

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-12-2019**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KINGWOOD  
ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRIC 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

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a government aggregator and an energy aggregation program to purchase electric generation service 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 to residential and non-residential users, thereby increasing the likelihood of lower electric rates for these users without causing any interruption in service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is interested in ensuring that a greater percentage of energy provided by the Program comes from renewable energy sources, and will therefore include provisions for the inclusion of renewable energy in the proposals for energy aggregation services; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of renewable energy will reduce the dependence on fossil fuels and under the aggregation process the residential and non-residential ratepayers will likely receive a direct reduction in their electric 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 the Township of Kingwood (“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 rates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of Kingwood in the County of Hunterdon 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 vendors, Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc. and its subcontractor Concord Engineering Group dba Concord Energy Services 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 Municipal 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 to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Committee of the Township of Kingwood held on April 4, 2019, at 7:00 PM and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on May 2, 2019, at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 599 Oak Grove Road in Kingwood Township, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF  
TOWNSHIP OF KINGWOOD**

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**Thomas Ciacciarelli, Mayor**

**ATTEST:                    May 2, 2019**

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**Cynthia L. Keller, RMC  
Township Clerk**

**Introduction:                    April 4, 2019**

**Publication:                    April 11, 2019**

**Final Adoption:                    May 2, 2019**

**Publication By Title Only: May 9, 2019**

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>MOVED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
R. Dodds						
M. Syrnick						
T. Ciacciarelli						

I, **Cynthia L. Keller**, Clerk of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of **Ordinance No. 20-12-2019** adopted by the Kingwood Township Committee on May 2, 2019.

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**Cynthia L. Keller, RMC**  
**Township Clerk**