ORDINANCE #1-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING A SINGLE JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT WITH THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON; REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 30 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR; AND APPROVING A JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT WITH THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(b) authorizes the formation of a single Joint Municipal Court provided that an Agreement is entered into by the Town of Hammonton and Egg Harbor City and provided that the Agreement is filed with the State of New Jersey Administrative Director of the Courts and the Assignment Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Atlantic County; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Egg Harbor City has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to establish a Joint Municipal Court with the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, Egg Harbor City further desires to enter into an agreement to form a Joint Municipal Court with the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Egg Harbor City deems it in the best interest of the City to abolish the Municipal Court for Egg Harbor City and all related positions and establish a Joint Municipal Court with the Town of Hammonton for reasons of efficiency and economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Council of the City of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The Municipal Court of Egg Harbor City is hereby abolished and Chapter 30 of the City Code is hereby repealed, in its entirety, and replaced, as follows:

Section 1

A Joint Municipal Court is hereby established pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(b), et seq., as amended and supplemented, consisting of the Town of Hammonton and Egg Harbor City (the "Participating Municipalities"). The Joint Municipal Court is created in accordance with a certain Agreement for Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Egg Harbor City dated January 2, 2020 and executed by the Participating Municipalities in January of 2020.

Section 2

The name of the Joint Municipal Court shall be the "Joint Municipal Court of the Town of Hammonton."

Section 3

This Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in the time and manner prescribed by law. All summons, warrants and other matters issuing, arising from or within the jurisdiction of the Egg Harbor City Municipal Court shall be within the jurisdiction of the Joint Municipal Court of the Town of Hammonton on and after the aforesaid adoption and approval of the Ordinance, including those matters arising prior to such date which have not been completed.

Section 4

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a single Joint Municipal Court to be located in the Town of Hammonton at 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037.

Section 5

The City Council of the City of Egg Harbor hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Egg Harbor City to establish the "Joint Municipal Court of the Town of Hammonton" such Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The Mayor and Clerk of Egg Harbor City are hereby expressly authorized to execute and deliver the aforesaid Agreement on behalf of the City.

Section 6

The jurisdiction of the Joint Municipal Court of the Town of Hammonton shall be coextensive with the municipal territory of the Participating Municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the Courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in the time and manner prescribed by law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed first reading at a meeting of City Council of the City of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey held on January 2, 2020, and said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing to be held at Council Chambers located at 500 London Avenue, Egg Harbor City, New Jersey 08215, on January 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Introduction: January 2, 2020 Advertisement: January 8, 2020 Public Hearing: January 23, 2020 Adoption: January 23, 2020

Meg Steeb, City Clerk, RMC

Lisa Jiampetti, Mayor