

RESOLUTION 2024-19

RESOLUTION OF THE PENNINGTON BOROUGH
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, FIRE
DISTRICT NO. 1, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CAPITAL
PURCHASE AND REFERENDUM QUESTION FOR
GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the board of commissioners of a fire district may purchase a firehouse, fire engines, apparatus, or other appliances for the extinguishment of fires and acquire lands or buildings or erect buildings for the housing of such equipment, or other buildings, including but not limited to, administrative, communications, or training buildings, or buildings for the maintenance of fire apparatus, at a cost not exceeding \$60,000.00 or 2% of the assessed valuation of the taxable property in the district, whichever amount is larger; and

WHEREAS, the money may be raised by a bond issue, or through the creation of any other debt or liability, including, but not limited to, through a lease-purchase agreement for any capital expenditure permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:14-85, as well as for ambulances, first-aid vehicles, and rescue vehicles; and

WHEREAS, any such bond issue, debt, or liability shall be authorized by a resolution of the commissioners specifying the amount and the purpose thereof; and

WHEREAS, the resolution shall be inoperative unless and until it shall have been submitted to and approved by the legal voters within said fire district at the annual election held for the election of commissioners and appropriation of money for fire extinguishing purposes, or at a special election for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the resolution shall be written or printed and the election shall be upon notice stating the time and place; and

WHEREAS, if said election is to be the annual one, the notices shall be posted by the clerk of the board of fire commissioners in 10 public places, at least 10 days prior to the date of the election; and

WHEREAS, the board of commissioners and the clerk, in their or his discretion, may advertise the election in a newspaper, published in the fire district, if any, otherwise in a newspaper published in the county of said district and circulating in such district; and

WHEREAS, the Pennington Borough Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #1 desire to make a capital purchase of a tanker truck and desire to submit a ballot question to be placed on the ballot for the General Election on November 5, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pennington Borough Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #1, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the question to be placed on the ballot shall be as follows:

Shall the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in Pennington Borough be authorized to purchase fire apparatus and equipment relative to compliance of apparatus for the extinguishment of fires and public safety for an amount not exceeding \$1.6 million and undertake financing, which includes lease financing, relative to the purchase?

Interpretative Statement: Approval of this question would authorize Pennington Borough Fire District No. 1 to purchase a tanker truck for extinguishment of fires in an amount not to exceed \$1.6 million. Hopewell Township Board of Fire Commissioners District No. 1 will contribute \$1.216 million in accordance with a shared services agreement between the two Districts, which is currently 76% Hopewell, 24% Pennington. Pennington Borough Fire District No. 1 seeks authority to its share of the expense.

2. That said referendum shall be submitted to the Mercer County Clerk for placement on the ballot for the November 5, 2024 General Election in the manner provided by statute.
3. That the Clerk is authorized to submit the certification of the results of the referendum, along with the ballot, notice and proof of notice in accordance with

N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.15 and N.J.A.C. 5:31-2
Appendix H.

4. That two (2) certified copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chairman Brian Hofacker	X			
Commissioner Robert DiFalco	X			
Commissioner John O'Connor	X			
Commissioner Sandra Radice				X
Commissioner Scott Schaub	X			

CERTIFICATION

I, John O'Connor, Clerk of the Pennington Borough Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 1, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted at its meeting held on August 20, 2024.

/s/ John O'Connor
Secretary, PBBFC District No.1

August 20, 2024
Date