

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON, IN THE
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY,
OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2095 WHICH REVISES
REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL SERVICE DELIVERY**

WHEREAS, Assembly No. 2095 and Senate Bill S-818 are currently undergoing an examination by both state legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, the intent of Assembly Bill No. 2095 is to regulate the emergency medical services system, referred to as inefficient and lacking in accountability by the sponsor of the legislation; and

WHEREAS, upon reading the proposed sweeping reform measures, it is apparent that the bill, while seemingly beneficial, sets forth a number of requirements that will have a deleterious impact on New Jersey Municipalities and volunteer rescue squads; and

WHEREAS, as set forth below are issues raised in the bill; and

1. Qualification and training levels that will discourage and/or overly burden volunteer rescue squad members, reducing volunteer participation in rescue squads.
2. Creation of a new Office of Emergency Services in the Department of Health with all costs associated in appointing and maintaining a new bureaucracy.
3. The requirement that two (2) emergency medical technicians ride in every ambulance at all times, again burdening volunteer rescue squads leading to their demise.
4. Creation of a new State Fund and directing the assessment and collection of fees (taxes) in support of same.
5. Establishment of the titles of State Medical Director for Emergency Medical Services and three (3) regional medical directors who will undoubtedly require appropriate staff to support said titles.
6. By default, municipalities, in the absence of viable volunteer rescue squads, shall remain responsible for providing Basic Life Support services through the hiring of personnel or by contracting with a service provider (area hospital) to provide ambulance support.

WHEREAS, the unspoken consequence of said legislation will be the end of volunteer rescue squads across New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, State government, as a result of this legislation, will expand its bureaucracy at a time when the citizens wish to see state government reduced; and

WHEREAS, the cost to provide Basic Life Support Services will increase dramatically as a result of the loss of volunteers and volunteer rescue squads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough of Mount Arlington stands firmly opposed to this legislation as the requirements contained therein will effectively end the viability of volunteer rescue squads.
2. The Borough of Mount Arlington stands firmly opposed to this legislation as the requirements therein will dramatically increase the cost of emergency medical services to our citizens in the form of taxes, fees and service charges.
3. The Borough of Mount Arlington calls upon its legislative delegation to vote against this legislation and in the event that same is adopted, Governor Christies is respectfully requested to veto the legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Chris Christie, Senator Anthony Bucco, Assemblyman Anthony Bucco, Assemblyman Michael Carroll, all municipalities in Morris County and the NJ League of Municipalities.

I hereby certify this to be an accurate and true resolution as adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council at a Meeting held on November 9, 2010.



Linda DeSantis, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk