

RESOLUTION 2025-274

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG
HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
OPPOSING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY'S
MISAPPROPRIATION OF 911 SYSTEM FEES**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Little Egg Harbor Township rely on an effective, reliable and modern 911 emergency communications system to protect life, property and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey imposes a monthly surcharge on telephone bills pursuant to the "Enhanced 911 System and Emergency Response Fee" law, N.J.S.A. 52: 17C-18 et seq., with the stated purpose of funding the operation, maintenance and advancement of the State's 911 system; and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the 911 System Fee in 2004, the State of New Jersey has collected billions of dollars from New Jersey residents through this surcharge; and

WHEREAS, despite these collections, numerous reports - including those by the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the State's own audits - have consistently shown that the State has diverted the overwhelming majority of these funds for non-911 related purposes; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this diversion, Counties and Municipalities have been forced to bear the financial burden of maintaining and upgrading local Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), radio communications systems and 911 dispatch technology costs that were intended to be covered by these user fees; and

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WHEREAS, according to NJAC data, less than 10% of the revenue collected from the State's 911 System Fee is actually reinvested in County and local 911 operations, with the remaining funds diverted to other areas of the State budget; and

WHEREAS, this practice has hindered the ability of local governments to implement necessary technological upgrades such as Next Generation 911 (NG9-1-1), interoperability enhancements and cybersecurity improvements critical to emergency communications; and

WHEREAS, the FCC has repeatedly ranked New Jersey among the worst offenders in the nation for diverting 911 fees, citing the State's continued noncompliance with federal standards for proper use of emergency system funds; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Little Egg Harbor supports the New Jersey Association of Counties' ongoing advocacy to end the diversion of 911 fees and ensure that all funds collected are dedicated exclusively to enhancing and supporting emergency communications infrastructure at the State, County and local levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Township of Little Egg Harbor strongly opposes the continued misappropriation and diversion of 911 System Fees by the State of New Jersey and urges the Governor and the New Jersey Legislature to enact reforms ensuring that all funds collected from these fees are used solely for their intended purpose- to support, maintain and improve 911 emergency response systems throughout the State.

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2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Murphy, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Amato, New Jersey Association of Counties, Federal Communication Commission, U.S. Representative Smith, U.S. Representative Van Drew, 10th , 12th & 30th State Legislative District Offices and each Ocean County Municipality.

CERTIFICATION

I, **KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC**, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the **18th** day of **December, 2025**.



KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC
Township Clerk
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