

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PORTSMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-02**

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO RECORDING PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Michigan legislature has established an Open Meetings Act, set forth at MCL §15.261 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, members of the public have the right to attend meetings and address public bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Open Meetings Act further provides that the right of a person to attend a meeting of a public body includes the right to tape record, to video tape, to broadcast live on radio and to telecast live on television, the proceedings of a public body at a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Open Meetings Act further provides that the exercise of these public's rights should not be dependent upon the prior approval of a public body; and

WHEREAS, the Open Meetings Act further provides that a public body may establish reasonable rules and regulations in order to minimize the possibility of disrupting public meetings while recording meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Portsmouth Board of Trustees deems it appropriate and necessary to establish rules and regulations directing the placement of recording equipment at public meetings, to minimize disruption of the meetings and/or obstructing the audience's ability to see and hear public proceedings;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Charter Township of Portsmouth Board of Trustees resolves that camera equipment for video recording or broadcasting public meetings in the conference room shall be located in the northeast corner of the conference room or township hall.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that audio recorders may be located anywhere in the room, except on the Board table.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that, if audio recorders are located in the front row, they shall not be maintained (such as by replacement of batteries or changing tapes) at such location, if doing so would disrupt the meeting and the conduct of business.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the public body shall not suspend their discussions and/or deliberations if video and/or audio recording equipment malfunctions or requires maintenance.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the owner or operator of such recording equipment shall be responsible for locating power cords and sound cables in such a manner to minimize tripping hazards, and shall locate their equipment in such fashion as to minimize the obstruction of view and hearing by the audience.

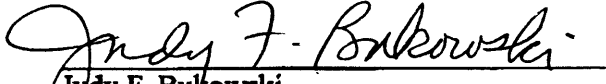
AYES: BRANDT, BANASZAK, BUKOWSKI, PETT, VANDRIESSCHE AND PAWLAK

NAYS: CORRION

ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Charter Township of Portsmouth Board of Trustees, Bay County, Michigan, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on January 19, 2009.



Judy F. Bukowski
Charter Township of Portsmouth Clerk