

TOWNSHIP OF LUMBERTON

ORDINANCE 2015 -02-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LUMBERTON AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BURLINGTON COUNTY ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has been engaged in a process to establish a competitive market place through deregulation and restructuring the electric utility market; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a government aggregator and an energy aggregation program to purchase electric generation service and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.1 et seq. will increase competition for the provision of electric power to municipal, residential and non-residential users, thereby increasing the likelihood of lower electric rates for these users without causing any interruption in service; and

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders has established the Burlington County Energy Aggregation Program in order to seek substantial savings on electric generation rates on behalf of its local governments, residents, and business electric ratepayers within Burlington County; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Burlington County Energy Aggregation program by governmental, residential and business users is voluntary; and

WHEREAS, the realization of energy costs savings is in the interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of Lumberton (the "Township"); and

WHEREAS, the Township hereby finds that it is in the best interests of residential and non-residential electric ratepayers for the Township to create the opportunity for them to enter into an aggregation agreement in order to seek substantial savings on electric generation rates; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Lumberton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, as follows:

1. The Township hereby joins and becomes a member of the Burlington County Energy Aggregation Program, under which the County will act as an aggregator of electric power on behalf of participating municipalities and their residential and non-residential users of electricity pursuant to the Government Energy Act of 2003, N.J.S.A. 48:3-91.3 to -98, and implementing regulations.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to carry out the purpose of the Ordinance upon review and approval of the same by the Township Solicitor.
 - A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
 - B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
 - C. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

LUMBERTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

ACTION ON INTRODUCTION:

Motion made by: Committeeman Mansdoerfer
Motion seconded by: Committeeman Conway

VOTE:

Committeeman Conway:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Committeeman Dinneen:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Committeewoman Earlen:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Committeeman Mansdoerfer:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Mayor Jackson	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present

ACTION ON ADOPTION (after public hearing)

Motion made by: Committeeman Mansdoerfer
Motion seconded by: Deputy Mayor Earlen

VOTE:

Committeeman Conway:	Yes	No	Abstain	Not Present
Committeeman Dinneen:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Committeewoman Earlen:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Committeeman Mansdoerfer:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present
Mayor Jackson:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Not Present


Lewis K. Jackson, Mayor

Attest :


Stephanie N. Yurko, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the ordinance that was introduced after first reading at a meeting of the Lumberton Township Committee held on February 10, 2015 and adopted after a public hearing at a meeting of the Lumberton Township Committee held on February 24, 2015.


Stephanie N. Yurko, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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