RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICY REGARDING LAST-MINUTE OR NEAR LAST-MINUTE ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS

BELMAR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, the Belmar Zoning Board of Adjustment is a duly organized Land Use Board, operating and existing in accordance with the Rules and Regulation of the State of New Jersey and the Borough of Belmar; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board has a set of Rules and Regulations by which the entity operates; and

WHEREAS, over the last several years, the Board has experienced a number of scheduled Applications which have, at the last minute, or at the near last minute, been adjourned; and

WHEREAS, last-minute adjournments and / or near last-minute adjournments have played havoc with the Board agenda / schedule; and

WHEREAS, such a phenomenon:

- Compromises Zoning Office efficiency;
- Compromises Zoning Board efficiency;
- Compromises the ability of the Zoning Board to adjudicate Applications in a time-efficient fashion;
- Unnecessarily delays the review / adjudication of other non-related Development Applications;
- Tends to undermine public confidence in the Zoning Board of Adjustment process;
- Tends to diminish public interest in, or attendance at, designated Public Hearings; and
- Inconveniences the public; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the Board has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to establish a policy so as to likely minimize opportunities for last-minute, or near last-minute adjournments, where no good cause exists; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that such a policy will be in the best interest of the Zoning Board, and the residents of the Borough of Belmar.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Members of the Belmar Zoning Board of Adjustment as follows:

- 1. That effective immediately, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, in the event of 2 (in the aggregate) last-minute or near last-minute adjournments (i.e., adjournments when there is not sufficient / reasonable time to place another Application on the agenda, the subject Application shall be adjourned to a future meeting date (depending on agenda availability and the nature and extent of other Public Hearings waiting to be scheduled), with new-notice required.
- 2. That the within policy may be waived, if good cause exists, or if the interest of justice so requires.
- 3. That the within policy shall become a part of the Zoning Board Rules and Regulations.
- 4. That the within policy may be amended upon future authorization of the Belmar Zoning Board of Adjustment.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is	a true copy of a	Resolution adopted by the Belmar
Zoning Board of Adjustment on this da	y of, 20	21.
	April Clar	udio Zoning Board Secretary