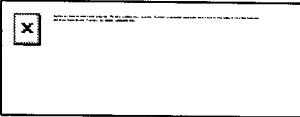
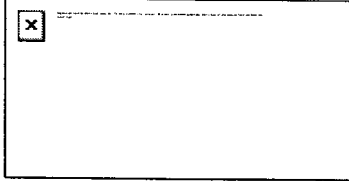
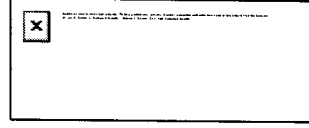


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LEAGUE ALERT		
Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.		
July 22, 2008		
Re: Public Safety Related Costs Property Tax Relief (S-1976/A-2982)		
Dear Mayor:		
<p>Senator Jeff Van Drew has introduced S-1976. The bill would impose a \$40 surcharge on all motor vehicle violations to defray some of the costs in providing local police services. Companion legislation (A-2982) has been introduced in the General Assembly by Assemblymen Matthew Milam and Nelson Albano. Please contact your State Legislators and urge them to support S-1976 and A-2982.</p>		
<p>Half the funding would be deposited in the "Police Services Property Tax Relief Fund." The moneys in this fund would be used exclusively for the purposes of reducing the amount a municipality is required to raise through local property taxation to cover the costs of providing police services. These moneys are to be allocated proportionally among those municipalities that have full-time police departments. The bill specifies that \$1,000,000 is the largest allocation any municipality may receive in a year. To insure that fund moneys will be available to the largest number of municipalities, the bill provides that no more than ten \$1,000,000 allocations may be awarded in any one year. The bill also provides that the smallest award a municipality is to receive is \$5,000. The remainder would be deposited in the "Rural Police Services Property Tax Relief Fund," to defray the costs of providing full-time and part-time State Police in some of the State's smaller and more rural communities. Based on the number of motor vehicle violations committed in recent years, the surcharge proposed in this bill should annually generate in excess of \$80,000,000 for</p>		

each fund.

To assist us in this lobbying effort we are asking that you consider passing the attached resolution. Copies should be sent to your legislative delegation, the Governor's office and the League of Municipalities.

Your assistance and cooperation is appreciated. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at (609) 695-3481 ext. 122.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

RESOLUTION NO.-----

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING S-1976/A-2982, AN INCREASE IN
STATE POLICE SURCHARGES TO DEFRAY COSTS OF LOCAL
POLICE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Governor Corzine's Fiscal Year 2009 budget reduced State Police funding for municipalities, and

WHEREAS, Municipal budgets will be negatively impacted by the requirement to pay for State Police services and thus be forced to raise local property taxes, and

WHEREAS, Many Mayors and other elected and appointed municipal officials met with the Attorney General and State Police offering a solution to the State Police budget shortfall, namely, increasing surcharges on fines levied by the State Police, and

WHEREAS, charging those who violate State laws would fund the shortfall in lieu of relying on New Jersey property taxpayers is a sensible solution to address the problem, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1976, sponsored by Senator Van Drew, and Assembly companion, A-2982 (Milam) impose a \$40 surcharge on all motor vehicle violations to defray some of the costs of providing local police services, and

WHEREAS, S-1976/A-2982 establish two funds into which revenues from the surcharge will be divided equally between the "Rural Police Services Property Tax Relief Patrol Services Fund" and the "Police Services Property Tax Relief Fund".

WHEREAS, S-1976/A-2982 provide that monies in these Funds are to be used exclusively to reduce the amount a municipality is required to raise

through local property taxation to cover the costs of providing police services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of (YOUR TOWN), county of (Your County) do hereby endorse the sensible solution and appropriate surcharge rates as proposed in S-1976/A-2982 and support its adoption thereof.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, the members of the State Legislature and the New Jersey League of Municipalities

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