

ORDINANCE NO. 6 of 2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF FORTY FORT APPROVING THE AGREEMENT AND  
PARTICIPATION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORTY FORT POLICE DEPARTMENT  
WITH THE LUZERNE COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE (LCDTF),  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL AND  
LUZERNE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the common threat of illegal trafficking and use of narcotics and other illegal drugs have obliterated municipal boundaries in the enforcement of laws throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, an urgent need for integration, uniformity, and consistency in the enforcement of such laws in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is present in our community; and

WHEREAS, municipal police departments have been frustrated by jurisdictional limitations and inadequate personnel and financial resources in attempting to address illegal narcotics trafficking and use; and

WHEREAS, coordination of law enforcement operations in the fight against illegal narcotics trafficking and use historically has been sporadic and disintegrated, resulting in significant drug law enforcement gaps, inconsistency of capability and effort, and reduced coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Forty Fort has determined that the provision of mutual police aid across jurisdictional lines will increase its ability to enforce the provisions of narcotics and illegal drug laws, and will preserve the safety and welfare of the Borough of Forty Fort in Luzerne County, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Attorney General and the Luzerne County District Attorney have requested the aid and assistance of the Borough of Forty Fort's Police Department to implement the municipal drug task force activities in compliance with the Municipal Police Jurisdiction Act, 42 Pa.C.S. §8953(a)(3); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Forty Fort desires to enter into an agreement for the purpose of having available for use throughout its territorial limits, the services of police, both full-time and part-time, employed by the Borough of Forty Fort under the conditions set forth and in compliance with the Municipal Police Jurisdiction Act, 42 Pa.C.S. §8953; and

WHEREAS, cooperation among municipalities in the exercise and performance of their governmental powers, duties and functions is authorized by the various acts of the General Assembly to wit: 53 Pa.C.S. §2303 (formerly 53 P.S. §483) and ratified by ordinance pursuant to 53 Pa.C.S. §2305 (formerly 53 P.S. §485); and

WHEREAS, the Office of Attorney General, through its Bureau of Narcotics Investigation and Drug Control, has established a drug task force program throughout Pennsylvania to coordinate narcotics investigations, enforcement, prosecution, and drug control efforts; and

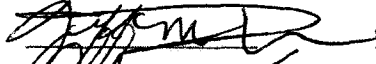





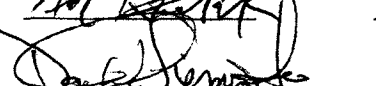
WHEREAS, the Office of Attorney General has transferred control of the Luzerne County Drug Task Force to the Luzerne County District Attorney, and the Luzerne County District Attorney has agreed to control, supervise and assume responsibility of the Drug Task Force operations within the Borough of Forty Fort and throughout Luzerne County; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Forty Fort intends to participate in the LCDTF activities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Forty Fort wishes to establish the administrative framework for carrying out their activities under this program in Luzerne County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Forty Fort that the Borough of Forty Fort's Police Department Drug Task Force Agreement with the LCDTF is approved.

ROLL CALL

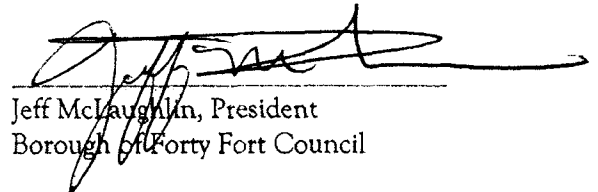
	Yeas	Nays
<u>Jeff McLaughlin</u>		_____
<u>Deborah Troy</u>		_____
<u>Thomas Murray</u>		_____
<u>Dominic Butchko</u>		_____
<u>Amy Craig</u>		_____
<u>Ted Ritsick</u>		_____
<u>David Sieminski</u>		_____

7<sup>th</sup> ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Forty Fort, this  
day of August, 2017.

ATTEST:



Bonnie Arnone  
Borough Manager



Jeff McLaughlin, President  
Borough of Forty Fort Council

APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017



Andy Tuzinski, Mayor  
Borough of Forty Fort