

NOT ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 35 - 2014
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A
LETTER OF INTENT TO THE COUNTY OF
GLOUCESTER FOR PARTICIPATION IN
THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Emergency Medical Services began providing Basic Life Support ambulance service to ten municipalities in 2007 and currently provides this service for seventeen of the twenty-four Gloucester County Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the County reports that participating municipalities has saved a reported 3.1 million dollars in costs by participation in the County Service; and

WHEREAS, the County also reports that the average response time for emergency service calls is less than six minutes, which represents a significant enhancement of service well less than the eight minute, fifty-nine second response time goal adopted by the County; and

WHEREAS, as with all municipalities in New Jersey, the Borough is burdened with increasing costs and is faced with State imposed limitations on budget increases, all of which typically results in a reduction or elimination of certain municipal services necessary to maintain current levels of basic municipal services; and

WHEREAS, each year the County invites non-participating municipalities to consider joining the County program which typically commences in the spring of each year for new participants; and

WHEREAS, the Borough hereby determines that the economic and service advantages represented by joining the County program significantly outweigh the advantages of continuing the Local Emergency Medical Services Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights that the Mayor is hereby authorized to issue a Letter of Intent indicating the intent of the Borough of Woodbury Heights to join the Emergency Medical Services Program operated by Gloucester County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall not be construed as a firm commitment or contract to join the County program until such time as the Solicitor has provided a review and authorization of a Shared Services Agreement with the County for said purpose and after further authorization to contract by the Borough.

BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS

BY: _____
HARRY W. ELTON, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

JANET PIZZI, CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights at the Regular Meeting held on the 15th day of January, 2014.

JANET PIZZI, CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR