

RESOLUTION 2026-072

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING ADDITIONAL GASOLINE TAX INCREASE

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Egg Harbor has repeatedly voiced strong opposition to imposition of and increases in the State gasoline tax; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is again poised to increase the gas tax to 50 cents – the 4th highest state gasoline tax in the nation; and

WHEREAS, this latest increase will burden the citizens of Little Egg Township with an additional financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, this increase exacerbates financial burdens already borne by Township citizens, such as increased tolls on the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike and New Jersey Transit fare hikes of fifteen percent; and

WHEREAS, the State's failure to extend and implement reasonable public transportation for Ocean County residents, particularly Little Egg Township residents, mandates use of personal vehicles for travel and commuting, which translates to a disproportionate amount of these toll and gasoline increases affecting the wallets of Ocean County residents; and

WHEREAS, another gasoline tax increase has a detrimental effect upon Ocean County's tourism industry which affects local businesses; and

WHEREAS, while the increase in the gasoline tax is earmarked to help fund the State's Transportation Trust Fund, the majority of these funds historically are funneled to the northern urban areas and not Ocean County communities; and

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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 governing body of Little Egg Harbor Township, on behalf of its residents and visitors, continues to strongly oppose another increase to the gasoline tax and urges the State of New Jersey to explore all options to sufficiently fund the Transportation Trust Fund through existing sources of revenue without placing an additional burden on the taxpayers of Ocean County and the State of New Jersey.
2. That certified copies of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Mikie Sherrill, the 9th Legislative District Representatives, all Ocean County municipalities, and the Director, New Jersey Department of Transportation.

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 19th day of **February 2026**.



KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC
Township Clerk
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