

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R E S O L U T I O N #21-292

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 2021 TAX PAYMENTS
DUE TO VETERAN EXEMPTION GRANTED ON BLOCK 91 LOT 10**

WHEREAS, Block 91, Lot 10, known as 1649 Reed Road, is newly assessed to Watlington Thomas g & Rachel Ann; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watlington had applied for, and had been granted as of August 4, 2021 by the Assessor of the Township of Hopewell, the status of totally disabled veteran, and, as a totally disabled veteran, Mr. Watlington is exempt from paying New Jersey real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of eligibility as set by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs for Mr. Watlington was August 1, 2016; the date of request to the Township was July 20, 2021; and the property was purchased on July 19, 2021 by the Watlingtons; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2010 the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, did pass Resolution #10-224, establishing the policy and effective date of disability for exempt veterans to be “the date of disability as declared by the United States Department of Veterans Administration, not exceeding one year prior to the date of the request”; this Resolution was affirmed by Resolution 18-363 of the Township of Hopewell on December 10, 2018 for a period of seven (7) years; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 18-363 affirms that the period of exempt status shall be effective as of the date of disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Administration not exceeding one year prior to the date of application; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watlington’s exemption status is dated to July 19, 2021, the date the Watlington’s purchased the property; and

WHEREAS, taxes were paid at closing for the period of July 19, 2021 to September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$1,262.16, and this amount should be refunded to Mr. and Mrs. Watlington.

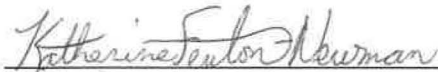
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 13th day September, 2021 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the payment of taxes in the amount of \$1,262.16 for Block 91 Lot 10 is refunded to Thomas G and Rachel Ann Watlington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, and Finance Officer.

Date Adopted: September 13, 2021

CERTIFICATION

I, Katherine Fenton-Newman, Deputy Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at the regular meeting held on the 13th day of September, 2021, via Zoom Video Communications.



Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk