

**BOROUGH OF LAFLIN  
LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2 of 2017**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF LAFLIN, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO CREATE THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT OF LUZERNE COUNTY BY ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF LAFLIN, LUZERNE COUNTY, BOROUGH OF DUPONT, LUZERNE COUNTY, TOWNSHIP OF JENKINS, LUZERNE COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP OF PITTSTON, LUZERNE COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR A MUTUAL POLICE PROTECTION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX, SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWELATH OF PENNSYLVANIA AND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION ACT AND ABOLISHING THE EXISTING BOROUGH OF LAFLIN, LUZERNE COUNTY, BOROUGH OF DUPONT, LUZERNE COUNTY, TOWNSHIP OF JENKINS, LUZERNE COUNTY, AND TOWNSHIP OF PITTSTON, LUZERNE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Laflin, Luzerne County, Borough of Dupont, Luzerne County, Township of Jenkins, Luzerne County and Township of Pittston, Luzerne County, desire to enter into an Agreement providing for mutual police protection within each of the respective municipal limits by creating a joint police force called the Northeast Regional Police Department of Luzerne County; and

**WHEREAS**, such an Agreement is authorized by Article IX, Section of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of July 12, 1972, No. 180, as amended by Act of October 8, 1986, No 137 (53 P.S. §481, et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act provides that the municipality shall adopt an Ordinance authorizing the governing body to enter into an intergovernmental agreement as may be deemed appropriate for such purposes after further negotiations among the municipalities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Laflin, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enhanced and ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

Ordinance #2 of 2017 of the Borough of Laflin is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

**Section 1. Intergovernmental Agreement Authorization.** The Borough of Laflin shall join with the Borough of Dupont, the Township of Pittston, and the Township of Jenkins in accordance with the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of July 12, 1972, No. 180, as amended (53 P.S. §481, et seq.), when and if they enter into an Agreement to provide for mutual police protection within the municipal

limits of each municipality, which Agreement shall be approved and adopted each municipality. The Charter Agreement attached as Exhibit “A” shall be the controlling Agreement (“Charter” or “Agreement”) that shall be further negotiated by the Borough of Laflin Council before entering into said Agreement and formally joining the Regional Police Department.

**Section 2. Northeast Regional Police Department.** The new police department shall be known as the Northeast Regional Police Department of Luzerne County and shall be organized as an unincorporated association. Said Northeast Regional Police Department of Luzerne County shall have perpetual existence, unless terminated sooner in accordance with the terms of its charter.

**Section 3. Duties of Department Established.** The Council of the Borough of Laflin hereby expressly delegate to the Northeast Regional Police Department of Luzerne County those powers and duties of a police department established pursuant to the applicable statute. The Northeast Regional Police Department of Luzerne County shall establish and operate a police department for the purpose of providing protection to persons and property within the boundaries of the Borough of Laflin, Luzerne County, Borough of Dupont, Luzerne County, Borough of Hughestown, Luzerne County, Township of Jenkins, Luzerne County and Township of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The purpose and objectives of the Agreement shall be to provide broader and more comprehensive police protection and law enforcement services on a more economical basis within the municipal limits of both municipalities by the consolidation of said separate police departments into a new joint police department to be known as the Northeast Regional Police Department of Luzerne County, which new consolidated police department shall provide police protective services throughout the municipal limits of all municipalities.

**Section 4. Appropriations Authorized.** The total cost of operating and maintaining the consolidated Northeast Regional Police Department of Luzerne County is to be financed by annual budget appropriations made by each participating municipalities toward such total cost in the manner and subject to the conditions as set forth in the Agreement.

**Section 5. Commission Established.** The Northeast Regional Police Department of Luzerne County is to be under the general supervision and control of a joint board to be known as the Northeast Regional Police Commission of Luzerne County. The organizational structure of the consolidated police department shall be as provided in the Agreement.

**Section 6. Powers of Commission.** The Northeast Regional Police Commission created pursuant to this Ordinance shall be empowered to enter into contracts for the purchase of property, equipment, materials and supplies, and shall be authorized to enter into contracts for policies of group insurance and employee benefits, including social security, for its employees, subject to the budgetary restrictions and other provisions contained in said Agreement, and shall have all other powers and authority as provided in said Agreement and not otherwise denied to it or withheld by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Section 7. The Borough of Laflin Police Department.** Upon the effective date of the Agreement authorized by this ordinance or at such time as the Northeast Regional Police Department of Luzerne County becomes operative as set forth in the said Agreement, whichever shall occur later, the existing Borough of Laflin Police Department shall be abolished.

The Borough of Laflin acknowledges at the time of this Ordinance that the Borough has no organized Police Department that had been previously abolished by the municipality.

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED** this \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2017.

BOROUGH OF LAFLIN

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Glen Gubitose  
Laflin Borough Council President

ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

BOROUGH OF LAFLIN

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothy Shea Yazurlo  
Mayor of Laflin