

**FORWARD BOROUGH
BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2015 - 3

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BUTLER COUNTY COUNTY WIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE EVANS CITY AREA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FIREFIGHTING AND EMERGENCY SERVICE ASSISTANCE TO THE RESIDENTS OF FORWARD TOWNSHIP AND BUTLER COUNTY.

THIS ORDINANCE, ESTABLISHING AN AGREEMENT, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, 53 Pa. C.S. §2301, et seq., is hereby approved and entered as of the date of adoption of the ordinance by Forward Township (hereinafter "Township") and effective (5) days thereafter.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Forward Township (hereinafter referred to as "Township") is a municipality located within Butler County, Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, the Township recognizes growth and development in Butler County in general, and in the geographic limits of the Township in particular, and its responsibility for the protection of its citizens in case of fires and emergency situations; and,

WHEREAS, the Township has agreed to join with the Evans City Volunteer Fire Department for local fire protection and emergency service and has determined that participation in the Butler County County Wide Mutual Aid Agreement will be beneficial for its residents both in terms of cost and efficiency in order to protect and preserve the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that it has a need for firefighting and emergency service assistance from the Evans City Area Volunteer Fire Department, and other municipalities for the protection of the persons and property of its residents and the protection of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the Township recognizes that the coordination of services would enable the Township and other municipalities to minimize the costs of firefighting and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Act of July 12, 1972, P.L. 762, as amended, 53 P.S. §2301 et seq., also known as the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, permits Municipalities to enter into agreements to cooperate in the performance of their respective functions, powers or responsibilities; and,

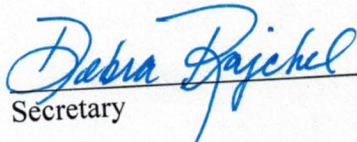
WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to enter into an agreement whereby it may jointly establish and participate in programs to provide firefighting and emergency service assistance to serve both Forward Township and Municipalities throughout Butler County.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDAINED** and **ENACTED** as follows:

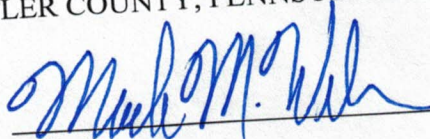
1. The intergovernmental "Butler County County Wide Mutual Aid Agreement" attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved.
2. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to sign the Butler County County Wide Mutual Aid Agreement.
3. The Butler County County Wide Mutual Aid Agreement with the Evans City Area Volunteer Fire Department shall become effective five (5) days after the date it is duly executed by both Forward Township and the Evans City Area Volunteer Fire Department.

ENACTED and **ORDAINED** this 12 day of May, 2015.

ATTEST:


Secretary

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF FOWARD TOWNSHIP,
BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

BY: 
Chairman