



MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2009-23

A RESOLUTION PROPOSING ADOPTION OF A LOCAL SERVICE FUNCTION BUDGET FOR KENT COUNTY

WHEREAS, the City of Dover provides many local service functions to its residents that are duplicated by Kent County; such as, planning, zoning, engineering, assessments, mapping, code enforcement, parks and recreation, and library; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dover also provides many other local service functions to its residents not furnished by Kent County, such as police protection, fire protection, licensing, street maintenance, street cleaning, street lighting, snow removal, trash collection, and ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, these local service functions provided by the City of Dover are largely financed by taxation of real property within the corporate limits of the City of Dover and WHEREAS, Kent County also assesses and collects real property taxes from property owners of the City of Dover without offering relief from county taxation for local service functions provided by the City of Dover which are financed by the same taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, double taxation of property owners in the City of Dover for the same or similar functions is inequitable and unjust and the City of Dover has sought to have the Levy Court of Kent County give recognition to the local services concept and give tax relief to residents of Dover and other incorporated municipalities that provide local services; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Delaware has granted New Castle County local service function legislation that provides relief to taxpayers of municipalities where local service functions are furnished; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

1. That a bill be prepared for introduction in the State Legislature authorizing and directing Kent County to prepare its annual budgets in accordance with the Local Services Function Concept.
2. That our State Senators and Representatives be requested to sponsor and support the passage of such legislation.
3. That the Levy Court of Kent County and all incorporated municipalities in the county be furnished a copy of this Resolution.
4. That the Levy Court of Kent County and all incorporated municipalities in the county be requested to support the passage and approval of such legislation.

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 14, 2009

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