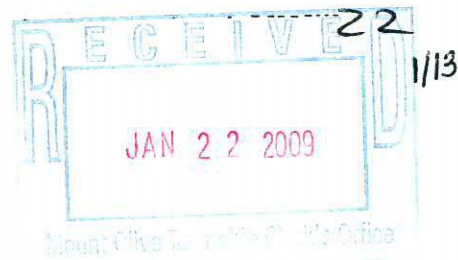


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TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

RESOLUTION R- 22 -09

A RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE MUNICIPAL REVENUE RESTORATION ACT OF 2008

WHEREAS, all New Jersey businesses pay local taxes on their real property, and the New Jersey personal property tax is paid by a handful of petroleum refineries and only three (3) local exchange telecommunications companies – Verizon, Embarq and Warwick Valley – that provide fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the telephone/voice service in a particular community; and

WHEREAS, due to increased competition and strained market conditions, the cost of communications property has steadily declined over the years and is no longer a stable tax base upon which New Jersey municipalities can depend; and

WHEREAS, fewer providers are meeting the fifty-one percent (51%) threshold, causing municipal revenues to collectively experience an aggregate loss of \$440 million since 1997; and

WHEREAS, estimates project that at least fifty (50) New Jersey municipalities will lose their personal property tax funding by 2009, a number that could increase to one hundred and fifty (150) within the next year; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Revenue Restoration Act proposes to replace the current funding system with an expanding sales tax, already applicable to telecommunications services and digital goods sold by communications companies, by simply including video services as a taxable product; and

WHEREAS, this approach would ensure that all video service providers within a market that offers the same “Product” are taxed at the same rate; and

WHEREAS, the proposal would reverse the declining municipal tax revenue trend by replacing current laws with an equitable and stable funding system tied to the growing use of video services in our state; and

WHEREAS, municipalities and their residents have a significant special interest in preserving a steady and stable funding source.

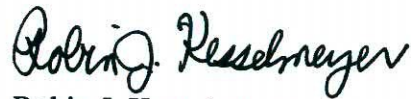
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Morristown, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, being the governing body thereof, that the Morristown Town Council urges the New Jersey State Legislature, in the strongest terms, to support and enact the Municipal Revenue Restoration Act of 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Morristown Town Council specifically calls upon its elected representatives in Trenton, Senator Anthony R. Bucco and Assembly members Michael Patrick Carroll and Richard A. Merkt to work with their colleagues in the New Jersey Legislature and with the Governor to enact the Municipal Revenue Restoration Act of 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Jon S. Corzine, Senate President Richard J. Codey, Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts, Senate Majority Leader Shirley Turner, Assembly Minority Leader Bonnie Watson Coleman, Senate Minority Leader Thomas H. Kean, Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCroce and members of the Legislature's Senate Budget and appropriations Committee, and to our own Senator Anthony R. Bucco and Assembly members Michael Patrick Carroll and Richard A. Merkt and to the Municipal Clerks of each of the municipalities in Morris County for distribution to the various Mayors and Governing Bodies and to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town of Morristown and to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

I, Robin J. Kesselmeyer, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Morristown, do hereby certify the above to be a true and exact copy of a Resolution duly passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Morristown at a Regular Town Council meeting held on January 13, 2009.

Dated: January 14, 2009



Robin J. Kesselmeyer
Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

RESOLUTION R- 24 -09

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE BILL ENTITLED THE "COURT SECURITY ENHANCEMENT FUND" UNDER ASSEMBLY NO. A-2760 AND SENATE NO. S-1785 FOR THE CREATION OF FUNDING TO ENHANCE SECURITY IN AND AROUND MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY COURT FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature has proposed Assembly Bill No. A-2760 and Senate Bill No. S-1785, known as the Court Security Enhancement Fund, which proposes nominal increases to certain court fees and penalties to raise money to enhance security in and around municipal and county court facilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fee increases are estimated to raise between \$15 and \$20 Million Dollars annually, out of which ninety-five percent (95%) of such monies are to be distributed to municipalities and counties to fund court security; and

WHEREAS, violence and threats related to court activity are on the rise nationally and it is imperative that court facilities be safe and secure if our nation's and the individual states' citizens are to use the courts to resolve disputes in a peaceful manner; and

WHEREAS, these measures will provide municipalities with the opportunity to obtain external funding to offset local costs for court security and will make municipal courtrooms, municipal complexes and their exterior areas safe and accessible for employees and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Morristown has reviewed the proposed Court Security Enhancement Fund under Assembly Bill No. A-2760 and Senate Bill No. S-1785 and evaluated the possible effects that this proposed legislation would have on the Town's municipal complexes, its employees and residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Morristown has determined that this proposed legislation would be in the best interest of the public's safety and welfare and urges the members of the Morris County Legislative Delegation and the entire New Jersey State Legislature to support the passage of the proposed legislation known as the Court Security Enhancement Fund under Assembly Bill No. A-2760 and Senate Bill No. S-1785.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Morristown, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, being the governing body thereof, that the Morristown Town Council endorses and supports the proposed legislation known as the Court Security Enhancement Fund, Assembly Bill No. A-2760 and Senate Bill No. S-1785 and urges the New Jersey State Legislature to support and enact such legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Morristown Town Council specifically calls upon its elected representatives in Trenton, Senator Anthony R. Bucco and Assembly members Michael Patrick Carroll and Richard A. Merkt to work with their colleagues in the New Jersey Legislature and with the Governor to enact the Court Security Enhancement Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Jon S. Corzine, Senate President Richard J. Codey, Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts, Senator Anthony R. Bucco and Assembly members Michael Patrick Carroll and Richard A. Merkt, the Morris County Board of chosen Freeholders, the New Jersey League of Municipalities, the Morris County League of Municipalities and all Morris County municipalities in urging their support and passage of the above-described legislation.

I, Robin J. Kesselmeyer, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Morristown, do hereby certify the above to be a true and exact copy of a Resolution duly passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Morristown at a Regular Town Council meeting held on January 13, 2009.

Dated: January 14, 2009



Robin J. Kesselmeyer
Deputy Town Clerk