

Christine Campbell  
Junior Girl Scout Troop 673 Leader  
40 Hamilton Road  
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

May 14, 2012

Essex County Executive  
Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.  
Office of the County Executive  
Room 405  
465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard  
Newark, NJ 07102

RE: Essex County Rails with Trails project

Dear Mr. DiVincenzo,

We are writing to you today to ask for your help on a very important project. Since September 2011, our Junior Girl Scout troop has tried to clean up the area in Glen Ridge near the Benson Street Rail line and gather petitions for the rails with trails project. This neglected area of Glen Ridge could be a place of pride with some help from you and Essex County. We believe that the bike and walk path along this rail line would benefit thousands of residents.

According to Debbie Mans, Baykeeper and Executive Director, we already have the support of the municipalities of Glen Ridge, Bloomfield and Newark (copied) to move forward on the Rails with Trails project. Our girl scouts efforts have resulted in 426 residents signing our petition and feedback has been both positive and enthusiastic. Please see attached petitions. Our biggest challenge today is funding.

According to Baykeeper, at least \$100,000 is needed to staff this project, to move forward with strategy and outreach, including public and legal, for one year. It is our strong hope that this funding from the county and a match for the same amount from Mountainside Community Foundation can move this important project along.

We look forward to discussing this important request with you in person. Our girl scouts are dismissed from Ridgewood Avenue Middle School at 3pm and are eager to meet with you anytime to learn your views. We are happy to host the meeting at the middle school or the Glen Ridge Women's Club but we are happy to meet in any convenient location. Please read the letters they have written you directly (attached). Each of our scouts have spent over 20 hours (some over 30 hours) on spreading the word on the Rails with Trails project, gathering signatures and cleaning up trash from the rail line area. The Glen Ridge girl scouts are dedicated to seeing this project through.

We thank you in advance for taking a meeting with our girl scouts and for your financial commitment to improving resident life in four Essex county towns. Your timely response to our request is appreciated.

Respectfully,

  
Christine Campbell  
Junior Girl Scout Troop 673 Leader

*Copied with attachments:*

Deborah A. Mans  
Barkeeper & Executive Director  
NY/NJ Baykeeper  
52 W. Front Street  
Keyport, NJ 07735

Andrew L. Strauss, AICP/PP  
Strauss and Associates / Planners  
200 West State Street  
Trenton NJ 08608

Mayor Peter A. Hughes  
825 Bloomfield Avenue  
P.O. Box 66.  
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Mayor Raymond J. McCarthy  
Town Hall - Room 209  
Bloomfield, N.J. 07003

Mayor Jerry Fried  
205 Claremont Avenue  
Montclair, New Jersey 07042

Deborah Davis Ford  
Clerk of the Board  
Board of Chosen Freeholders  
County of Essex  
465 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Room 558 Hall of Records  
Newark, New Jersey 07102



Troop 673 Gathering Signatures for our Petitions



Glen Ridge Troop 673 Girl Scouts Cleaning garbage from rail line area



GS Troop 673 is eager to meet with County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo about the Rails with Trails project



## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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**Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.**  
Essex County Executive

May 17, 2012

The Honorable Peter A. Hughes  
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE  
Box 66  
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

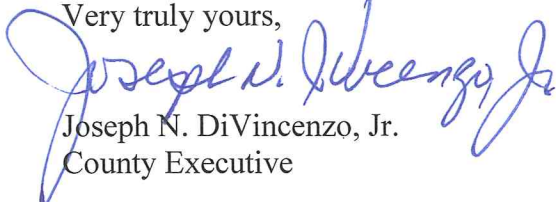
Dear Mayor Hughes:

I am pleased to announce that Essex County has approved a grant award from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to the Borough of Glen Ridge for your Municipal Alliance program.

The grant award period is from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. The amount of the award is \$38,950.00

If you have any questions, please contact Jacqueline Yustein, Director, Division of Community Health Services at (973) 395-8455.

Very truly yours,



Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.  
County Executive

Cc: Nancy McMahon, Municipal Alliance Coordinator

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## ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION

50 South Clinton Street, Suite 5200  
East Orange, New Jersey 07018

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MARY DEVON O'BRIEN

### TELEPHONE

(973) 395-8525

### FACSIMILE

(973) 395-8481

### TAX ADMINISTRATOR

JOAN CODEY DURKIN

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** *Essex County Municipal Tax Collectors*

**FROM:** *Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator*  
*Board of Taxation*

**DATE:** *May 23, 2012*

**SUBJECT:** *Estimated Tax Bills*

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*It is advisable for your municipality to send estimated tax bills for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2012.*

*Please keep us updated with regard to your budget introduction and adoption.*

*If there are any questions please call me at 973-395-8525.*

JCD:kk

Cc: Township Mayor and Council



ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
HALL OF RECORDS, ROOM 558

465 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BLVD.  
NEWARK, NJ 07102

(973) 621-4486  
(973) 621-5695 (FAX)

DEBORAH DAVIS FORD  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

May 18, 2012

Mr. Michael J. Rohal, Municipal Clerk  
Township of Glen Ridge  
825 Bloomfield Avenue  
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

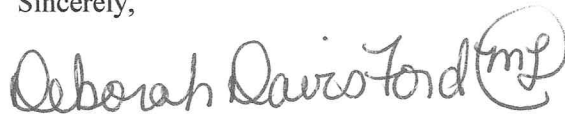
Dear Municipal Clerk Rohal:

Enclosed please find certified copy of the following Ordinance:

- **ORDINANCE NO. O-12-0009** – ORDINANCE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIGNAGE ON COUNTY ROADS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY

The above-captioned Ordinance was approved on final reading by the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders on Wednesday, May 9, 2012.

Sincerely,

  
Deborah Davis Ford  
Clerk of the Board

DDF:ml

Enclosure

cc: Essex County Law Library  
Essex County Municipal Clerks

ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
COUNTY OF ESSEX

ORD # 2<sup>0-2</sup>

N.J.S.A. 40:41A-101

ORDINANCE NO. 0-12-0009

AUTHORITY FOR ORDINANCE

N.J.S.A. 27:16-35

PROPOSED BY: COUNTY EXECUTIVE

AUTHORITY FOR ACTION

N.J.S.A. 27:16-35

**ORDINANCE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE INSTALLATION AND  
MAINTENANCE OF SIGNAGE ON COUNTY ROADS AND  
RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**

WHEREAS, the fees which are imposed by Essex County upon applicants for the installation and maintenance of signage on County roads and rights-of-way have not been formally set by Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has proposed a fee schedule for applicants for the installation and maintenance of signage on County roads and rights-of-way that is based on the square footage of the sign; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has recommended that the Board of Chosen Freeholders approve said fee schedule in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:16-35, now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders as follows:

1. That the County's schedule of fees for the installation and maintenance of signage on County roads and rights-of-way shall be as follows:
  - a. Signs under 100 square feet.  
\$1,500 for the right to install and maintain for the first year, then \$350 annually for years two through five, which shall increase by 5% annually.
  - b. Signs 100 square feet and over.  
\$2,500 for the right to install and maintain for the first year, then \$600 annually for years two through five, which shall increase by 5% annually.

2. That the County Engineer, at his discretion, may require an applicant to post a surety bond or cash bond to secure proper restoration of County roads disturbed by such applicant.
3. That the County Engineer shall require an applicant to agree to protect, indemnify and hold harmless the County of Essex, its officials, directors, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages and judgments which may be imposed upon, incurred, or brought against the County of Essex as a result of any negligent or wrongful acts of omission or commission by the applicant or its officers, directors, employees or agents committed in connection with the installation and/or maintenance of signage on County roads.
4. That all other ordinances and/or resolutions inconsistent with this Ordinance are deemed amended in accordance with this Ordinance.
5. That a public hearing shall be held on this Ordinance at  
at Bloomfield Town Hall, 1 Municipal Plaza, Bloomfield, NJ on May 9, 2012  
at 7:00 P.M.
6. That this Ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law..
7. That the Clerk of the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders is directed to publish and distribute this Ordinance in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:41A-101..
8. Upon adoption, the Clerk of the Board shall forward certified copies of the Ordinance, as adopted, to Ralph J. Ciallella, County Administrator, Sanjeev Varghese, County Engineer & Director, Department of Public Works, and James R. Paganelli, Essex County Counsel.

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BOARD OF  
ESSEX COUNTY

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CLERK OF THE BOARD



Approved as to form and legality \_\_\_\_\_

RECORD OF VOTE: X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent

**FIRST READING**

Moved by Freeholder Johnson  
Seconded by Freeholder Payne

**SECOND READING**

Moved by Freeholder Bobadilla  
Seconded by Freeholder Luciano

Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
BEASLEY				X	BEASLEY				✓
BOBADILLA	X				BOBADILLA	✓			
GILL				X	GILL	✓			
CLARK	X				CLARK	✓			
JOHNSON	X				JOHNSON				✓
LUCIANO	X				LUCIANO	✓			
PAYNE, JR.	X				PAYNE, JR.				✓
SEBOLD, V.P.	X				SEBOLD, V.P.	✓			
WATSON, PRESIDENT	X				WATSON, PRESIDENT				✓

Date Mailed to Municipal Clerks 4-13-12  
Date Public Hearing 5-9-12  
Date Published 4-18-12

Date Mailed to Municipal Clerks 5/17/12  
Date Published 5/22/12

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Ordinance was  adopted ( ) defeated ( ) tabled by roll call vote at Regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Essex, New Jersey, held on April 11, 2012

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Ordinance was  adopted ( ) defeated ( ) tabled by roll call vote at Regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Essex, New Jersey, held on May 9, 2012

Blonnie R. Watson  
Blonnie R. Watson, President

Patricia Sebolder  
Blonnie R. Watson, President

The foregoing Ordinance has been duly presented to me on \_\_\_\_\_  
I hereby  approve ( ) disapprove the same on \_\_\_\_\_  
Returned and filed 5/16/12

5/10/12  
5/16/12

Deborah Davis Ford  
Deborah Davis Ford, Clerk

Joseph N. DiVincenzo Jr.  
Joseph N. DiVincenzo Jr., County Executive





COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY  
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

State of New Jersey, }  
County of Essex } ss

I Deborah Davis Ford, Clerk

of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Essex in the State of New Jersey

Do Hereby Certify, the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of said Board on Wednesday

the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012, and approved by the County Executive on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012 together with the certification, signatures and endorsements thereon.

ORDINANCE NO. O-12-0009

*In Testimony WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said County at Newark this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012 A.D.*

Clerk of the Board



NEW JERSEY SENATE

SENATE COMMITTEES:  
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS  
LABOR

JOE PENNACCHIO

SENATOR, 26<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

330 CHANGEBRIDGE ROAD, SUITE 102

PINE BROOK, NEW JERSEY 07058

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SenPennacchio@njleg.org

May 17, 2012

The Honorable Peter A. Hughes  
825 Bloomfield Avenue  
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Dear Mayor:

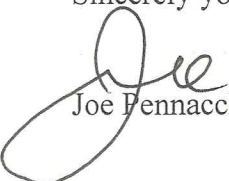
All too often we hear the clamor of eliminating waste, fraud and abuse. However, unless we are able to identify any and all State spending, the efforts to end waste, fraud and abuse are made almost impossible. To track our State's spending, we have to make it transparent for all to see.

Therefore, I have introduced S-302, the "Transparency in Government Act" to expand on and codify the State public finance website which retains and displays data and information on the State's annual revenues, expenditures and total bonded indebtedness. This overdue bill requires that an accessible, user-friendly source of information remain available to monitor State revenues and expenditures and to gauge its past and present levels of indebtedness. That includes information such as contractual service purchases, salaries and wages, gifts and grants and bonded obligations. This information must be accessible to the public no later than 45 days following the close of each fiscal year.

I've pushed this act with local support for four years to facilitate a bi-partisan approach to improving transparency, identifying waste, and eliminating abuse at each level of State government. Additionally, S-302 provides for the establishment of the Public Finance Transparency Committee in order to facilitate the organization and maintenance of the website. The bottom line is, if the State is spending a dime, you are going to know where – quickly and easily. We've long owed our constituents this level of transparency, which builds on Governor Christie's efforts though Executive Order No. 8 that he enacted on January 20, 2010, one of his first acts as Governor.

If you agree that the State should permanently provide a website where you and the public can view and track fiscal matters in the State of New Jersey, I ask that you pass a local resolution supporting the "Transparency in Government Act." I also encourage your county and municipality to take the fiscally prudent lead and establish individual "transparent" websites detailing any and all spending. A sample resolution is enclosed for your consideration. Please join the many municipalities that have already passed resolutions in support of S-302 and ask your state representatives to help advance this bill. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely yours,



Joe Pennacchio

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF S-302 SPONSORED  
BY SENATOR JOE PENNACCHIO  
THE "TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT ACT" WHICH WOULD CODIFY  
AND EXPAND ON THE STATE PUBLIC FINANCE WEBSITE

**WHEREAS**, the clamor of eliminating waste, fraud and abuse is often stated, but rarely addressed and efforts to do so are nearly impossible.

**WHEREAS**, transparency in government is necessary to identify State spending and where State taxpayer dollars are going.

**WHEREAS**, the State public finance website which retains and displays data and information on the State's annual revenues, expenditures and total bonded indebtedness is necessary as a user-friendly source of information to track State revenues and expenditures and to gauge it's past and present levels of indebtedness.

**WHEREAS**, the State website includes information such as contractual service purchases, salaries and wages, gifts and grants and bonded obligations and must be accessible to the public no later than 45 days following the close of each fiscal year.

**WHEREAS**, a bi-partisan approach to improving transparency, identifying waste and eliminating abuse at each level of State government and the establishment of the Public Finance Transparency Committee would facilitate the organization, development and maintenance of such websites.

**WHEREAS**, Senator Joe Pennacchio has introduced S-302 the "Transparency in Government Act," to codify and expand on such aforementioned State public finance website and to establish a Public Transparency Committee.

**Therefore be it resolved**, that we voice our support of Senator Pennacchio's bill, S-302, the "Transparency in Government Act," and

A certified copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean, Jr. and Senator Joe Pennacchio.