TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON ORDINANCE NO. 8–2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO VACATE A PORTION OF LAKESHORE DRIVE AND CONVEYING SAME TO ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS WITH THE TOWNSHIP RETAINING ANY AND ALL EXISTING RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW

WHEREAS, there exists a portion of land dedicated as a public street on Lakeshore Drive, from the intersection of Lakeshore Drive and Bee Street to the intersection of Lakeshore Drive and Wasp Street, designated on the Township of Pemberton's tax map as fronting Block 37.02, Lot 1, Block 38, Lot 9, and Block 38, 13; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Pemberton (the "Township") currently exercises control over this portion of land on Lakeshore Drive as a dedicated public street; and

WHEREAS, the abutting property owners to wit Charles E. Goff and Alyce C. Goff (collectively, "the Goffs"), 12 Bee Street (Block 39, Lot 9), Browns Mills, New Jersey, and Timothy D. Marshall ("Marshall"), 23 Wasp Street, Browns Mills, New Jersey have requested the Township vacate the portion of Lakeshore Drive designated on the Township tax map beginning at the intersection Lakeshore Drive and Bee Street and continuing to the intersection of Lakeshore Drive and Wasp Street; and

WHEREAS, the Township is in receipt of letters from the abutting property owners, the Goffs and Marshall, dated January 9, 2017, indicating their request that the Township vacate that portion of Lakeshore Drive; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 allows a municipality to authorize by ordinance the release and extinguishment of the public rights arising from the dedication of land as a public street as to the whole or any part of the land, however any rights and privileges possessed by public utilities and cable television companies to maintain, repair, and replace their existing utility facilities in, adjacent to, over or under the property are expressly reserved and excepted from vacation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1; and

WHEREAS, when the Township Council makes a determination that the public interest will be better served by extinguishing the public right, the land shall become the title of the abutting landowners in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-6; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds that the Township will realize financial and other savings as a result of this vacation, including but not limited to the costs and efforts associated with road maintenance such as resurfacing and snow removal; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds it in the best interest of the Township to authorize the roadway vacation as detailed herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Pemberton, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey that the street vacation of Lakeshore Drive which is further detailed within the body of this ordinance, as

well as on the attached metes and bounds description and map attached as Exhibit A, is hereby authorized; and

- BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any rights and privileges which may be possessed by public utilities, as defined by N.J.S.A. 48:2-13, and by any cable television company, as defined in the "Cable Television Act," N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq., to maintain, repair and replace facilities, in, adjacent to, over or under the street, or any part thereof are hereby expressly reserved and excepted from vacation; and
- BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the street vacation set forth within this ordinance is contingent upon the abutting property owners, to wit the Goffs and Marshall, entering into an agreement with the Township that no construction will take place on the vacated property except for the installation of fencing that is consistent with Township Code and that the Township shall retain all lawful rights to enter, inspect and make repairs to existing utilities above and below ground where applicable; and
- BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the street vacation set forth within this ordinance is contingent upon the abutting property owners, to wit the Goffs and Marshall, each providing to the Township a fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), representing reasonable costs for professional services and administrative and publications costs in connection with the aforesaid vacation; and
- BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the street vacation set forth within this ordinance is contingent upon the abutting property owners, to wit the Goffs and Marshall, providing to the Township a survey and legal description, both in a form acceptable to the Township Attorney, of the property they are to receive as a result of the aforesaid vacation; and
- BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the street vacation set forth within this ordinance is contingent upon the abutting property owners, to wit the Goffs and Marshall, providing to the Township a deed or deed of consolidation with their current property, in a form acceptable to the Township Attorney, for the property they are to receive as a result of the aforesaid vacation; and
- BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Township Clerk shall publish this ordinance, after introduction and passage at a first reading, at least once not less than ten (10) days instead of one (1) week prior to the time fixed for further consideration for final passage pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-6; and
- BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Township Clerk shall, at least one (1) week prior to the time fixed for final passage of such ordinance, mail a copy thereof, together with a notice of the introduction thereof, and the time and place when and where the ordinance will be further considered for final passage, to every person whose lands may be affected by the ordinance or any assessment which may be made in pursuance thereof, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-6; and
- **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the Township Clerk shall within sixty (60) days after such ordinance becomes effective file a certified copy of this ordinance with the office of the County Clerk in a special book set aside for dedications and vacations, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-21; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining portion of the ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE NO. 8-2017

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The foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the governing body of Pemberton Township at a meeting held on March 1, 2017, and will be considered for final passage after a public hearing at a meeting of the said governing body to be held on March 15, 2017 at the Pemberton Township Municipal Building, 500 Pemberton-Browns Mills Road, Pemberton, New Jersey, at 6:30 p.m. prevailing time, at which time any interested member of the public may comment on said Ordinance. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting or further consideration, copies of said Ordinance in its entirety may be obtained from the Township Clerk.

ATTEST:

AMY P. COSNOSKI, RMC, TOWNSHIP CLERK

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NOTICE OF FINAL PASSAGE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO VACATE A PORTION OF LAKESHORE DRIVE AND CONVEYING SAME TO ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS WITH THE TOWNSHIP RETAINING ANY AND ALL EXISTING RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 8 -2017 as entitled above has been finally

adopted on final reading by the governing body of Pemberton Township after a public hearing, at a meeting held on March 15, 2017. Said Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

ATTEST:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPROVAL BY MAYOR

David A. Patriarca

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AMY P. COSNOSKI, RMC, TOWNSHIP CLERK