VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION REGARDING FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING PICKUP

WHEREAS, the Village of Mamaroneck ("VOM") has in place a robust program for recycling of food scraps; and

WHEREAS, to date, the VOM's program relies on either individual residents personally transporting their food scraps to the VOM recycling site on Fayette Avenue, or on the pickup of food scraps on a weekly basis by ASAP Scraps ("ASAP"); and

WHEREAS, ASAP has provided a substantial percentage of the food scraps collected by the VOM Fayette Avenue facility; and

WHEREAS, ASAP has announced that it is ceasing operations as of January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, commercially available services for performing these activities are available, but at a far higher cost than ASAP is currently charging; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of ASAP's continued operations, over 100 of its customers will need either personally to take their food scraps to the Fayette Avenue facility, increasing automotive traffic at the facility, or pay a much higher charge to commercial services to perform this function;

WHEREAS, either alternative will likely reduce the amount of food scraps collected and composted in the VOM, with a consequent adverse effect on both our environment and the cost of disposing of VOM's municipal waste; and

WHEREAS, the collection of food scrap waste is a legitimate and environmentally beneficial municipal function, performed by a number of other municipalities in Westchester County and subsidized by the Westchester County government; and

WHEREAS, the Committee for the Environment ("Committee") strongly believes that it is in the best interest of the VOM to continue and expand the amount of food scraps collected and the level of participation in food scrap recycling by VOM residents, for both environmental and budgetary reasons;

NOW THEREFORE, the Committee urges that the VOM Board of Trustees give serious consideration, taking into account budgetary and other constraints, to commencing the weekly curbside collection of food scraps on a no-cost or low-cost basis for the residents of the VOM, and that it commence such service at the earliest practicable opportunity.