## BOROUGH OF WRIGHTSTOWN COUNTY OF BURLINTON

## ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02

# AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WRIGHTSTOWN BY WHICH THE BOROUGH BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE BURLINGTON COUNTY ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has been engaged in a process to establish a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring the electric utility market; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a government aggregator and an energy aggregation program to purchase electric generation service, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:3-93.1 <u>et seq.</u> and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:4-6.1 <u>et seq.</u>, will increase competition for the provision of electric power to municipal, residential and non-residential users, thereby increasing the likelihood of lower electric rates for these users without causing any interruption in service; and

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders has established the Burlington County Energy Aggregation Program in order to seek substantial savings on electric generation rates on behalf of its local governments, residents, and business electric ratepayers within Burlington County; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the Burlington County Energy Aggregation program by governmental, residential and business users is voluntary; and

**WHEREAS**, the realization of energy costs savings is in the interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Wrightstown (the "Borough"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough hereby finds that it is in the best interests of residential and non-residential electric ratepayers for the Borough to create the opportunity for them to enter into an aggregation agreement in order to seek substantial savings on electric generation rates; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightstown in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, as follows:

- 1- The Borough hereby joins and becomes a member of the Burlington County Energy Aggregation Program, under which the County will act as an aggregator of electric power on behalf of participating municipalities and their residential and non-residential users of electricity pursuant to the Government Energy Act of 2003, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:3-91.3 to -98, and implementing regulations.
- 2- The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to carry out the purpose of the Ordinance.

3- This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with law.

### NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightstown in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey held in the Borough Hall on March 23, 2016 and the same came up for final passage at the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held on April 13, 2016, at which time, after persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance, the same was passed and will be in full force in the Borough according to law.

Freda H. Gorman, RMC Municipal Clerk

#### Introduction/First Reading March 23, 2016

Motion: Mr. Severns Second: Mr. Grove

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Mr. Bird, Mr. Grove, Mr. Lownds, Mrs. Knapp, Mr. Severns, Mr. Timberman Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

## Second Reading/Public Hearing April 13, 2016

Motion: Mr. Lownds Second: Mrs. Knapp

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Mr. Grove, Mr. Lownds, Mrs. Knapp, Mr. Severns, Mr. Timberman Nays: None Absent: Mr. Bird Abstain: None

Thomas E. Harper, Mayor

Dated: April 13, 2016

# CERTIFICATION

The aforementioned Ordinance Number 2016-02 was finally adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightstown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, after Second Reading and Public Hearing at their Regular Meeting held on April 13, 2016.

> Freda H. Gorman, RMC Municipal Clerk

Dated: April 13, 2016

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