BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION
No. 256-20

RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING THE PROHIBITION ON LODGING OF TRANSIENT GUESTS OR SEASONAL TENANTS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders determined, in coordination with the Cape May County Directors of Health and Emergency Management, determined that an influx of visitors into Cape May County during the COVID-19 pandemic would create a threat to the public health and safety of Cape County residents and present challenges to County healthcare facilities, emergency services and essential businesses; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 250-20, the County of Cape May prohibited all hotels, motels, guest houses and other transient, seasonal and short-term rental businesses, following the adoption of the resolution, from lodging any new transient guest or seasonal tenant until such time that the State of New Jersey or Board of Chosen Freeholders, in coordination with the Cape May County Directors of Health and Emergency Management, determine it no longer necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within Cape May County; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 250-20 defined the term "transient guest or seasonal tenant" to exclude: "(i) individuals housed as a part of State-directed non-congregate shelter initiative, (ii) individuals taking temporary residence supported by Federal, State, or local emergency and/or other housing assistance, or (iii) healthcare workers taking temporary residence;" and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders determined, in coordination with the Cape May County Directors of Health and Emergency Management, that the individuals who are deemed a transient guest or seasonal tenant should be expanded to exclude employees of governmental agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and for the protection of the health and welfare of County residents, the Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby declares:

1. The recitals set forth above in the preamble are incorporated herein as if fully set forth verbatim;

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2. The phrase "transient guest or seasonal tenant" shall be amended to exclude: (i) individuals housed as a part of State-directed non-congregate shelter initiative, (ii) individuals taking temporary residence supported by Federal, State, or local emergency and/or other housing assistance, (iii) healthcare workers taking temporary residence, and (iv) employees of any municipality, the County of Cape May, the State of New Jersey or a Federal Agency, including members of our armed forces, who are seeking housing in conjunction with their official duties.

3. Individuals falling within the exclusions set forth in paragraph 2 above and seeking to secure lodging at a hotel, motel, guest house or other transient, seasonal or short-term rental business, shall provide appropriate documentation confirming they fall within one of exclusions at the time of making the reservation or executing the short term rental agreement.

4. Persons violating this Resolution are subject to prosecution as disorderly persons pursuant to N.J.S.A. A:9-49 and N.J.S.A. A:9-50, and/or any other statute(s) that may be deemed appropriate by law enforcement depending on the circumstances that lead to the charge(s); and

5. The Board of Chosen Freeholders continues to carefully and thoroughly monitor the spread of COVID-19 and its impact on our communities, County and State, and will rescind the restrictions set forth herein as soon as it is determined to no longer be necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Cape May County, and will provide the impacted businesses with as much advance notice as possible of the date the restrictions will be rescinded.

STATEMENT

This Resolution supplements Resolution 250-20 by expanding the categories of those not considered transient guests or seasonal tenants.

cc: Kevin Thomas, Director of Health
Martin Pagliughi, Director of Emergency Management
Jeffrey Sutherland, Cape May County Prosecutor
Diane Wieland, Director of Tourism
Jeffrey Lindsay, County Counsel
Municipal Mayors of Cape May County

STATE OF NEW JERSEY } ss.:
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY }

I, Elizabeth Bozzelli, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting duly held on the 14th day of April, 2020

Signed, Elizabeth Bozzelli
Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE						
Freeholders	Ayes	Nayes	Abstain	Absent	Moved	Second
Mr. Desiderio	✓				✓	
Ms. Hayes	✓					✓
Mr. Morey	✓					
Mr. Pierson	✓					
Mr. Thornton	✓					
V - Indicates Vote Moved-Resolution Offered Second-Resolution Seconded						