

BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-05

AN ORDINANCE OF BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHING
AN ELECTRIC AND/OR NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has been engaged in a process to establish a competitive market place through deregulation and restructuring the electric utility market and/or natural gas market; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a government aggregator and an energy aggregation program to purchase electric generation service and/or natural gas pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 *et seq.* and N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.1 *et seq.* will increase competition for the provision of electric power and/or natural gas to residential and non-residential users, thereby increasing the likelihood of lower electric rates and/or natural gas rates for these users without causing any interruption in service; and

WHEREAS, under the aggregation process the residential and non-residential ratepayers may likely receive a direct reduction in their electric and/or gas bills; and

WHEREAS, the realization of energy cost savings is in the interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents and non-residents of Blairstown Township (the “Township”); and

WHEREAS, the Township hereby finds that it is in the best interests of residential and non-residential ratepayers for the Township to create the opportunity for them to enter into an aggregation agreement in order to seek substantial savings on electric and/or natural gas rates; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of Blairstown Township in the County of Warren and the State of New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, as follows:

1. The Township publicly declares its intent to become an aggregator of electric power on behalf of its residential users of electricity pursuant to the Government Energy Act of 2003, N.J.S.A. 48:3-91.3 to -98, and implementing regulations.
2. The Township will utilize approved vendor, Concord Engineering’s dba Concord Energy Services, Reverse Energy Auction Platform pursuant to the NJ E-PROCUREMENT Pilot program (P.L. 2001, c.30) under the NJ Department of Community Affairs. The Reverse Energy auction will seek bids from licensed and appropriate third party suppliers. If such winning bid is selected and agreement executed, individual residential consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternatives they desire.

3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to carry out the purpose of the Ordinance.
4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
5. If any portion of this ordinance shall be deemed invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall survive in full force and effect.
6. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOREGOING Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Blirstown, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, held on February 14, 2018 and will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held at the Municipal Building, 106 Route 94 in the Township of Blirstown, New Jersey on March 14, 2018 at 7:30PM.