

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

**Resolution #2023-019**

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

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**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**WHEREAS**, Local Finance Notice 2023-11 rescinded LFN 2022-24 and clarified that the \$1000 threshold referenced previously by LGS was the State threshold as noted in Treasury Circular 23-09-DPP and that a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 \$44,000, Fire District General Counsel advises that the Hazlet Township Board of Commissioners of Fire District No 1 may establish a threshold amount of \$6,600.00 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 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 \$44,000).

**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 \$6,600.00.

**Certification**

I, Joseph J. Schroeck, 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 June 14, 2023.



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Joseph J. Schroeck Board of Fire  
Commissioners, Clerk

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Commissioner J.C. Schroeck and it was seconded by Commissioner D. Sheldrick

**RECORD OF VOTE**

<b>Members</b>	Parleman, L.	Schroeck, J.C.	Sheldrick, D	Schroeck, J.J.	Storcks, M.
<b>Yes</b>	X	X	X	X	X
<b>No</b>					
<b>Abstain</b>					
<b>Absent</b>					