

RESOLUTION 180-15

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD COMMITTING TO THE CREATION OF A JOINT EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE FOR THE PURPOSES OF INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE SHARED EFFICIENCIES IN THE DELIVERY OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Townships of Maplewood and South Orange Village have a history of sharing services to achieve economic savings and improved services for our communities; and

WHEREAS, Maplewood and South Orange are committed to continually reviewing all government operations to deliver the highest level of services to residents in the most cost efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of that commitment, the Township Committee believes that it is appropriate to create a Joint Exploratory Committee with South Orange to investigate possible shared efficiencies in the delivery of fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further believes that a thorough investigation will necessarily require an independent third party analysis performed by a qualified consultant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood that it hereby commits to the creation of a Joint Exploratory Committee with the Township of South Orange Village for the purposes of investigating possible shared efficiencies in the delivery of fire protection services with the following goals:

1. To provide the highest quality fire services to the residents of Maplewood and South Orange,
2. To maintain an appropriate level of firefighting personnel and equipment to adequately respond to fire, emergency and hazardous incidents in Maplewood and South Orange, and
3. To achieve economic and operational efficiencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood that the Township's standing representatives to the Joint Exploratory Committee shall be the Mayor, a member of the Township Committee and the Township Administrator, and further that the Joint Exploratory Committee will involve and include other Township staff and officials on an as needed basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood that the Township is committed to sharing the cost of an independent consultant's analysis and report on possible shared efficiencies in the delivery of fire protection services.

I, Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Township Clerk in the Township of Maplewood, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting of said Committee held on September, 2015.

Elizabeth J. Fritzen, R.M.C., C.M.C
Township Clerk