

RESOLUTION No. 112-2025
OPPOSING NEW JERSEY PROTECTING AGAINST
CLIMATE THREATS/RESILIENT ENVIRONMENTS
AND LANDSCAPE RULES (NJPACT)
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT

Councilmember Bieber introduced and offered the following resolution for approval; seconded by Councilmember Leckstein:

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright opposes the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) 1,057-page NJPACT rules due to their significant adverse impacts, the Borough Council sets forth the following objections:

A. NJPACT'S CREATION, IMPACT, AND CONSEQUENCES

1. NJPACT, stemming from Governor Murphy's Executive Order 100, imposes excessive building regulations, including raising homes and roads 5 feet above base flood elevation, far exceeding federal and local standards, effective around August 2026.
2. NJPACT rules will devastate coastal economies, reducing property values, tourism, and housing affordability, impacting the entire state's economic vitality and exacerbating housing shortages.
3. NJPACT relies on a sea level rise study with only a 17% likelihood 75 years from now
4. Homes along the Jersey Shore, typically replaced every 25-30 years, would be overbuilt under NJPACT, imposing unnecessary costs when risks could be reassessed in 2050 or 2075.
5. NJPACT's costs make compliance unaffordable for current and future homeowners, forcing middle-class retreat and favoring the ultra-wealthy.
6. NJPACT aligns with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) minimum standards but offers no premium discounts for exceeding them, creating financial burdens without benefits.
7. Without funding, NJPACT's enforcement strains municipalities, risking economic disaster for tourism-dependent seasonal economies.
8. Unfunded mandates may lead to inconsistent regional protection, disproportionately harming smaller communities.

B. REALITIES AND PRUDENT COURSE

9. With an 83% probability that NJPACT's mandates will be unnecessary in 76 years, a more gradual, legislatively supported approach is warranted.
10. Coastal communities contribute \$16 billion annually to New Jersey's economy, and beach replenishment is not a burden but a driver of tourism and jobs.
11. The Borough of Sea Bright proactively addresses climate risks through resilient action plans, meeting stringent FEMA standards and designing infrastructure for 500-year floods.
12. NJPACT's extreme approach, based on unlikely scenarios, defies science and burdens residents and municipalities unnecessarily.
13. The Borough of Sea Bright supports reasonable climate policies but requests NJPACT's withdrawal or amendment to a fact-based, gradual approach.

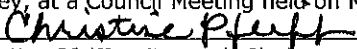
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey vigorously opposes NJPACT due to its threat to public health, welfare, and economic stability.

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein
Yes Yes Yes Yes absent Yes

May 20, 2025

CERTIFICATION

I, Christine Pfeiffer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, at a Council Meeting held on May 20, 2025.



Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk