

**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION 2021-25

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE DISAPPROVING OF THE COUNTY
OF SUSSEX IMPOSING ADDITIONAL STAFF OVERTIME ELECTION FEES

WHEREAS, the Township of Lafayette (“Township”) has received a notice from the County of Sussex (“County”) concerning election costs; and

WHEREAS, the County has indicated that some all-mail election related services/products initiated last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic need to continue given the continued presence of the virus and continued Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the County has taken the position that the municipalities in Sussex County should provide reimbursements for some of the costs associated with the upcoming primary elections; and

WHEREAS, one of the costs for which the County will be seeking reimbursement for is its staff overtime in connection with fulfilling mail-in ballot requests; and

WHEREAS, the Township disapproves the proposed reimbursement and feels that this is a “usual” cost that should be borne by the County in connection with its election duties. The Township, further, asserts that the County should be using the funds it will receive in connection with the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act to pay its personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette disapproves of the County of Sussex seeking reimbursement for its staff overtime in connection with fulfilling mail-in ballot requests and hereby requests the County utilize its own funds for such expenditures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Sussex County Board of Commissioners, County Administrator and all municipalities in Sussex County.

CERTIFICATION

Certified as a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Lafayette Township Committee, Sussex County, New Jersey at a regular meeting on April 20, 2021.

AnnaRose Fedish, RMC
Municipal Clerk