

BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE

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RESOLUTION

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**Title: Opposing a 5% Fee from the Bergen County Utilities Authority**

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Utilities Authority has informed the Borough of Hillsdale that the 2011 fees being charged for their water pollution control services to the Borough of Hillsdale have been increased by five percent (5%) over the 2010 rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Utilities Authority needs to be mindful of the current economic climate and the severe financial strain that municipalities in the State of New jersey, and especially in the County of Bergen, are under; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 44, P.L. 2010 established a 2% levy cap that all municipalities throughout the state are now mandated not to exceed; and

**WHEREAS**, the increase proposed by the Bergen County Utilities Authority would force the reduction of essential services in other areas of the municipal budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Utilities Authority needs to reduce operating expenses and bring their budget in line with the State mandated 2% cap levy rather than imposing exorbitant fee increases on the municipalities that it serves; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that it is the sentiment of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that a five percent (5%) increased in the 2011 fees proposed by the Bergen County Utilities Authority is unacceptable and measures need to be taken by the utility to reduce the financial burden that they are placing on the taxpayers in the Borough of Hillsdale.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk transmit this resolution to the Executive Director of the Bergen County Utilities Authority, the Bergen County Executive, the Bergen County Board of Freeholders.

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| <b>Council member</b> | <b>Motion</b> | <b>Second</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
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| DeJoseph, Jonathan    |               | X             | X          |           |               |                |
| Frank, Douglas        |               |               | X          |           |               |                |
| Giancarlo, Michael    |               |               | X          |           |               |                |
| Hanlon, Marie         | X             |               | X          |           |               |                |
| Schiavone, Donna      |               |               |            |           | X             |                |
| Weinstein, Andy       |               |               |            |           | X             |                |

Adopted: April 5, 2011

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert P. Sandt, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Mayor Max Arnowitz