

RESOLUTION No. R 008 87

ENDORSING THE LEGISLATION PROPOSED BY THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN TO ELIMINATE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES TAX BEING PAID BY MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, in 1971, enacted legislation which imposed a five percent (5%) utility tax on certain utilities, which said tax was imposed because of the financial crisis which then confronted the State of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the legislation so enacted permitted the public utilities upon whom the tax was imposed to pass the tax through to the ultimate consumer; and

WHEREAS, the tax so imposed is presently paid by municipalities for such essential services as street lighting, electricity for the operation of municipally owned sewer treatment facilities, electricity for municipal buildings, by counties for the lighting of the county courthouses and other county buildings and electricity for county operated sewer treatment facilities, and by school districts for electricity supplied for lighting school buildings and other facilities; and

WHEREAS, the matter of the Public Utilities Taxes has been considered by the Sussex County Association of Towns composed of all municipalities in Sussex County and Sussex County Council and it appearing to the individual members thereof that no financial crisis presently exists for the State of Delaware and no good cause remains for the continuation of the tax to be paid by municipalities, counties and school districts for providing public services,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sussex County Council endorses the legislation proposed by the Town of Georgetown to eliminate the public utilities tax being paid by municipalities, counties and school districts and urges the General Assembly of the State of Delaware to enact the proposed legislation as soon as possible.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
OF RESOLUTION NO. R 008 87 PASSED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUSSEX
COUNTY ON THE 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1987.

Emogene P. Ellis
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CLERK OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL