

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
ORDINANCE 2016-10**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
BY WHICH THE TOWNSHIP 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 market place 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 and 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 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 Township of Florence (the "Township"); and

WHEREAS, the Township hereby finds that it is in the best interests of residential and non-residential electric ratepayers for the Township 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 Township Council of the Township of Florence in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, as follows:

Section 1. The Township 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, N.J.S.A. 48:3-91.3 to -98, and implementing regulations.

Section 2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to carry out the purpose of the Ordinance.

Section 3. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of Florence heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage. Notice of adoption shall be published as provided by law.

THEODORE J. LOVENDUSKI
Council President

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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Take Notice that the Ordinance identified above permits the Township of Florence to participate in a shared service with the County of Burlington for the purpose of energy aggregation. The Ordinance has been adopted on first reading by the Township Council of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, held on April 6, 2016. It will be considered for final passage after public hearing to be held on April 20, 2016, at 8:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, Council Chambers, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

Copies of the full ordinance are on file with the Township Clerk of the Township of Florence in the Municipal Complex. Copies may be obtained on request at no cost and a copy is posted on the municipal bulletin board in the Municipal Complex at 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

Joy M. Weiler, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk