

**ORDINANCE NO. 22- 4**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 15 NAZARETH AREA MULTI-MUNICIPAL PLAN, APPROVING THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN AND AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BUSHKILL, LOWER NAZARETH, UPPER NAZARETH, MOORE, AND HANOVER; AND THE BOROUGHES OF NAZARETH, BATH, STOCKERTOWN, AND TATAMY; AND THE NAZARETH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR INCLUSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER TO THE NAZARETH AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH**

*WHEREAS*, The Nazareth Area Council of Governments adopted the Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Plan in 2007 for the purpose of shaping the collective municipalities' collective vision for the future, which was updated for the year 2022;

*WHEREAS*, the Township of Hanover, Northampton County, Pennsylvania (the "Township") has determined it to be in the best interests of the residents of the Township to enact certain provisions approving the Articles of Agreement to the Nazareth Area Council of Governments and its Multi-Municipal Plan and to repeal any existing ordinances that are inconsistent herewith.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, be it enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and the same is hereby ordained and enacted as follows, to wit:

**SECTION 1.** The Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, under the powers vested in them by the "Second Class Township Code" of Pennsylvania as well as other laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby enact and ordain the following amendment to the text of the Hanover Township Code of Codified Ordinances, as amended, by creating a new Chapter 15 to be known as "Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Plan".

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 15, Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Plan, Section 15-1 Short Title  
to read as follows:

**“Section 15-1 Short Title.**

This Ordinance shall be known as the “Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Plan Ordinance of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.”

**SECTION 3.** Chapter 15, Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Plan, Section 15-2 Purpose to  
read as follows:

**“Section 15-2 Purpose.**

The purpose of the Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan is to enable the Boroughs of Bath, Chapman, Nazareth, Stockertown and Tatamy and the Townships of Bushkill, Hanover, Lower Nazareth, Moore and Upper Nazareth to shape their collective vision for the future.

Each municipality will keep their autonomy and control but planning as a region will enable them to take advantage of geographic similarities and address their common priorities, while better managing an evolving development landscape.

The Multi-Municipal Plan will allow the municipalities to determine common goals and objectives for areas of land use, housing, air quality, transportation, development, recreational facilities, the conservation of natural and scenic resources, the preservation of farmland and fostering economic development, in addition to identifying ways to share resources.”

**SECTION 4.** Chapter 15, Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Plan, Section 15-3 Agreement  
to read as follows:

**“Section 15-2 Agreement.**

Pursuant to Article IV Membership, of the Articles of Agreement, attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**, by and among the governments of the Boroughs of Bath, Chapman, Nazareth, Stockertown and Tatamy and the Townships of Bushkill, Hanover, Lower Nazareth, Moore and Upper Nazareth, the Township of Hanover, Northampton County Pennsylvania approves the Articles of Agreement, authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the Township Secretary to execute the Articles of Agreement and further agrees to be bound to the extend provided in such Articles and other Agreements adopted by the Nazareth Area Council of Governments.”

**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY**

If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. REPEALER**

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE**

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days from the date of its adoption.

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

ATTEST:

By: 

Beth A. Bucko, Secretary

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF HANOVER TOWNSHIP,  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

By: 

John D. Nagle, Chairman