

R19-108
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING A-5450/S-3827
CLARIFYING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
INDUSTRY CORPORATE TAX RESPONSIBILITIES

WHEREAS, A-5450/S-3827 seeks to clarify telecommunications industry corporate tax responsibilities and shield taxpayers from the costs of endless tax court litigation, and

WHEREAS, a misinterpretation of P.L. 1997,c.162 (C.54:10A-3 et al.) has resulted in municipalities facing the cost of litigating Verizon's tax appeals filed for every tax year subsequent to 2009, up to and including the current year, and

WHEREAS, tax court litigation in one municipality took ten years to ensure that Verizon would pay its 2008 business personal property taxes (BPPT), and further litigation will be needed to secure BPPT payments for each subsequent year in which the exemption was claimed, and

WHEREAS, every municipality faces the same prospect of costly annual tax court filings and appeals, adding to taxpayers burden, and

WHEREAS, A-5450/S-3827 would clarify the intent to permanently apply the business personal property tax on local exchange telephone companies that were subject to the BPPT tax as of April 1, 1997.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that:

1. That the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville is does hereby supports A-5450/S-3827, which will clarify the telecommunications industry corporate tax responsibilities.

2. That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Office of the Governor, Senator James Beach, Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

BY: _____
EDWARD F. BRENNAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DENISE BROUSE, BOROUGH CLERK

I, **DENISE BROUSE**, Borough Clerk for the Borough of Merchantville, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Resolution of the Borough of Merchantville, at a meeting of said Borough of Merchantville on September 23, 2019, and that said Resolution was passed by a majority vote of the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville.

DENISE BROUSE, BOROUGH CLERK