

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**Resolution # 14-100**

**SUBJECT:** Oppose County Tax Assessor Consolidation Services

**Dated:** July 22, 2014

**WHEREAS**, Senate bill S-1801 and Assembly bills A-2621 and A-2495, if signed into law, would abolish the office of the tax assessor thereby shifting all tax assessment responsibilities to the County; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation was passed and signed into law authorizing a countywide pilot assessor program in Gloucester County and an enhanced local assessor pilot program in Monmouth County to study, over several years, the cost/benefit of these new tax assessment systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of these new systems has not been presented to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus proving it to be cost effective and a way to provide overall property tax relief to the taxpayers of Ho-Ho-Kus; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipal assessor is currently charged with establishing the assessed values of all real property within the corporate boundaries, and the municipal assessor and municipal attorney are charged with the defense and settlements of assessed values through the tax appeal process; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate bill S-1801 and Assembly bills A-2621 and A-2495, if signed into law, removes local control of the establishment and defense of the assessed values in the tax appeal process; gives total control of assessments and settlements to County Government, while leaving the full responsibility for any refunds with the municipalities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, objects to and opposes the enactment of Senate Bill S-1801 and Assembly bills A-1801 and A-2495, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk forward copies of this resolution to the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders (David L. Ganz, Freeholder Chairman), the twelve other NW Bergen Shared Services Group municipalities, State Senator Kevin J. O’Toole, Assemblyman Rumana, Assemblyman Russo, and the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey.

	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mayor Randall						
Council Member Troast						
Council Member Lennon						
Council Member Shea						
Council Member Rorty						
Council Member Weiss						
Council Member Shell						