HALFMOON TOWNSHIP CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE 2023-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HALFMOON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TOWNSHIP FROM THE CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) LOCAL PLANNING SERVICES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township of Halfmoon (the "Township") is a member of the Centre Region Council of Governments ("Centre Region COG"), pursuant to that certain Joint Articles of Agreement dated December 11, 2008 between the Township of College ("College Township"), the Township of Ferguson ("Ferguson Township"), the Township of Harris ("Harris Township"), the Township of Patton ("Patton Township"), and the Borough of State College ("State College Borough"), which were executed by the Township on January 22, 2009 (the "Joint Articles of Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Township is a party to a certain Agreement of Relationship dated March 16, 1982 between the County of Centre ("Centre County"), College Township, Ferguson Township, Harris Township, Patton Township, and State College Borough, pursuant to which the Township receives certain planning services from the Centre Region Planning Agency ("CRPA"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX of the Joint Articles of Agreement, the Township receives certain local planning services from CRPA under the Centre Region COG Local Planning Services Program (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to discontinue participation in the Program, and the Board of Supervisors has voted to withdraw from the Program, effective December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Section B.2.a. of Article IX of the Joint Articles of Agreement provides that Centre Region COG members "shall have the right to withdraw from a program at the end of any calendar year by giving twelve months prior written notice to the COG Chair and Executive Director"; and

WHEREAS, Section B.2.a. of Article IX of the Joint Articles of Agreement further provides that "notice shall be in the form of an ordinance approved by the governing body of the [Township]";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of Halfmoon Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Halfmoon Township Board of Supervisors hereby approves the withdrawal of the Township from the Centre Region COG Local Planning Services Program effective December 31, 2024, in accordance with Section B.2.a. of Article IX of the Joint Articles of Agreement. Copies of this Ordinance shall be provided to the Centre Region COG Chair and Executive Director in accordance with Section B.2.a. of Article IX of the Joint Articles of Agreement.

SECTION 2: All provisions of previous Ordinances of the Township of Halfmoon which are contrary to this Ordinance are expressly repealed.

SECTION 3: In all other respects, the Code shall remain as previously enacted and ordained.

SECTION 4: If any word, phrase, sentence, part, section, subsection, or other portion of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared void, unconstitutional, or invalid for any reason, then such word, phrase, sentence, part, section, subsection, or other portion, or the proscribed application thereof, shall be severable and the remaining provisions of this ordinance and all applications thereof, not having been declared void, unconstitutional, or invalid, shall remain in full force and effect

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately and in accordance with the law.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 9th day of November, 2023.

HALFMOON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

David C. Piper, Chairman

ATTEST:

Composition Township Secretary