

**BOROUGH OF NORTH EAST
ORDINANCE NO. 906**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF NORTH EAST, ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO JOIN WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AS A MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE COOPERATIVE (PMHIC), TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINING THE PMHIC AND TO PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER OF THE PMHIC.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, a number of political subdivisions within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have investigated whether it would be mutually beneficial to cooperate with each other in obtaining employee benefit insurance.

WHEREAS, a plan has been presented to establish the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperator ("PMHIC") for the purpose of collectively purchasing employee benefits insurance.

WHEREAS, the PMHIC will be established pursuant to an intergovernmental cooperation agreement entitled the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative Agreement ("Agreement").

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 53 Pa.C.S.A. Section 481 *et seq.*, 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 of the Borough of North East, Erie County, Pennsylvania ("Borough"), as follows:

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

Section 2. The Borough 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 the Borough shall be bound by the Agreement.

Section 3. The President or Vice-President of the Borough Council, acting alone or together with the Borough Manager or Assistant Secretary, are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Borough, (i) to execute and deliver the Agreement, and (ii) to execute 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 PMHIC of such amounts as are due by the Borough pursuant to the Agreement.

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

Section 5. The Borough Council of the Borough 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.

Section 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) The Borough shall participate in the PMHIC for an initial term of three (3) years from the date that they first elected to purchase benefits through PMHIC. Thereafter, termination of the Agreement 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 Borough, (ii) funds to implement the Borough's obligations under the Agreement shall come from normal and usual budgeted amounts for such matters, and (iii) other provisions governing the manner and extent of the financing of the PMHIC shall be as set forth in the Agreement;

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

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

(g) The PMHIC 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.

Section 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 Borough that such Ordinance would have been enacted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.

Section 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.

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

ENACTED INTO AN ORDINANCE this ___ day of December, 2018.

BOROUGH OF NORTH EAST

David Hall, President of Borough Council

ATTEST:

Patrick J. Gehrlein, Borough Manager

APPROVED THIS ___ DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018

Steven L. Gregory, Mayor