

**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
RESOLUTION 17039**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A
COMPLAINT AT THE BERGEN COUNTY
AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WITH REGARD TO DEMAREST FARMS PARKING ISSUES**

WHEREAS, the traffic generated by Demarest Farms has increased significantly in the past several years, particularly on several weekends in the fall, and

WHEREAS, Demarest Farms has not increased its parking capacity to meet the increased demand, causing patrons to park their vehicles on the surrounding residential streets, creating dangerous conditions to motorists and pedestrians, and

WHEREAS, In spite of actions taken earlier in 2015 & 2016 by the Borough to institute limited parking restrictions on the residential streets surrounding the farm, the unsafe conditions posed by the farm's operations during the fall have continued to become more severe, causing unsafe driving and walking conditions for our local residents, patrons and visitors; and

WHEREAS, despite almost a year of mediation between the farm and residents in the area, Fall 2016 demonstrated no discernible improvements made by the farm to resolve the basic issues of public safety and inadequate parking, and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council believe that Demarest Farms is not in compliance with basic agricultural management practices applicable to retail farm operations, as defined by the State's agricultural farm authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body as follows:

1. The appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a Complaint with the Bergen County Agriculture Development Board.
2. Said Complaint shall be signed by the Hon. Douglas Frank, as required.

3 Mark D. Madaio, Esq. and all other appropriate Borough professionals, employees, elected, and appointed officials are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Council member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Recuse
DeRosa, Anthony			X				
Karcich, Scott	X		X				
Lundy, Abby						X	
Pizzella, Frank			X				
Ruocco, John		X	X				
Segalas, Steven				X			
Frank, Doug							

Adopted: January 17, 2017

Attest: Denise Kohan
Denise Kohan
Acting Municipal Clerk

Douglas Frank
Douglas Frank
Mayor