

RESOLUTION – SUPPORTING S762/A2014 REQUIRING STATE TREASURER TO CONDUCT COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF MILITARY-TO-CIVILIAN HOUSING CONVERSION AT NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE AND PLACING MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN STATE PERMITS AND APPROVALS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Navy no longer requires housing at the Naval Weapons Station Earle (“Earle”); and

WHEREAS, Laurelwood Homes LLC owns and operates a 300-unit housing development located at Earle, and such development was designed, constructed and operated pursuant to the U.S. Department of Defense’s Section 801 military housing program; and

WHEREAS, there have been few military residents occupying the housing in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tinton Falls (“the Borough”) is gravely concerned that the U.S. Navy is obligated, under an existing long-term lease with Laurelwood Homes LLC, to permit the company to rent the housing to members of the general public after April 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, efforts to pass legislation sponsored by Senators Jen Beck and Joe Kyrillos and Assemblymembers Declan O’Scanlon and Caroline Casagrande requiring the State Treasurer to prepare a cost-benefit analysis on the local impact of the military-to-civilian housing conversation and placing a moratorium on certain permits and approvals was tabled from securing final consideration by the State Senate at the close of the last legislative session; and

WHEREAS, this legislation has been reintroduced by its sponsors at the beginning of the new legislative session as Senate Bill No. 762 and Assembly Bill No. 2014; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of New Jersey and the Borough already pay some of the highest property taxes in the country, and these taxes are identified as the top concern among residents; and

WHEREAS, the Borough cannot afford the disproportional educational and other infrastructure improvements required as a result of a sudden influx of new school children without a significant and devastating increase in property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the housing is located within a high security military installation, and the lease of the housing to members of the general public would pose an increased security risk in our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that:

1. The Borough of Tinton Falls urgently requests the Legislature’s consideration and passage of Senate Bill No. 762 and Assembly Bill No. 2014 for the Governor’s enactment, which would save our residents millions of dollars in property taxes and educational infrastructure costs as well as address a potential significant security risk in our community.
2. That the Borough Clerk transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Chris Christie, Senator Jennifer Beck, Senator Joe Kyrillos, Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande, Assemblyman Declan O’Scanlon, United States Representative Rush Holt, the County of Monmouth, and the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Colts Neck.

DUANE MORRILL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls at a meeting held on February 9, 2010

KAREN MOUNT-TAYLOR, BOROUGH CLERK

	M O V E D	S E C O N D E D	A Y E S	N A Y S	A B S E N T	A B S T A I N	<p>I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls at a meeting held on February 9, 2010.</p> <p align="center">_____ Karen Mount-Taylor, Borough Clerk</p>
MR. BALDWIN							
MS. FAMA							
MR. LARKIN							
DR. MAYER							
MR. MORRILL							