

## RESOLUTION 2023- 410

### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING STATE BOARD PUBLIC UTILITIES TO ESTABLISH A HOTLINE FOR DANGEROUS CABLE AND UTILITY POLES

**WHEREAS**, low-hanging telecommunication wires and leaning utility poles are both an aesthetic problem and a potential safety hazard; and

**WHEREAS**, low-hanging wires are visible at many locations throughout Ocean County, in both residential and commercial areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the cables pose a threat to motor vehicles, especially large trucks and also bicyclists and pedestrians; and

**WHEREAS**, reporting a potentially dangerous utility cable is difficult because a resident frequently does not know which cable, television or telephone utility owns or is responsible for the problem cable; and

**WHEREAS**, if a report is made to a utility that is not responsible for the cable, they will often fail to contact the company that does own the cable; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey needs a dedicated hotline where residents and law-enforcement officials can report problems with utility poles and cables so these issues can be quickly addressed by the utility companies; and

**WHEREAS**, such a hotline should be similar to the 1-800 Call Before You Dig system that tracks underground utility lines.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Township of Barnegat, Township Committee, Ocean County, State of New Jersey urges the State Board of Public Utilities to establish a free 1-800 Dangerous Cable and Utility Pole Hotline, which residents may call to report problems with low-hanging cables and bent or leaning poles.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Phil Murphy, the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> District Offices, the Ocean County Mayor's Association and to the governing bodies of all 33 municipalities.

### CERTIFICATION

I, Donna M. Manno, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023, in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey.

---

Donna M. Manno, RMC  
Municipal Clerk