

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PENN
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 692

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT PENN, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO JOIN WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AS A MEMBER OF THE BERKS COUNTY MUNICIPAL INSURANCE PURCHASING GROUP, TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINING THE GROUP AND TO PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER OF THE GROUP.

PREAMBLE

A. Several political subdivisions in Berks County, Pennsylvania, effective 2000 are joining together in a cooperative venture to establish the BERKS COUNTY MUNICIPAL INSURANCE PURCHASING GROUP (the "Group") for the purpose of collectively purchasing employee benefits insurance.

B. The Group is to be established pursuant to an intergovernmental cooperation agreement entitled the Berks County Municipal Insurance Purchasing Group Agreement ("the Agreement").

C. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 23, Subchapter A, Intergovernmental Cooperation, of the General Local Government Code, 53 Pa. C.S. §2301, et seq. ("Intergovernmental Cooperation Law"), a municipality may enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement upon the passage of an Ordinance by its governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Borough Council (the "Governing Body") of the Borough of Mount Penn, Berks County, Pennsylvania (the "Political Subdivision"), as follows:

1. The caption and Preamble of this Ordinance set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.

2. This Political Subdivision hereby approves entering into the Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (and which shall be filed with the minutes of the meeting at which this Ordinance was enacted), with the intent and effect that this Political Subdivision shall be bound by the Agreement.

3. The President or Vice-President of the Governing Body, acting along or together with the Secretary or Assistant Secretary, are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Political Subdivision, (i) to execute and deliver the Agreement, and (ii) to executed and deliver such additional instruments, and to take such

further actions, as may be necessary or appropriate to carry forth the Agreement and the transactions to be effected under the Agreement, including payment to the Group of such amounts as are due by the Political Subdivision pursuant to the Agreement.

4. All actions of any officer, agent or other representative of this Political Subdivision heretofore taken in the pursuit of the establishment of the Group and/or Political Subdivision's participation therein, are hereby ratified and approved in all respects.

5. The Governing Body of the Political Subdivision is hereby authorized to take such other action as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance and of the Agreement.

6. As required by the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, the following matters are specifically found and determined:

(a) The conditions of the Agreement are set forth in the Agreement;

(b) This Political Subdivision shall participate in the Group for an initial term of three (3) years. All renewal terms, shall be as further set forth therein;

(c) The purpose and objectives of the Agreement are as set forth in the Preamble of this Ordinance and in the Agreement;

(d) The manner and extent of financing the Agreement are that (i) no borrowing will be required by the Political Subdivision, (ii) funds to implement the Political Subdivision's obligations under the Agreement shall come from its normal and usual budgeted amounts for such matters, and (iii) other provisions governing the manner and extent of the financing of the Group shall be as set forth in the Agreement;

(e) The Group shall be managed by its Board of Directors pursuant to the terms of the Agreement;

(f) All property, real or personal, of the Group, shall be acquired, managed, licensed or disposed of by the Group in accordance with the terms of the Agreement; and

(g) The Group created by the Agreement shall be empowered to enter into contracts for policies of group insurance

and employee benefits pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

7. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any section, sentence, clause or part or provision hereof shall be held to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect the remaining sections, clauses, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Political Subdivision that such Ordinance would have been enacted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.

8. Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding in any court, or any rights acquired or liability incurred, or any cause of action existing prior to the enactment of this Ordinance.

9. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment hereof.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED this day of 29, Feb. , 2000, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Penn, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PENN
Berks County, Pennsylvania

By: Ralph P. Miller
President

Attest:

A. J. Storski
Secretary

APPROVED this 29th day of February, A.D., 2000

D. Regina Bruncosky
Mayor