

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXPLORATION OF A SHARED SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF LIVINGSTON FOR REGIONAL EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS/DISPATCH SHARED SERVICES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., any local unit of the State may enter into a contract with any other local unit or units for the joint provision within their jurisdictions of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey is committed to supporting and advancing local government shared service solutions to enhance the provision of local services and alleviate the property tax burden on the State's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, with the support of the State Legislature, has authorized State funding to support Shared Services initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey appointed bipartisan Shared Service Czars to lead the Shared Services effort; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs (the "Division") has assembled a team of professional Technical Advisors to support these endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs (the "Division") may, upon request from the municipality, provide a fair, consistent and judicious analysis that promotes efficiency, effectiveness, and performance for the welfare of all parties concerned while applying fiscal restraints and ensuring Attrition and or "Soft Landings" for any employees affected by the shared service agreement; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of West Orange recognizes that shared services may result in property tax relief and enhanced services for its constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange wishes to explore the possibility of sharing services in the area of Regional Emergency Communications/Dispatch Shared Services with the Township of Livingston; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange seeks technical assistance through the Division to conduct a feasibility study of the potential for a successful shared service for Regional Emergency Communications/Dispatch Shared Services with the Township of Livingston;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of West Orange hereby endorses undertaking a shared services study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to allow for and support Township of West Orange's participation in this assessment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Local Assistance Bureau, Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Tammy Williams
Council President

Adopted: February 21, 2023