

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05  
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY PETITIONING MARY H. MELFI, HUNTERDON COUNTY  
CLERK, TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT A REFERENDUM TO GAUGE PUBLIC  
SENTIMENT FOR RAISING TAXES TO FUND AN APPROPRIATION, TO BE USED  
FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AMBULANCE BY THE QUAKERTOWN FIRE  
COMPANY – THE PRIMARY PROVIDER OF FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey has been made aware that the Quakertown Fire Company (hereinafter, “QFC” or the “Company”), as the provider of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical services to the Township, has two ambulances that will soon become unusable due to age and condition of the vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Company has approached the Township, seeking financial assistance in purchasing an ambulance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is desirous of assisting QFC in the purchase of the ambulance vehicle, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is seeking to raise the annual tax levy in order to fund an appropriation, which will be used to fund the purchase of an ambulance; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 authorizes the governing body of the municipality to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters upon any question or policy pertaining to the government or internal affairs thereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION I:**

That Mary H. Melfi – Hunterdon County Clerk – be requested to place a referendum on the ballot at the next general election, asking whether the voters in the Township of Franklin approve the annual tax increase to fund an annual appropriation made to the Quakertown Fire Company, the primary provider of fire, rescue, and emergency medical services in the Township, for the purposes of purchasing an ambulance for the Company.

**SECTION II:**

The question to be placed on the ballot for the next general election shall read as follows:

Shall the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey raise the annual tax levy, the funds of which will be allocated towards an appropriation to the Quakertown Fire Company for the purposes of funding the purchase of an ambulance vehicle for the use and operation of the Company, as the primary provider of fire, rescue, and emergency medical services in the Township?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

**SECTION III: Repealer.**

Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code of the Township of Franklin inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION IV: Severability.**

The various parts, sections, and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION V: Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

NOT APPROVED FOR INTRODUCTION/NOT ADOPTED