

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE
SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL A-1105 AUTHORIZING ON-LINE PUBLICATION OF
MUNICIPAL LEGAL NOTICES**

WHEREAS, government at all levels is under severe financial stress, and the State has just announced plans to substantially reduce or eliminate State Aid to many municipalities; and

WHEREAS, municipalities and public entities are required by law to post and publicly advertise various proposed Legislative actions and/or applications for various approvals or permits, so that the citizenry will be informed and able to comment or inquire at appropriate times; and

WHEREAS, the State law applicable to such public advertising and notice, requiring legal notice advertisements in certain designated "official" newspapers, was established many years ago, at a time when newspapers were practically the only form of mass communications, advertising rates were lower, and municipalities and public entities were not so financially stressed; and

WHEREAS, the cost of many public notices is passed through directly to the applicant/public, resulting in higher application or permit costs to the public applying for these various approvals or permits; and

WHEREAS, over the years, there has always been the complaint or issue that newspaper legal notices are not prominent and not regularly read by many citizens, and the state of internet technology now will permit such legal notices to be posted in a specific on-line location at little or no cost to the municipality and available to the citizen at this specific on-line location at no cost, and allowing such internet posting/advertising will save municipalities substantial monies while increasing public accessibility, and

WHEREAS, in the current state of government economics, it is imperative that reasonable measures be implemented to save public funds and tax dollars, and this change in public notice procedures would save substantial funds while preserving, if not enhancing, public notification effectiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive that they do hereby urge the State Legislature and Governor to adopt Assembly Bill A-1105, or similar legislation, to authorize public advertising of legal notices by on-line posting of Public and Legal Notices, pursuant to designed guidelines and requirements to ensure effective public notice and availability, in lieu of costly newspaper legal notices.

RAYMOND T. PERKINS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I, HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mount Olive Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on April 22, 2008.

LISA M. LASHWAY
TOWNSHIP CLERK

