

**TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE #19-19

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRIC AND/OR NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM

TAKE NOTICE that **Ordinance #19-19** was introduced at a Regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, held on **October 16, 2019**, and passed its first reading; and that said Ordinance will be considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Council of said Township, to be held on **November 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm** or soon thereafter, in the Municipal Building, 1033 Weldon Road, Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, 07849, at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard. Copies of said Ordinance are available at the office of the Township Clerk during regular office hours.

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 gas rates for these users without causing any interruption in service; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Jefferson desires to establish an electric and/or natural gas aggregation program; 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 interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents and non-residents of Jefferson Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township hereby finds that it is in the best interests of residential and non-residential ratepayers of the Township to create the opportunity for them to enter into an aggregation agreement in order to seek savings on electric and/or natural gas rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, as follows:

SECTION I

1. The Township publicly declares its intent to become an aggregator of electric power 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 will utilize approved vendor **Concord Engineering Group d/b/a/ Concord Energy Services** pursuant to the NJ E-PROCUREMENT Pilot program (P.L. 2001, c.30) under the N.J. Department of Community Affairs. 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 will retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternatives they desire.

SECTION II

The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to carry out the purpose of the Ordinance.

SECTION III

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION IV

If any article, section, subsection, paragraphs, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION V

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

**MICHELE REILLY, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK**