

RESOLUTION 2017 – 296

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING
SENATE BILL S771, IN ITS CURRENT FORM,
REGARDING FOOD WASTE RECYCLING**

WHEREAS, New Jersey sanitary landfill facilities have made a substantial investment in landfill gas to energy projects capturing methane gas from decomposing solid waste and providing an alternative energy source; and

WHEREAS, Ocean County's designated disposal facility has a 14MW landfill to gas energy facility that supplies power to 14,000 homes; and

WHEREAS, Ocean County's designated landfill disposal facility is required by the Ocean County District Solid Waste Management Plan to accept all solid waste generated within the County and does not accept waste from other districts; and

WHEREAS, revenue, operational expenses and tipping fees at all sanitary landfill facilities are predicated on an expected volume of sold waste to be delivered to the facility; and

WHEREAS, three previous attempts to run permitted large to run permitted large scale food waste composing facilities in the State of New Jersey area have failed indicating that the long term successful operation of such a facility is unproven; and

WHEREAS, proposed Senate Bill 771 (S771) would require large food waste generators to separate and recycle food waste; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of S771 in its current form has the potential to reduce the volume of food waste now being delivered to landfills with New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, a reduced volume of food waste will result in a loss of revenue and reduce the amount of methane gas generated, thereby resulting in either increased disposal charges to rate payers of the acceptance of sold waste from out-of-district sources; and

WHEREAS, the ratepayers of Ocean County's designated disposal facility have enjoyed stable disposal rates for the past 11 years; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Township of Barnegat does not wish to jeopardize these stable disposal rates or risk the importation of out-of-district solid waste; and

WHEREAS, a previous version of S771 provided an exemption for food waste generators located in countries with landfill gas to energy facilities deeming them in compliance with the Act when delivering solid waste to on of these facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows;

1. S771 cannot be supported in its current form.
2. It is recommended that the previous exemption for generators in counties that have landfill gas to energy facilities be reinstated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to Senate President Steve Sweeney; Senator Paul Sarlo; Chairman of the Senate Budget Appropriations Committee; Senator Bob Smith, Chairperson Senate Environment and Energy Committee; Ocean County Legislators; Ocean County Solid Waste Management Director; Ocean County Landfill Corporation; and the Clerk of each municipality in Ocean County.

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele A. Rivers Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat at their regular meeting held on the 1st day of August, 2017, in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey.

Michele A. Rivers, RMC
Municipal Clerk