK 27,  
LOT 17 TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Washington is the owner of certain lands within the Township of Washington known as Block 27, Lot 17, located at 6 Fairview Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Historical Society has requested that the Township enter into a lease with the Historical Society; and

**WHEREAS**, said parcel shall be used only for Historical Society purposes and if the lands so leased shall cease to be used for such purposes the lease shall be terminated; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-15.g authorizes a lease for a public purpose on land not needed for municipal purposes by a municipality to any duly incorporated historical society for civic or historic programs or activities for a term not to exceed 50 years plus a 25 year renewal term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Washington does hereby determine that the land in question is not needed for municipal purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have agreed upon the terms of a Lease for a duration of twenty (20) years for nominal consideration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Township Committee hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Township Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary to lease Block 27, Lot 17 to the Washington Township Historical Society for nominal consideration for a term of twenty (20) years with the right to renew the Lease for an additional twenty (20) year term pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-15.g. for civic or historic programs and activities, including the maintenance of a museum, which activities benefit the population of the Township of Washington as well as the County of Morris and State of New Jersey.

**SECTION 2.** If the lands authorized herein to be leased shall cease to be used for civic and historic programs and activities, the lease shall terminate without any entry or re-entry thereon on behalf of the municipality.

**SECTION 3.** The Township Administrator is hereby designated as the officer or employee of the Township authorized to enforce the terms and conditions of the Lease.

**SECTION 4.** The Historical Society shall be required, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(c), to annually submit a report to the Township Committee, setting out the use to which the leased premises was put during the previous year, the activities of the lessee undertaken in furtherance of the activities of the Historical Society in preserving the history of the Township of Washington; the approximate value or cost, if any, of such activities in furtherance of such purpose; and an affirmation of the continued tax-exempt status of the nonprofit corporation pursuant to both State and federal law.

**SECTION 5.** A copy of the Lease is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

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Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

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Kenneth W. Short, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk of the Township of Washington, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township at a meeting held on October 20, 2014.

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Nina DiGregorio, Clerk

Dated: