

**UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION No. 2025-28

**A RESOLUTION OF UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPTION IN A MULTI-
MUNICIPAL WORKING GROUP FOR PURPOSES OF INVESTIGATING THE
FORMATION OF A JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY FOR PURPOSES OF
PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF
SUCH MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Upper Providence (the "Township"), Media, Swarthmore, Rose Valley and Rutledge Boroughs, Nether Providence Township, and the Media Fire Company have been discussing strategies since 2023 to ensure the long-term sustainability of advance life support emergency service provision in their prospective municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Authorities Act, 53 Pa.C.S. §§ 5601, et seq., provides for the organization of a joint municipal authority by two or more municipalities for purposes, inter alia, of providing health care services to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Upper Providence Township (the "Township") desires to continue to investigate a long-term alternative means of providing basic and advanced life support ambulance services to its residents on a multi-municipal basis through the creation of a joint municipal authority to be organized by the Township and the Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Township Council therefore desires to authorize participation of elected and/or appointed officials in a working group in the process of being formed by the Township of Upper Providence (the "Township"), Media, Swarthmore, Rose Valley and Rutledge Boroughs, Nether Providence Township, and the Media Fire Company and potentially other municipalities (together with the Township, to be collectively referred to as the "Municipalities") for purposes of gathering information about the organization of a joint authority to provide basic and advanced life support ambulance services to the residents of the Municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of Upper Providence Township, Delaware County Pennsylvania, that Agreement is approved as follows:

1. Township Council hereby approves the formation of a working group to be comprised of one elected or appointed municipal official representing each of the Municipalities, and such other Delaware County municipalities that may opt to participate, with such representative official to be designated by the governing body of each such Municipality (the "Working Group").

2. The Working Group shall be charged with gathering information about the organization of a joint authority to provide ambulance services to the residents of the Municipalities. The Working Group shall seek information from the Municipal Emergency Services Authority ("MESA") in Lancaster County about its structure, budgeting, and billing practices, as well as any other organizations that the Working Group deems appropriate. The Working Group shall also seek to identify potential funding sources for the costs of organization, equipping and staffing a joint authority.
3. The Working Group shall present its findings to the Municipalities when it deems it work to be complete. It is estimated that this work will take six (6) months to complete.
4. By adopting this Resolution, the Township is expressing initial interest in potentially organizing a joint authority with the other Municipalities, but neither the Township nor the other Municipalities shall be legally bound by anything contained in this Resolution, and the Township and each other Municipality and Borough may elect to terminate its participation in the Working Group at any time by providing written notice to the other parties of such election by its respective governing body. The organization of any joint authority shall require the separate approval of an ordinance or resolution pursuant to the Municipal Authorities Act.
5. The Working Group shall commence work upon adoption of this Resolution or a substantially similar Resolution by each of the Township of Upper Providence, Media, Swarthmore, Media, Rose Valley and Rutledge Boroughs, Nether Providence Township, and the Media Fire Company.
6. Marsha Peterson and Barry Luber are hereby appointed to be the Township's representative on the Working Group.

DULY ADOPTED this 14th day of October 2025, by the Council of Upper Providence Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.



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Dated: October 14, 2025

BY:


Marsha Peterson
Chairperson Township Council

ATTEST:


Barry Luber
Township Secretary