

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

ORDINANCE NO. O-14-37

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS IN THE
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS CONSTRUCTION
OFFICE TO ACCEPT CERTIFIED CHECKS OR A MONEY ORDER IN
LIEU OF A PERSONAL CHECK**

WHEREAS, the Uniform Construction Code (“UCC”) provides standards for municipal fees, but is silent on forms for payment of fees; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands Construction Office wishes to request payment for fees in the form of a Certified Check or Money Order, in lieu of a personal check, for those individuals whose previous payment of fees was returned to the Office for lack of funds;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands Construction Office shall also recoup any and all funds associated with receipt of a returned check for insufficient funds from the individual responsible for such;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands find that it is appropriate and in its best interest to permit the Construction Office to request payment of fees via Certified Check or Money Order;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Section 10-2, Fees, of the Borough Code, shall be amended to provide as follows:

E. Certified Check or Money Order

If, within the last twenty-four (24) months, an applicant has previously provided payment by check that was returned with insufficient funds, the Construction Code Official and/ or an agent of the Construction Code Official shall require a Certified Check or Money Order as payment for fees due and owing.

F. Any individual who provides the Construction Office with a check that is returned to the Office as insufficient funds shall be responsible to reimburse the Borough for any and all fees or penalties resulting from the insufficient funds.

Section 2. **SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage as provided by law.

Section 4. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
Adopted:

Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk

Frank Nolan, Mayor