

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R E S O L U T I O N #24-289

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY URGING STATE LEADERS TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT WILL AUTHORIZE COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ELECTRONICALLY PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES IN A NEWSPAPER'S WEBSITE OR DIGITAL PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, current law required purchasing officials, Clerks of the Board, Planning Departments, Improvement Authorities, Sheriffs, and other local government professionals to publish printed legal notices in local newspapers publications; and

WHEREAS, such legal notices typically include contract awards, contract addendums, public meeting notices, RFP and RFQ advertisements, election announcements, Sheriff sales, and much more; and

WHEREAS, local government officials have long decried that publishing these voluminous documents in print media is costly, time consuming, and outdated; and

WHEREAS, local government officials have found it increasingly difficult to comply with the notice requirements under current law as the newspaper industry has evolved into an online platform and struggled to retain staff, resources, and flexibility in issuing public notices; and

WHEREAS, legislation to authorize the online publishing of legal notices will streamline the antiquated process and save valuable time, resources, and property taxpayer dollars

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of Hopewell Township, Mercer County, New Jersey urges state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize counties, municipalities, school districts, and all local governments to electronically publish legal notices in a newspaper's website or digital publication; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy; Senate President Nicholas Scutari; Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin; Senator Shirley K. Turner-15th district; Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds Jackson-15th district; Assemblyman Anthony Verrelli-15th district; Senator Linda Greenstein-14th district; Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo-14th district; Assemblywoman Tennille McCoy- 14th district; Senator Andrew Zwicker-16th district; Assemblyman Roy Freiman- 16th district; Assemblywoman Mitchelle Drulis-16th district; and all other state legislators; the Clerks of the Board of County Commissioners in all twenty-one counties, Mercer County Municipal Clerks and the Mercer County Clerk.

Date Adopted: August 19, 2024

CERTIFICATION

I, Katherine Fenton-Newman, Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at the regular meeting held on the 19th day of August 2024, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey and via Zoom Video Communications.



Katherine Fenton-Newman, CMR, RMC
Municipal Clerk