

**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officials have long decried that publishing these voluminous documents in print media is costly, time consuming, and outdated; and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-15<sup>th</sup> district; Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds Jackson-15<sup>th</sup> district; Assemblyman Anthony Verrelli-15<sup>th</sup> district; Senator Linda Greenstein-14<sup>th</sup> district; Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo-14<sup>th</sup> district; Assemblywoman Tennille McCoy- 14<sup>th</sup> district; Senator Andrew Zwicker-16<sup>th</sup> district; Assemblyman Roy Freiman- 16<sup>th</sup> district; Assemblywoman Michelle Drulis-16<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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