



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 26-156

AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH TO PROVIDE THE iTAX MAP/COLLABORATION CENTER SYSTEM (TAX MAP CONVERSION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES)

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq. authorizes a local unit to enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, including services incidental to primary purposes of any of the participating local units; and

WHEREAS, each municipality is to provide for the preparation of yearly revisions to the tax map pursuant to N.J.A.C. 18:23A-1.1, and this legal requirement is not followed by all municipalities based on limited financial, technical and professional resources; and

WHEREAS, each physical description of a parcel of land drives the mass-appraisal calculation of the land portion of its property tax assessment, and land data inaccuracies and errors lead to poor distribution of the annual tax levy, potentially resulting in years of tax bill overpayments and underpayments; and

WHEREAS, a County-to-Municipality shared services program, would provide map conversion and maintenance services, ushering in the transition from analog to a Countywide standard of state-certified digital tax maps for all 53 municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the digital tax map shared services program is to reduce municipal costs in complying with the law and provide for the most up-to-date GIS parcel layer and tax map data for public and government stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, this service provides participating municipalities with numerous benefits including: anticipated cost-savings through economies-of-scale; reduce cost to comply with state regulations and standards; transition from analog to state-certified digital maps; streamlined editing and ongoing maintenance procedures; more consistent and accurate municipal and County-wide information; and seamless flow of tax information into GIS and additional information systems; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Highlands to enter into such an Agreement for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Highlands hereby approves entry into the aforesaid Shared Services Agreement with the County of Monmouth consistent with the foregoing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Borough Administrator and Borough Clerk are each hereby authorized to execute the attached Shared Services Agreement, for the provision of the iTax Map/Collaboration Center System, on behalf of the Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution certified as a true copy be sent to the Tax Assessor, Chief Financial Officer; and Julie VonSchirach, Monmouth County Shared Services.

Motion to Approve R 26-156:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CERVANTES						
CHELAK						
MELNYK						
OLSZEWSKI						
BROULLON						

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF VOTE: July 15, 2026

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands