RESOLUTION R277-2025

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R276-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CERTIFYING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE REPAIR OF A FIRE TRUCK

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Fire District No. 1 has identified a need to repair a fire apparatus as an emergency appropriation to support fire operations throughout Washington Township; and

WHEREAS, the District has the intention to repair Ladder 1026, because the apparatus faces unexpected repair costs; and

WHEREAS, money has not been budgeted in the 2025 budget to support the unexpected repair costs of fire apparatus, but the District has the ability to defer the charges for the repairs to the 2026 budget; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.11 states, "A fire district may make emergency appropriations, after the adoption of a budget approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services pursuant to P.L. 1983, c.313 (C. 40A:5A- et seq.) for a purpose which is not foreseen at the time of the adoption thereof, or for which adequate provision was not made therein. This appropriation shall be made only to meet a pressing need for public expenditure to protect or promote the public health, safety, morals, or welfare."; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.12 states an emergency cannot exceed three percent of the total current operation appropriations made in the budget adopted for that year; and

WHEREAS, after calculating three percent (3%) of the operating expenses in the District's 2025 budget equals $8,915,548.00, and of that, three percent (3%) equals $267,466.44; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Fire District No. 1 understands that emergency appropriations in 2025 cannot exceed $267,466.44;

WHEREAS, on or about October 26, 2025, two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Fire Commissioners' full membership adopted a resolution declaring that an emergency exists requiring a supplemental emergency appropriation. Said resolution was in the form and content prescribed by the municipal governing body and set forth the nature of the emergency in full; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2025, the Township Council of the Township of Washington voted upon R276-2025, a resolution in support of the requested emergency appropriation, but failed to reach a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the full governing body's membership as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.13, due to technical issues, specifically failure to connect with remote Township Counsel member(s) by telephone; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of Washington Township, with the required quorum having been achieved, hereby approves and certifies the Washington Township Fire District No. 1 requested emergency appropriation not to exceed $22,000.00 for unexpected repairs to fire apparatus; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on November 5, 2025 and shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

By: _____
Peter Del Borrello, III, Council Vice-President

I, Christine Ciallella, do certify this to be a true copy of Resolution **R277-2025** adopted by the Township of Washington, Gloucester County, at the regular meeting held on November 5, 2025 and shall take effect immediately.

By: _____
Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

Members	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Yerkes			X				
Harris			X				
Pasqualone		X	X				
Brown	X		X				
Del Borrello			X				