ORDER ON EMERGENT MOTION

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

APPELLATE DIVISION

DOCKET NO.: A-001677-23T04

MOTION NO.: M-003068-23

BEFORE: PART C

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT JUDGE(S): ALLISON E. ACCURSO

KATIE A. GUMMER

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CITY OF NORTH WILDWOOD

OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

MOTION FILED: 02/09/2024 BY: CITY OF NORTH WILDWOOD

ANSWER(S) 02/15/2024 BY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

FILED:

February 15, 2024 SUBMITTED TO COURT:

ORDER

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN DULY PRESENTED TO THE COURT, IT IS, ON THIS 21st day of February, 2024, HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MOTION BY APPELLANT

MOTION FOR EMERGENT RELIEF DENIED AND OTHER

SUPPLEMENTAL: We deny North Wildwood's request that we grant it "temporary relief" in the form of permission to install an emergency oceanfront bulkhead through its beach and dune system approximately three blocks long adjacent to 12th Avenue through 15th Avenue in the City while it appeals the Department of Environmental Protection's January 31, 2024 denial of the same relief. This dispute between the City and the Department over the most appropriate way to combat the erosion of North Wildwood's beaches has been ongoing for several years. The proofs are very technical and the regulations complex. We lack the factual record to confidently impose any relief at this juncture. The City must exhaust its administrative remedies. Accelerated proceedings and

emergency relief are available if necessary in the Office of Administrative Law. <u>See</u> N.J.A.C. 1:1-9.4; N.J.A.C. 1:1-12.6.

FOR THE COURT:

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ALLISON E. ACCURSO, P.J.A.D.

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