## **RESOLUTION 2018 – 67**

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE IN CLAIMANT SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:5-16 requires that the governing body of any local unit shall not pay out of its monies unless

- (a) the person claiming or receiving payment first presents a detailed bill of items or demand, specifying particularly how the bill or demand is made up (the Invoice), with the certification of the party claiming payment that the bill or demand is correct (the Claimant Certification).
- (b) the payment carries a written or electronic certification of some officer or duly designated employee of the local unit having knowledge of the facts that the goods have been received by, or the services rendered to, the local unit (certification of the user department); and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6(c), N.J.A.C. 5:31-4.1, and Local Finance Notice 2018-13 gives local units discretion to not require claimant certification by enacting a standard policy by resolution for vendors or claimants who do not provide such certification as part of its normal course of business; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has in place internal accounting controls and has determined same to be sufficient to avoid errors and fraud in the processing of claims for payment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Franklin in the County of Hunterdon State of New Jersey hereby establishes a policy requiring the claimant signature under the following circumstances only:

- 1. Advances or reimbursement of employee expenses, and
- Services provided exclusively and entirely by an individual (e.g. sole proprietors), and
- 3. Refund or reimbursement of taxes, fees, or rents, and
- 4. The local unit shall have the discretion to require claimant certification as it deems necessary and appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this policy will be applied in a non-arbitrary fashion and will be affirmatively communicated to vendors.

Adopted: 10-25-2018

Craig Repmann, Mayor Township Committee

Attest:

Ursulav Stryker, RMC

Municipal Clerk