

*Township / Borough*  
**BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-1**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE *TOWNSHIP / BOROUGH OF Forward* TO ORGANIZE A COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH OTHER INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITIES OF BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**WHEREAS**, the *Borough Council / Board of Supervisors of Forward Township / Borough* (hereinafter "*Township / Borough*") hereby consents to joining the Butler County Council of Governments, a council of governments formed under the provisions of Act 180 for the purpose of providing various services; and

**WHEREAS**, The *Borough Council/Board of Supervisors of the Township / Borough of Forward* fully supports intergovernmental cooperation as a means to provide efficient services to our residents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the *Borough Council/Board of Supervisors of the Township / Borough of Forward*, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

**SECTION 1. ENABLING ACT.**

The *Township / Borough* is authorized pursuant to the authority of the Act of December 19, 1996, P.L. 1158, as amended (53 Pa.C.S. § 2301 *et seq.*) (hereinafter the "Act") to jointly cooperate with other local governments in the exercise or performance of their respective governmental functions, powers or responsibilities, and the *Township / Borough* hereby signifies its intention and desire to organize a council of governments under the provisions of law, including but not limited to the Act. Said organization shall be known as the Butler County Council of Governments (hereinafter the "Butler County COG").

**SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP IN THE BUTLER COUNTY COG.**

The *Borough Council / Board of Supervisors* hereby consents to joining the Butler County COG, a council of governments formed under the provisions of Act 180 for the purpose of providing various services, including but not limited to, the purposes identified in the Bylaws of the Butler County COG attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", as may be amended from time to time by the Butler County COG. The Butler County COG shall be supported by contributions from its members, grants and fees for services. Real and personal property may be purchased, sold or leased by the Butler County COG, in accordance with applicable law. No new entity is being created which would be empowered by 53 Pa.C.S. § 2307(7) to enter into contracts for policies of group insurance and employee benefits, including Social Security.

The Forward Borough Council / Board of Supervisors of the Township / Borough of \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with the Butler County COG to provide such services, programs and joint purchases as the Borough Council/Board of Supervisors of the Borough/Township shall, by resolution, determine from time to time.

**SECTION 4. REPEALER; SEVERABILITY.**

All ordinances or resolutions and parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby expressly repealed. In the event that any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Township / Borough that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after the adoption hereof.

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED** as an ordinance of the Township / Borough of \_\_\_\_\_, Butler County, Pennsylvania, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP / BOROUGH,  
BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Mary L. McElhinney (SEAL)  
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Secretary

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Chairman / President