

**RESOLUTION 2022 - 15**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARMINSTER  
SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF SENATE BILL 698/  
HOUSE BILL 2537 BY THE PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY**

**WHEREAS**, volunteer fire departments have long provided fire protection services to communities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania including the Township of Warminster; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteer fire departments are seeing a decline in recruitment and are having trouble filling shifts to provide around the clock fire protection services; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteer fire departments may not be able to continue to provide adequate fire protection services without the use of career firefighters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Second Class Township Code limits the millage rate townships may levy for fire protection services and to pay salaries and benefits of career firefighters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warminster Township Board of Supervisors knows that municipal budgets are strained and additional funding methods are necessary to fund fire protection services to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania General Assembly has two (2) concurrent bills- Senate Bill 698 of 2021 and House Bill 2537 of 2022, which authorize the creation of municipal authorities to fund "public safety projects," which includes fire protection services; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety authorities can be created by counties or jointly by municipalities within a county totaling either 51% of the county's population or 40% of the county's number of municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, regionalization of public safety projects, including fire protection services, through municipal authorities provides an alternative method for municipalities to pool resources and fund services necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township of Warminster and this Commonwealth;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warminster Township Board of Supervisors:

The Township of Warminster supports the efforts of the Pennsylvania General Assembly to find new methods to fund fire protection services and desires that the General Assembly adopts SB698/ HB2537 authorizing the creation of municipal authorities to fund "public safety projects."

**DULY PRESENTED AND RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Warminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2022

**Attest:**

  
Tom Scott, Township Manager

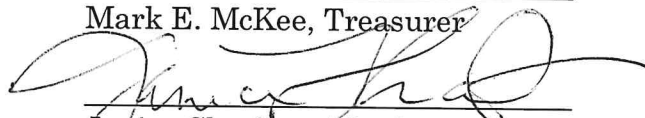
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