

**EAST FALLOWFIELD  
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST FALLOWFIELD  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINING WITH OTHER  
MUNICIPALITIES AS A MEMBER OF A THE CHESTER COUNTY  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS** the first responsibility of the East Fallowfield Township Board of Supervisors is the public safety of the citizens of East Fallowfield Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Fallowfield Board of Supervisors and the East Fallowfield Police Department have determined that there is a need for and a substantial benefit to be derived from pulling specialized police services, including the need for emergency response team services, and other such specialized police services as determined in the future, and

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, Act 77 of 1996 (53 P.S. § 2301, *et seq.*), hereinafter the “Act”, permits municipalities to enter into agreements to cooperate in the performance of their respective functions, powers or responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act provides that any joint cooperation agreement shall be deemed in force as to any municipality when the same has been adopted by resolution or other authorized means by all cooperating municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, East Fallowfield and various other Chester County Municipalities desire to enter into an Agreement to fulfill the purpose as stated in the Agreement, in accordance with the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Fallowfield Board of Supervisors desire to enact such a Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1.      Incorporation of Recitals

The caption and recitals to this Resolution as set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2.      Authorization of Agreement

The Board of Supervisors of East Fallowfield hereby authorizes the execution of the Articles of Agreement (“Agreement”), attached hereto as Exhibit A, between East Fallowfield and various other Chester County municipalities, whereby East Fallowfield will

join to establish and operate the Chester County Emergency Response Group, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

Section 3. Purposes and Objectives of the Agreement

The purpose of the Agreement is to carry out the powers and duties of municipalities as set forth in 42 Pa.C.S.A § 8951, *et seq.* (the Municipal Police Jurisdiction Act) with the assistance from various other municipalities in response to police emergencies which occur in and around Chester County, Pennsylvania where a specialized emergency law enforcement response is requested and necessary to achieve a safe resolution of the emergency situation for all individuals involved in the situation, the responding law enforcement officers and the general community.

The East Fallowfield Board of Supervisors desires to collectively associate with the other member municipalities, by virtue of the Agreement, to create and establish the Commission, as provided in this resolution, the Agreement, and as authorized by the Act and the other applicable laws.

Section 4. Term of Agreement

Tredyffrin Township shall become a member of the Commission commencing on the date of the enactment of its authorizing resolution. Thereafter, the term of the Agreement shall automatically renew annually on the first day of each subsequent year subject to modification and termination as set forth in the Agreement.

Section 5. Financing of the Agreement

Tredyffrin Township shall pay an annual membership fee per calendar year as set forth in the Agreement.

Section 6. Organizational Structure and Governance

The Commission shall be organized and governed as set forth in the Agreement. The Commission shall have the authority and power to:

- a. Lease, sell, and purchase real estate;
- b. Lease, sell and purchase personal property;
- c. Enter into contracts for the purchase of goods and services;
- d. Establish and maintain bank accounts and other financial accounts;
- e. Invest monies;
- f. Borrow monies;
- g. Apply for and receive grant funding from other public and private sources;
- h. Any other lawful activity under the laws of the Commonwealth.

Section 7. Disposition of Property

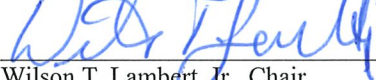
The Commission shall have the power to acquire personal property and shall have ownership of such property. In the event of dissolution of the Commission, all equipment, materials, and supplies retained by the Commission shall distributed as set forth in the Agreement.

Section 8. Severability

If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Resolution is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Resolution. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors of East Fallowfield that this Resolution would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section, or part thereof not been included herein.

ENACTED this 28th day of February of 2023.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP**

  
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Wilson T. Lambert, Jr., Chair

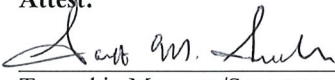
  
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John Nielsen, Member

Attest:

  
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Township Manager/Secretary