

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
MORRIS COUNTY – NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 22-23**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRIC AND/OR NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has been engaged in a process to establish a competitive market place through deregulation and restructuring the electric utility market and/or natural gas market; and

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

WHEREAS, under the aggregation process the residential and non-residential ratepayers may likely receive a direct reduction in their electric and/or gas bills; and

WHEREAS, the realization of energy cost savings is in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents and non-residents of the Township of Morris, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds and declares that it is in the best interest of residential and non-residential ratepayers for the Township to create the opportunity for them to enter into an aggregation agreement in order to seek substantial savings on electric and/or natural gas rates and be provided with options for reducing their carbon footprint; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, County of Morris (the "Township"), as follows:

1. The Township of Morris publicly declares its intent to become an aggregator of electric power and / or natural gas on behalf of its residential users of electricity pursuant to the Government Energy Act of 2003, N.J.S.A. 48:3-91.3 to -98, and implementing regulations.
2. The Township may utilize approved vendor, Taurus Advisory Group and/or any previously approved vendor, Reverse Energy Auction Platform pursuant to the aforementioned Government Energy Act of 2003. The Reverse Energy auction will seek bids from licensed and appropriate third-party suppliers. If such winning bid is selected and agreement executed, individual residential consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternatives they desire.
3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to carry out the purpose of the Ordinance.
4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

5. If any portion of this ordinance shall be deemed invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall survive in full force and effect.
6. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with law.

TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS

Mark J. Gyorfy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne Walsh, Township Clerk

INTRODUCTION: September 20, 2023

ADOPTION: October 18, 2023