

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

Resolution #2025-013

**Resolution Establishing Threshold for
Russia/Belarus Certification**

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2021, President Biden entered Executive Order 14024, Blocking Property with Respect to Specified Harmful Foreign Activities of the Government of the Russian Federation, which declared a national emergency to deal with the threat from the Russian Federation and limited certain transactions; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2022, P.L. 2022, c. 3, was approved, which took effect immediately and shall expire upon the revocation of Executive Order 14024; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2022, c. 3 impacts procurement by local contracting units as defined under the Local Public Contracts Law, and Hazlet Township Fire District No. 1 is such a local contracting unit; and

WHEREAS, under P.L. 2022, c. 3, persons or entities on the State Treasury's Russia-Belarus list cannot enter into or renew a contract for the provision of goods and services with a local contracting unit and when a contract for goods or services is awarded, renewed, amended or extended, a local contracting unit shall require a vendor or contractor to certify that the vendor or contractor is not identified on the State Treasury's Russia-Belarus list; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services ("LGS") Local Finance Order 2022-24 had initially indicated that the threshold award of \$1000 would trigger a need to obtain a certification from a vendor or contractor; and

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice 2023-11 rescinded LFN 2022-24 and clarified that the

\$1000 threshold referenced previously by LGS was the State threshold as noted in Treasury Circular 23-09-DPP and that a local contracting unit “should rely on the advice of legal counsel in determining whether to apply its own local quote threshold to the Russia-Belarus certification; and

WHEREAS, General Counsel for Hazlet Township Fire District No. 1 has advised that the \$1,000 threshold should not apply, as P.L. 2022, c. 3 does not contain express language that this threshold is applicable to a local contracting unit, and that the applicable threshold for obtaining a certification should be the local contracting unit’s quote threshold; and

WHEREAS, as Hazlet Township Fire District No. 1 has a Qualified Purchasing Agent, and as such, has a higher bid threshold of \$53,000, Fire District General Counsel advises that the Hazlet Township Board of Commissioners of Fire District No 1 may establish a threshold amount of \$7950.00 for contracts for goods and services before implementing the requirement of the Russia-Belarus certification from a vendor or contractor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners of Fire District No 1, in the Township of Hazlet, County of Monmouth, in the State of New Jersey, that the local threshold amount for obtaining a Russia-Belarus certification shall be 15 (fifteen) percent of the applicable bid threshold established for contracts for goods and services for a local contracting unit with a Qualified Purchasing Agent (15% of \$53,000).

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a vendor or contractor is required to submit a certification of persons and entities engaging in prohibited activities of Russia or Belarus, pursuant to P.L. 2022, c. 3, for any contract for goods or services exceeding \$7950.00.

Certification

I, Michael Storcks Clerk, of the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Hazlet, County of Monmouth, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Commissioners at a meeting held on July 9, 2025.



Michael C. Storcks, Commissioner, Clerk

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Commissioner Malloy and it was seconded by Commissioner Schroeck

RECORD OF VOTE

Members	Parleman, L.	Malloy, D	Schroeck, J.C.	Storcks, M	Wood, F
Yes	X	x	X	x	X
No					
Abstain					
Absent					