



RESOLUTION 21-249

Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Princeton's General Assistance Program to Mercer County Board of Social Services.

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey funds a General Assistance Program which is administered at the local level in Princeton by the Local Assistance Board and Director of Welfare pursuant to N.J.S.A. 44:8-107 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Human Services has served as the Director of Welfare and administrative officer of the Local Assistance Board, through which she has administered the Princeton General Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Human Services has recently resigned from her position, also leaving a vacancy in the statutory position of Director of Welfare; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the vacancy, Princeton investigated the feasibility of transferring Princeton's General Assistance Program to the Mercer County Board of Social Services for administration; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 44:8-145.1, Princeton may, by mutual agreement with Mercer County, transfer to the Mercer County Board of Social Services the financial and operational responsibility for the administration of the General Assistance Program under N.J.S.A. 44:8-107 et seq. to Princeton residents; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a transfer, also pursuant to said statute the municipal welfare agency is to be abolished and its functions, powers and duties transferred to the Mercer County Board of Social Services no later than the 60th date after the effective date of the transfer; and

WHEREAS, the Princeton Council finds that it is in the best interest of the municipality and its residents to transfer the General Assistance Program in Princeton to the Mercer County Board of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, there shall be no cost to Princeton, and the effective date of the transfer shall be retroactive to July 13, 2021 to ensure there is no disruption in services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Princeton, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor, Clerk, Administrator and such other officials and employees as may be appropriate are hereby authorized and directed to transfer Princeton's General Assistance Program to the Mercer County Board of Social Services in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations and this Resolution, the transfer taking effect retroactively on July 13, 2021, including but not limited to the following:
 - (a) On or before July 31, 2021, Princeton shall send all open cases a letter informing residents that their General Assistance cases will be administered by the Mercer County Board of Social Services.
 - (b) On or before July 31, 2021, Princeton shall make appropriate arrangements to transfer the physical files of the open and any pending cases in Princeton to the Mercer County Board of Social Services.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any agreement as may be required by law with the Mercer County Board of Social Services necessary to effectuate the transfer as described in this Resolution.

3. The applicable provisions of the Princeton ordinances shall be amended by ordinance as may be necessary to reflect this transfer of the General Assistance Program to the Mercer County Board of Social Services.

4. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Mercer County Board of Social Services and the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 st	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Mr. Cohen		X			X			
Ms. Fraga		X	X		X			
Ms. Niedergang	X							
Ms. Pirone Lambros		X			X			
Ms. Sacks		X			X			
Mr. Williamson		X		X	X			
Mayor Freda		X						

I, Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a meeting held July 26, 2021.


 Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk