



Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 12/08/25 06:30 PM

2025 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

B25 12-21

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY BILL A5956

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A5956, introduced in the New Jersey General Assembly on July 24, 2025, seeks to prohibit law enforcement officers from wearing a mask or disguise while interacting with the public in the performance of their official duties, except in limited and clearly defined circumstances; and

WHEREAS, A5956 defines “law enforcement officer” as any member of a federal, State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency who is statutorily empowered to act for detection, investigation, arrest, conviction, detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the laws of the State or the United States; and

WHEREAS, the bill provides reasonable exemptions allowing an officer to cover their face when (1) engaged in undercover assignments, (2) wearing a protective shield that does not conceal the face, (3) wearing a medical-grade mask or N95 respirator when medically necessary and supported by a licensed physician’s statement, or (4) wearing a mask for protection against exposure to smoke during a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, A5956 establishes that a violation of these provisions would constitute a disorderly persons offense; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bloomfield recognizes that transparency, trust, and accountability between law enforcement and the community are essential to effective public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Township further believes that prohibiting face coverings during public interactions-while maintaining appropriate exceptions-enhances community confidence, ensures clearer identification of officers, and promotes safer, more constructive engagement between officers and residents; and

WHEREAS, Bloomfield has consistently supported efforts aimed at improving public trust, strengthening community policing, and fostering open communication between residents and law enforcement personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Bloomfield hereby express their full support for Assembly Bill A5956 and endorse its passage by the New Jersey Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson,

Assemblywoman Alixon Collazos-Gill, Assemblyman Gabriel Rodriguez, Assemblyman Venezia, the Office of the Governor, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.


 Director of Law-Township Attorney

I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.

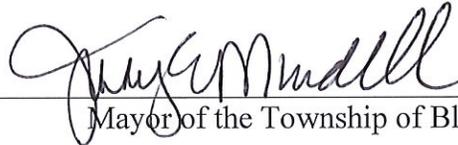


Chief Financial Officer

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on December 08, 2025.



Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield



Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record – Resolution						
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