

**RESOLUTION
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN**

**PROHIBITING MEMBERS OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
FROM ENGAGING IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS DURING PUBLIC
MEETINGS**

R-33-2014

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, is committed to promoting transparency and ensuring the undivided attention of its members to the conduct of public meetings; and

WHEREAS, engaging in text messaging, emailing or the use of a cell phone or other mode of electronic communication between members of the Committee and/or third parties during public meetings inhibits transparency and may distract the attention of members of the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee deems it appropriate to adopt a policy prohibiting text messaging, emailing or the use of cell phone or other modes of electronic communication by a Committee member at any time during the course of a public meeting;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that a policy be and is hereby adopted prohibiting members of the Township Committee from engaging in any text messaging, emailing, or use of a cell phone or other mode of electronic communication at any time during the course of a public meeting.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on January 28, 2014.

Attest:

Township of Franklin

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

Edward Leopardi, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014.

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk