

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-47

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
MOSQUITO CONTROL DIVISION TO CONDUCT AERIAL MOSQUITO
CONTROL OPERATIONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN**

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:9-27 et. seq. has elected through its Mosquito Control Division to perform all acts necessary for the elimination of mosquito breeding areas and/or to exterminate mosquitoes within the county; and

WHEREAS, the County has instituted an Integrated Pest Management Program consisting of surveillance, water management, biological control, and chemical control to exterminate the mosquito population within the County of Monmouth; and

WHEREAS, prior to conducting aerial dispensing operations over a designated “congested area,” the County is required, pursuant to Federal Aviation Administration Regulation (FAR Part 137.51), to secure prior written approval from the governing body of the political subdivision over which the aircraft is to be operated; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Aberdeen is designated as a “congested area” by the Federal Aviation Administration and the County has requested that this governing body consent to its proposed aerial dispensing operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen as follows: The Governing Body hereby authorizes the County of Monmouth Mosquito Control Division or its agent to apply pesticides by aircraft for mosquito control in certain areas of the municipality designated by the County as being either larval mosquito habitat or areas harboring high populations of mosquitoes constituting either a nuisance, a health hazard, or both with the understanding that:

- a. The County shall utilize pesticides, application equipment and aircraft that are approved for aerial applications by the applicable Federal (USEPA) and State (NJDEP) agencies, and
- b. Such operations will be performed in compliance with applicable Federal and State regulations, and
- c. The County will notify the police department of each municipality over which aerial pesticide operations are planned prior to commencement of such operations.

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
Mosquito Control Division

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Dear Municipal Clerk:

The Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division runs a countywide mosquito control program to protect residents from mosquito-borne diseases and maintain a comfort level suitable to enjoy outdoor activities. An important component of this program is the application of mosquito pesticides using the County helicopter in select areas of the county that produce or harbor high numbers of mosquitoes.

Prior to conducting aerial applications over an area designated "congested" by the Federal Aviation Administration, the Mosquito Control Division is required, pursuant to FAR Part 137.51, to secure written approval from the governing body of the political subdivision over which the aircraft is to be operated. To assist this process, I have enclosed a brief sample resolution for consideration by the governing body. If anyone has concerns or questions about the resolution or our program, please contact me. I would be glad to answer questions regarding our program or the products we use.

For your information, the Mosquito Control Division anticipates resuming the aerial surveillance and treatment program on or about April 1, 2017 and possibly continuing as late as November 30, 2017. In most years, the treatment areas are primarily large tracts of standing water in undeveloped parts of the county where mosquito larvae thrive. Each time the Division undertakes aerial larval control applications in your municipality, your local police department will be notified beforehand.

The Division would consider aerial mosquito control in developed areas if the public health risk from West Nile virus, Zika virus or other mosquito-borne disease warranted such action. Normally, adult mosquito control is done with truck-mounted spray equipment. If the helicopter were to be used, the municipal administrator, police and health officer would be contacted as well as the public notified in accordance with pesticide regulations, NJAC 7:30. The County would also adhere to all additional FAA and NJDOT regulations.

Please execute and return an adopted resolution as soon as possible, preferably before April 1, 2017. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail victoria.thompson@co.monmouth.nj.us. The cooperation of the governing body is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria C. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Victoria Thompson
Acting Superintendent

Enclosure