AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN CHAPTER 142 ENTITLED "ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW"

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken ("Township") prioritizes the safe and environmentally friendly development and redevelopment of all land within the Township's borders; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken ("Township Committee") established the Environmental Commission of the Township of Pennsauken ("Environmental Commission") pursuant to Section 9-10 of the Township Code to address environmental issues within the Township, such as monitoring development and protecting the Township's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee determines that it is in the Township's best interest to address environmental issues involving property of all sizes; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee determines that review of environmental impact statements by the Environmental Commission for all properties subject to major subdivision or site plan approval is the most effective method for addressing environmental issues for all properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ADOPTED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, Camden County, New Jersey that, for the reasons addressed in the Preamble, Chapter 142 of the Code of the Township of Pennsauken be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 142-2 of the Township Code shall be amended as follows (deletions are struck through):

§ 142-2. Environmental impact statement.

The submission to the Pennsauken Township Environmental Commission of an environmental impact statement shall be required for any major subdivision or site plan application of undeveloped land. The environmental impact statement shall include a response to the following items pertaining to a proposed development. Said proposal shall be consistent with all standards and requirements of the Pennsauken Township Master Plan, the Municipal Land Use Law (Chapter 291 of the Laws of New Jersey 1975, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.) and all other federal, state and local laws.

REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- A. <u>Repealer</u>. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. <u>Severability.</u> In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. <u>Effective Date.</u> This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN

PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN ACTING TOWNSHIP CLERK

Adopted: 4860-1536-0003, v. 1